

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: September 23, 2025 **Time:** 3:30 p.m. **Location:** Conference Room
Grant County Courthouse

Commissioners:

Kevin Hagerty, President
Tyson Riggleman
Scotty Miley

Reporting:

Tiffany Hess, Grant County Press

Michelle Sites, County Administrator

1. Call to Order

President Hagerty called the regular meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Consent and Approval – County Administrator

a. Minutes

- Presented for approval were the minutes from the meeting held on September 9, 2025.

A motion was made to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

b. Budget Revisions

- None

c. Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations

- The following appointment was presented:
 - Briar Keplinger was re-appointed to the Farmland Protection Board.
 - Kim Getz was re-appointed to the Farmland Protection Board.
 - Sarah Moomau was re-appointed to the Grant County Development Authority Board.

A motion was made to accept the above re-appointments.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

3. Actions of the Clerk, Exonerations, Estates

Commission approved the following actions of the County Clerk:

Wills recorded in Clerk's Office:

- None

Wills admitted to probate:

- Henry L. Cook, Sr.
- Eulala T. Alt

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying</u>
• Millard Rexroad	Bobbie Rexroad, Administratrix
• Randall B. Champ	Shawn Champ, Co Administrator
• Eulala T. Alt	Adam Champ, Co Administrator
	Karen Alt, Executrix

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

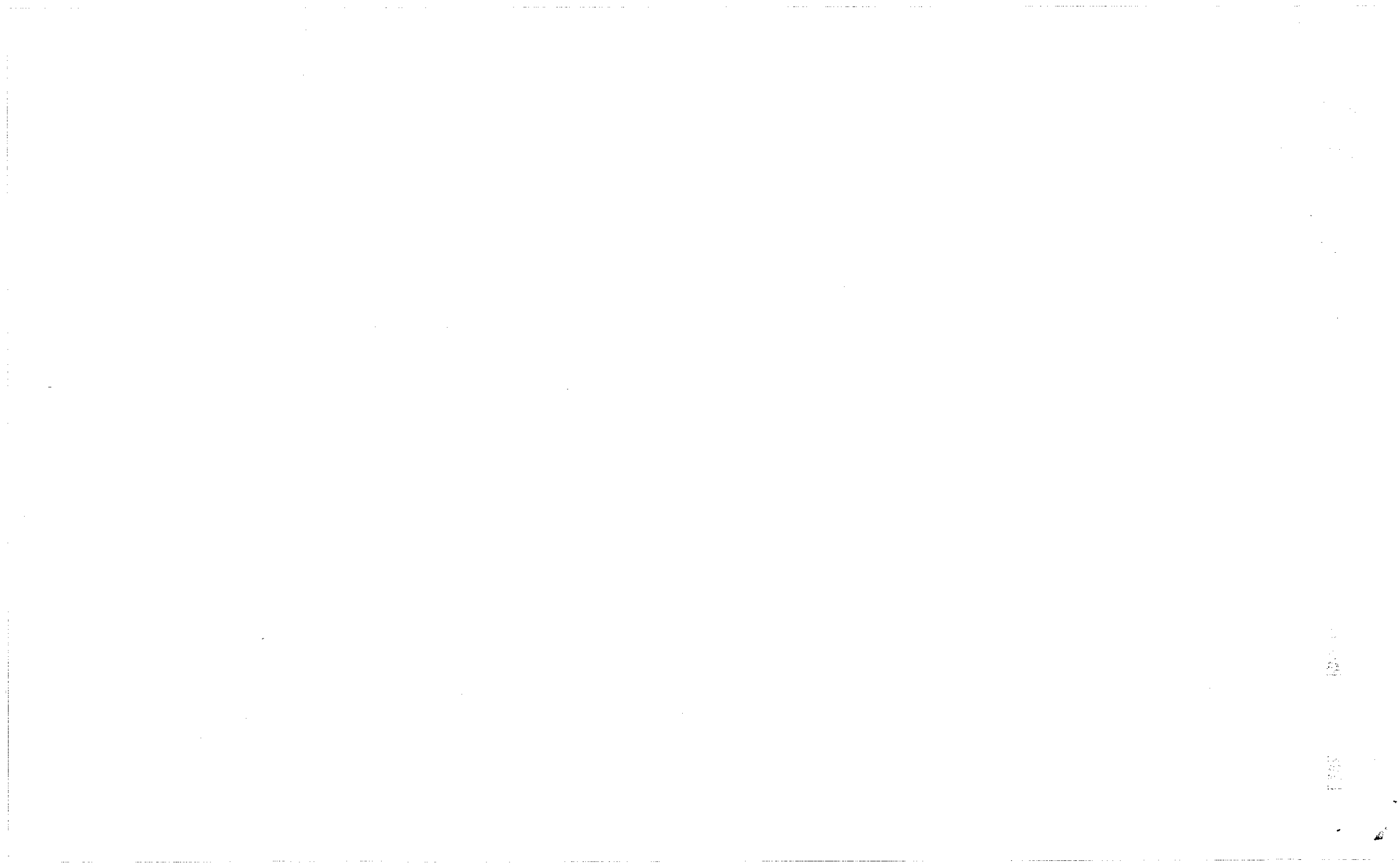
<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying</u>
• None	

Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying</u>
• Henry L. Cook, Sr.	Samuel R. Cook, Successor

A motion was made to approve the actions of the Clerk.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved



Waiver of Final Settlement:

- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Thelma Pearl Evans
 - Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Jo Ann Simmons
- A motion was made to approve the Waiver of Final Settlement.
- MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved**

The following exonerations were presented this day:

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|-------------------------------------|-------|------|------------|
| • Shoemaker, George S. and Julie L. | Union | 2025 | \$1.56 p/h |
| • Shoemaker, George S. and Julie L. | Union | 2024 | \$1.61 p/h |
| • Shoemaker, George H. and Mary Ann | Union | 2024 | \$1.61 p/h |
| • Shoemaker, George H. & Mary Ann | Union | 2025 | \$1.56 p/h |

A motion was made to approve the exonerations.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

- None

5. Scheduled Appointments

- a) Hunter Mullens, Mullens & Mullens PLLC, to present a check regarding the Opioid Settlement and discuss discovery responses.

Hunter Mullens presented a check in the amount of \$39,482.18 for the third year of distributions. Mr. Mullens also gave an update on Discovery and Pharmacy Benefit Manager ongoing litigation.

A motion was made to designate the President of the County Commission to sign verifications and other documents as necessary for Discovery and Pharmacy Benefit Manager litigation.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

- b) Peggy Bobo Alt, 911/OEM Director, to discuss a refresh of the Caliber CAD Hardware and Recording Equipment.

Peggy Bobo Alt appeared before the Commission to discuss the CAD systems. It will refresh the system and bring it up to speed. Bayard tower site needs antennas and lines put in place, fence and gravel work. Mt. Storm tower site needs ice bridges, antennas, lines, fence and gravel work. Once complete, transitioning will begin. Changes can be made on the console beginning October 1, 2025.

- c) Hunter Whetzel, PVFC Deputy Chief, to discuss funding request for two sets of SCBA Systems.

Hunter Whetzel appeared before the Commission. Mr. Whetzel is requesting funds for two sets of SCBA Systems. A SCBA System allows them to fight fires and enter buildings with CO2 and gas leaks. One SCBA System with one extra tank of air costs \$10,764.53. Currently, they have eight SCBA Systems that need replaced this year. Eleven will need replaced next year. He has applied for firehouse grants and requested funds elsewhere as well. Michelle Sites suggested to apply for the WV US Wind Force Grant as well. Commissioner Riggleman suggested requesting funds from American Woodmark.

- d) Jeffrey Teter, EMS Director, to give an update and discuss hiring.

Jeffrey Teter, EMS Director, appeared before the commission to provide a monthly update on revenue, expenditures, billing, calls, transports, mutual aide, equipment, station, policies, ambulances, preventative maintenance, and hiring personnel for the month of August.



6. Correspondence

- a) Disbursement of Wireless E-911 Subscriber Fees for June, July and August 2025.
- b) Sheriff's Monthly Settlement Ending August 2025.

7. Unfinished Business

- None

8. New Business

- a) Consideration for Signature the Adoption Agreement & Resolution for the Section 125 Premium Only Plan (POP).

A motion was made to approve the signature of the Adoption Agreement & Resolution for the Section 125 Premium Only Plan (POP).

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

9. Reports from Elected Officials

- None

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Riggleman said Clearway Energy is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Mount Storm Wind Farm will be announcing a power purchase agreement with Microsoft featuring American-made technology. There will be upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies for the completion of the downtown pavilion and Mt. Storm EMS building. The projected date of completion of the EMS building is the first week of November. Mr. Riggleman will be contacting MicroLogic, Shentel and Frontier to obtain internet in the building.

11. Approval of Expenses to be Considered for Payment (bills paid or to be paid, the invoices are available for public review by contacting the Grant County Clerk, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847, (304) 257-4550)

A motion was made to approve the expenses.

MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

12. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

ATTEST:

Hera Bennett

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION


PRESIDENT

10-14-25
DATE APPROVED



IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

The Grant County Commission hereby orders the following actions taken by the Grant County Clerk, Lora Bennett, in vacation of the County Commission be approved:

1. Wills Recorded in the Clerk's Office:
 - None
2. Wills Admitted to Probate:
 - Henry L. Cook Sr.
 - Eulala T. Alt
3. Qualification Orders Granted in the Following Estates:

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Person Qualifying:</u>
• Millard Rexroad	Bobbie Rexroad, Administratrix
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4. Ancillary Administrations Granted for the following Decedents:

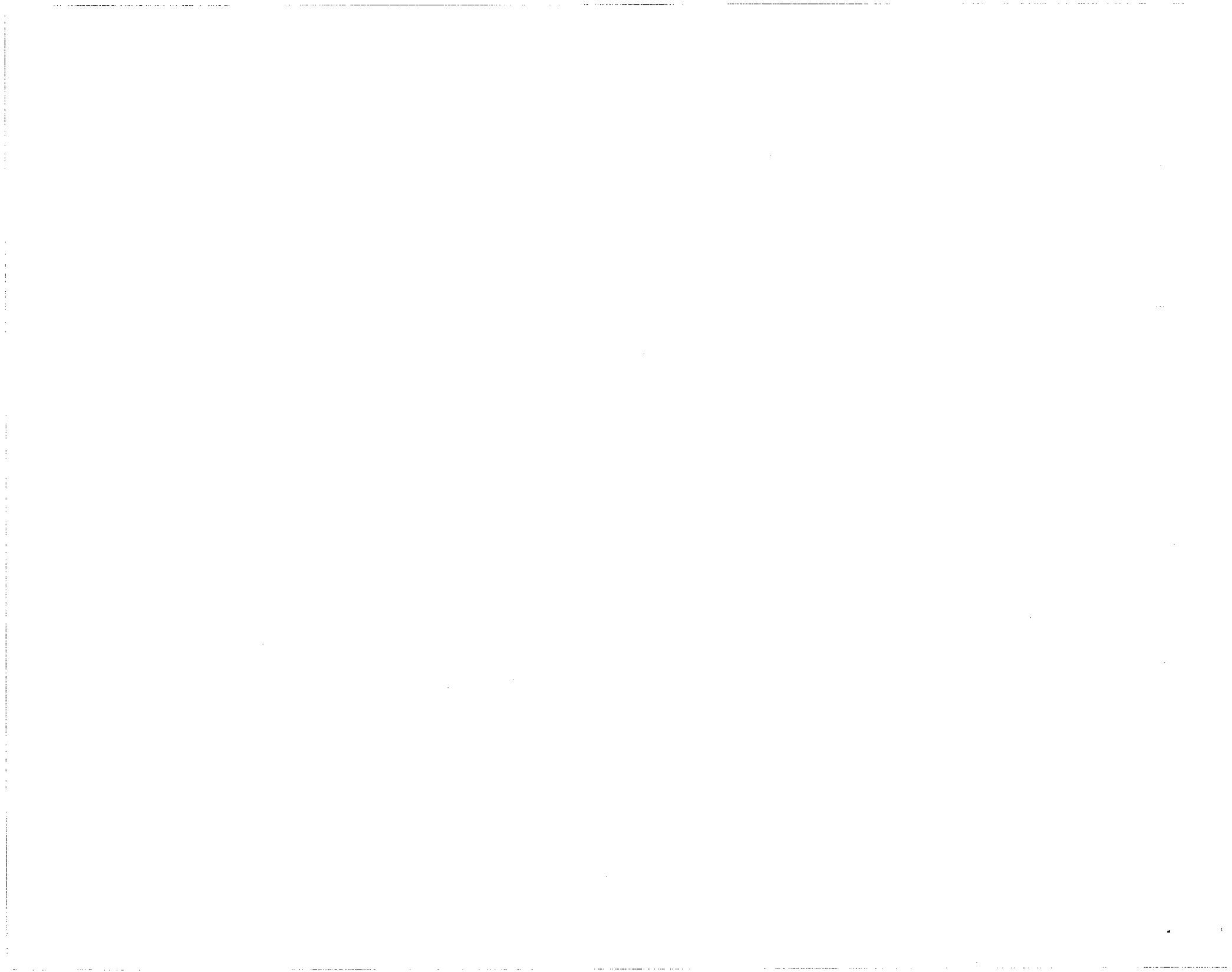
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• None	
5. Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations Granted in the Following Estates:

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• Henry L. Cook, Sr.	Samuel R. Cook, Successor

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2025.



President



State of West Virginia
County of Grant
5 Highland Avenue
Petersburg, WV 26847

To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, *Elizabeth Mallow*, Assessor hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against *Shoemaker, George S. & Julie L.* in *Union Dist.* amounting to \$ *1.56 p h*, *Class III* being taxes for the year of *2025* on mineral account number *9999 0000 3693 0000* valued at *200* for the following reason:

Taxpayers were taxed on a mineral account from 2011 to 2023 on an oil/gas lease from Chesapeake. The well was abandoned in 2022 and plugged. The taxpayer cannot be charged on the lease after it has been plugged.

Upon application of a taxpayer who is aggrieved by an erroneous assessment. The Prosecuting Attorney having had reasonable notice Of the intentions and character of the corrections desired in said application, and being present and defending the interest of the State, County, District and the Court having heard the evidence, it is ordered That said the applicants are exonerated from the payment of taxes for the year, if same has not been paid and if paid, the Sheriff refund the same, the court being of opinion that: **Ticket Number: 12604**

Exonerate: Value: 200 Taxes: \$ 1.56 p h Class III

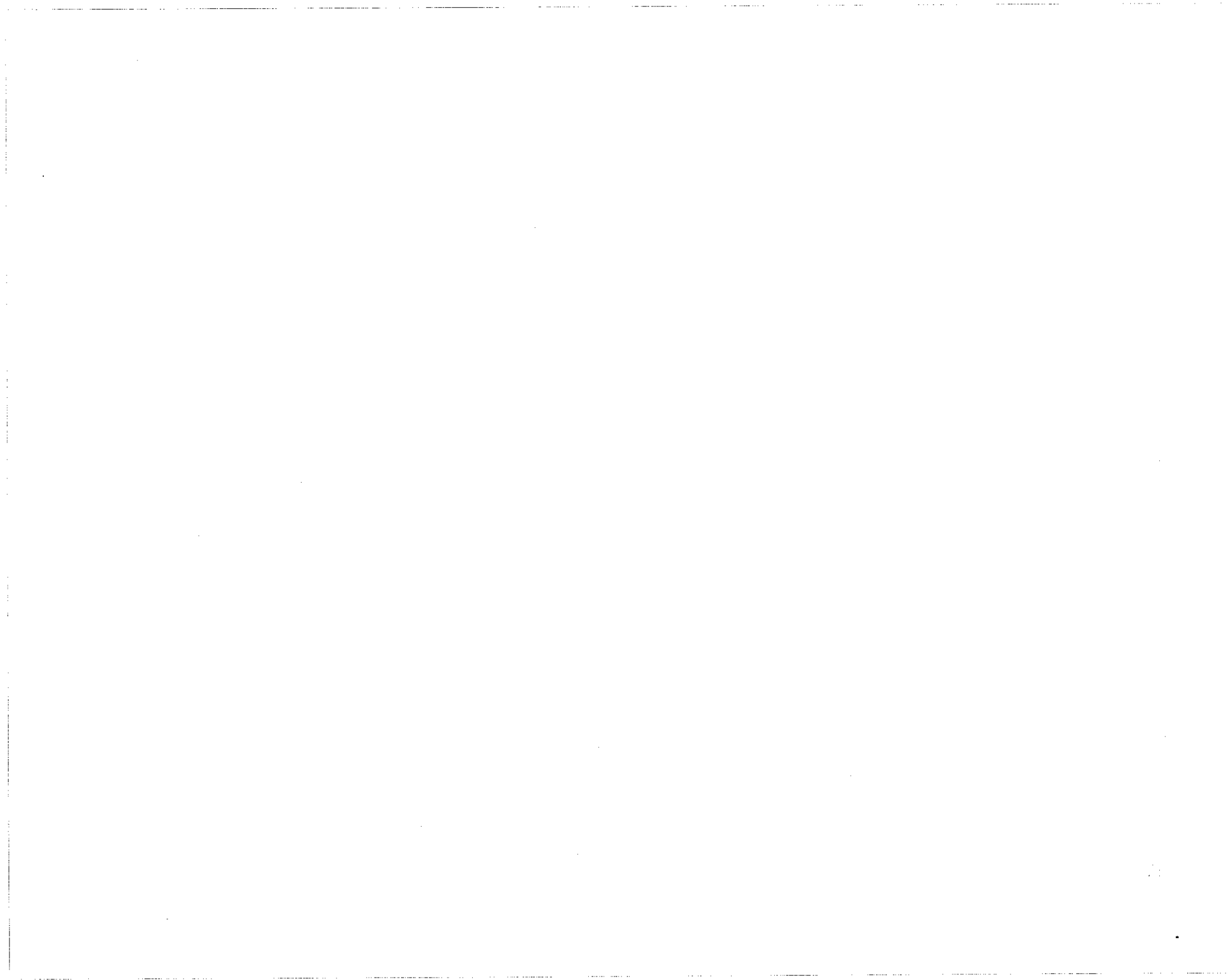
The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 9/22/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 9/22/25
Assessor Date

Robert H. Jones 9/22/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

DM 9-23-25
President Date



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Exonerate: Value: 200 Taxes: \$ 1.61 p h Class III

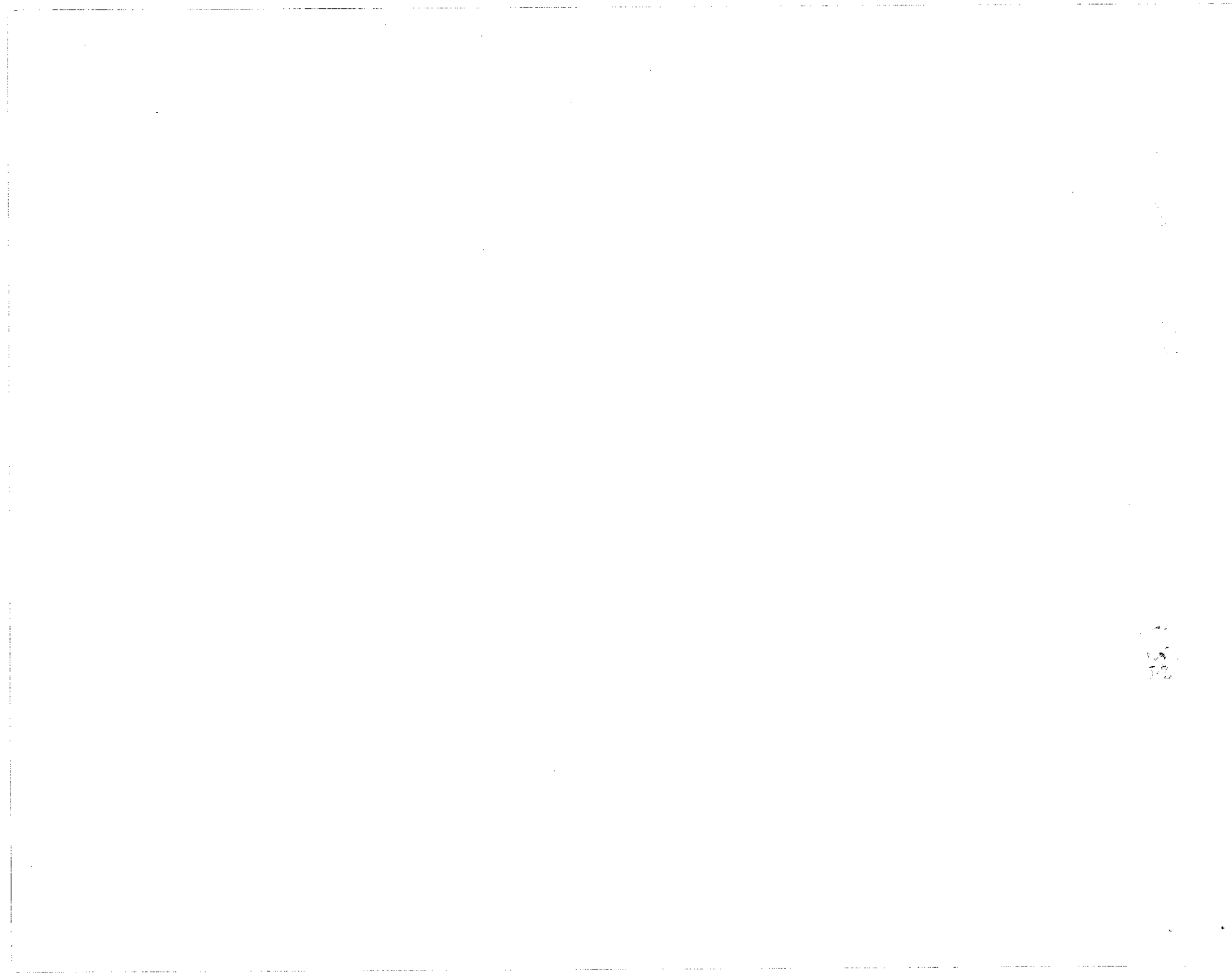
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Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 9/22/25
Assessor Date

John D. Shaw 9/22/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

DP 9-23-25
President Date



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Exonerate: Value: 200 Taxes: \$ 1.61 p h Class III

The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 9/22/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow
Assessor 9/22/25
Date

Prosecuting Attorney Date

President

Date



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Exonerate: Value: 200 Taxes: \$ 1.56 p h Class III

The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 9/22/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 9/22/25
Assessor Date

John R. Shoemaker 9/22/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

DMJ 9-23-25
President Date

