

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION
PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA 26847

GRANT COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Date: September 9, 2025 Time: 9:00 a.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

Commissioner Miley called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Let the record show that President Hagerty was present by phone.

2. Consent and Approval – County Administrator

a. Minutes

- Presented for approval were the minutes from the meeting held on August 26, 2025.

A motion was made to approve the minutes with a minor spelling correction on the last page.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

b. Budget Revisions

- None

c. **Board Appointments/Removals/Resignations**

- The following re-appointment was presented:
 - Douglas Pixler was re-appointed to Corridor-H Highway Authority Board.

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

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:

- None

Qualification orders granted in the following estates:

Estate Person Qualifying

- Mary P. Henderson Timothy Riggleman, Administrator

Ancillary Administrations granted in the following estates:

Estate Person Qualifying

- None

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Small Estate Certificates and Authorizations granted in the following estates:

- | <u>Estate</u> | <u>Person Qualifying</u> |
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| • Betty L. Smith | Monnie M. Johnson, Successor |
- A motion was made to approve the actions of the Clerk. Commissioner Riggleman abstained from the vote.
- MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved**

Waiver of Final Settlement:

- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Mary Franklin VanMeter
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Michael Mullenax
- Waiver of Final Settlement in the estate of Rose Marie Rohrbaugh

A motion was made to approve the Waivers of Final Settlement.
MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

The following exonerations were presented this day:

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| • Ketterman, Barney E. and Nancy A. | Petersburg | 2025 | \$70.49 p/h |
| • Mongold, Caden T. | Milroy | 2025 | \$17.04 p/h |
| • Evans, David W. and Tammy L. | Union | 2025 | \$21.94 p/h |
| • TMIC Inc. | Petersburg | 2025 | \$166.32 p/h |
| • D L Peterson Trust | Union | 2025 | \$88.93 p/h |

A motion was made to approve the exonerations.
MOTION: Miley / unanimously approved

4. Comments from the Public

Sherry Mongold, Director of Seneca Rocks Development Authority, appeared before the Commission. A purchase agreement has been signed by a company to purchase the lot on the mountain top. Another company is interested in purchasing the remaining acreage that has not yet been excavated and leveled. Mark Geary will provide a full plat of the acreage. WVEDC Fall Conference is coming up. A meeting has been setup with IDJC on September 29, 2025, to discuss a plan of action to sell the building that houses the 911 center.

5. Scheduled Appointments

- a) Beth Mallow, Assessor, and Prosecutor John Ours to discuss property exonerations.

John Ours, Prosecutor, and Jerry Ours, previous Assessor, appeared before the Commission.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session for WV Code §6-9a-4.

MOTION: Riggleman/ unanimously approved

A motion was made to exit Executive Session with no action taken.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

Beth Mallow, Assessor, Jenny Rexrode and John Ours, Prosecutor, appeared before the Commission to discuss property exonerations.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session for WV Code §6-9a-4.

MOTION: Riggleman/ unanimously approved

A motion was made to exit Executive Session with no action taken.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

- b) Judge Jeff Roth to discuss Family Court and office space.

Jeff Roth, Family Court Judge, appeared before the Commission to discuss office space. Grant County Courthouse does not have a dedicated area for a Family Court Courtroom or an area to keep petitioners and responders separate. Judge



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Roth feels his own courtroom would alleviate these issues. Judge Roth suggested using a building on Virginia Avenue that is owned by him. A pass-through lease would be paid by the Supreme Court with no cost to Grant County. All renovations, maintenance and security would be his responsibility. Commissioner Hagerty expressed concern about potential legal and ethical issues due to the building being both owned and operated by Jeff, who serves as both Family Court Judge and owner of the building. Judge Roth will contact the Supreme Court to inquire of any likely conflict. He will provide a copy of the sample lease to the Commission.

6. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Liberty Pathways Foundation requesting \$25,000 in Qualified Settlement Funds.
- b) Letter from WV Legislative, Joint Committee on Government and Finance, Legislative Auditor's Office, in reference to Changes to Volunteer Fire Departments Audit Authority.
- c) Minutes of the Grant County PSD Regular Board Meeting of July 23, 2025.

7. Unfinished Business

- None

8. New Business

- a) Consideration for Signature the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority Grant Application & Resolution.

A motion was made to approve the signature of the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority Grant Application & Resolution.

MOTION: Miley/ unanimously approved

9. Reports from Elected Officials

- None

10. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Riggleman is requesting that Parks & Recreation or Maintenance teams rotate working evening shifts until the resurfacing of the tennis courts at the city park is completed. Some individuals are bypassing the requests to stay off the courts.

Commissioner Riggleman also noticed that certain skate park equipment has been purchased, and signs have been placed on the concrete pad at the city park. Cameras have been mounted, wireless equipment is in place, and Global Science & Technology GST should be there today to start setting up the system to get the cameras online. A guest WIFI will be setup additionally for the city park. Parks & Recreation began to do some work for the playground equipment at the Forman Community Center. The new pavilion has been completed at Day Park. A quote for mold remediation for the Annex building has been received, and Commissioner Riggleman has asked Randy Parsons to continue to reach out for other quotes as well. Steve Wratcford and Commissioner Riggleman discussed cleaning the floors at the Annex building. Commissioner Riggleman hopes to schedule active shooter training sessions offered by Sheriff Wratcford. There is a Seneca Rocks Development Authority meeting this evening.



Commissioner Miley stated there is a ribbon cutting ceremony today at the new WVU Grant Memorial Hospital outpatient physical therapy building located at 39 South Main Street in Petersburg. He took a tour of the Main Street Church next door that is for sale. It would need some work if converted to office space and court rooms. Currently, there isn't a price listed or an idea of the purchasing process.

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: Riggleman/ unanimously approved

12. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

MOTION: Riggleman / unanimously approved

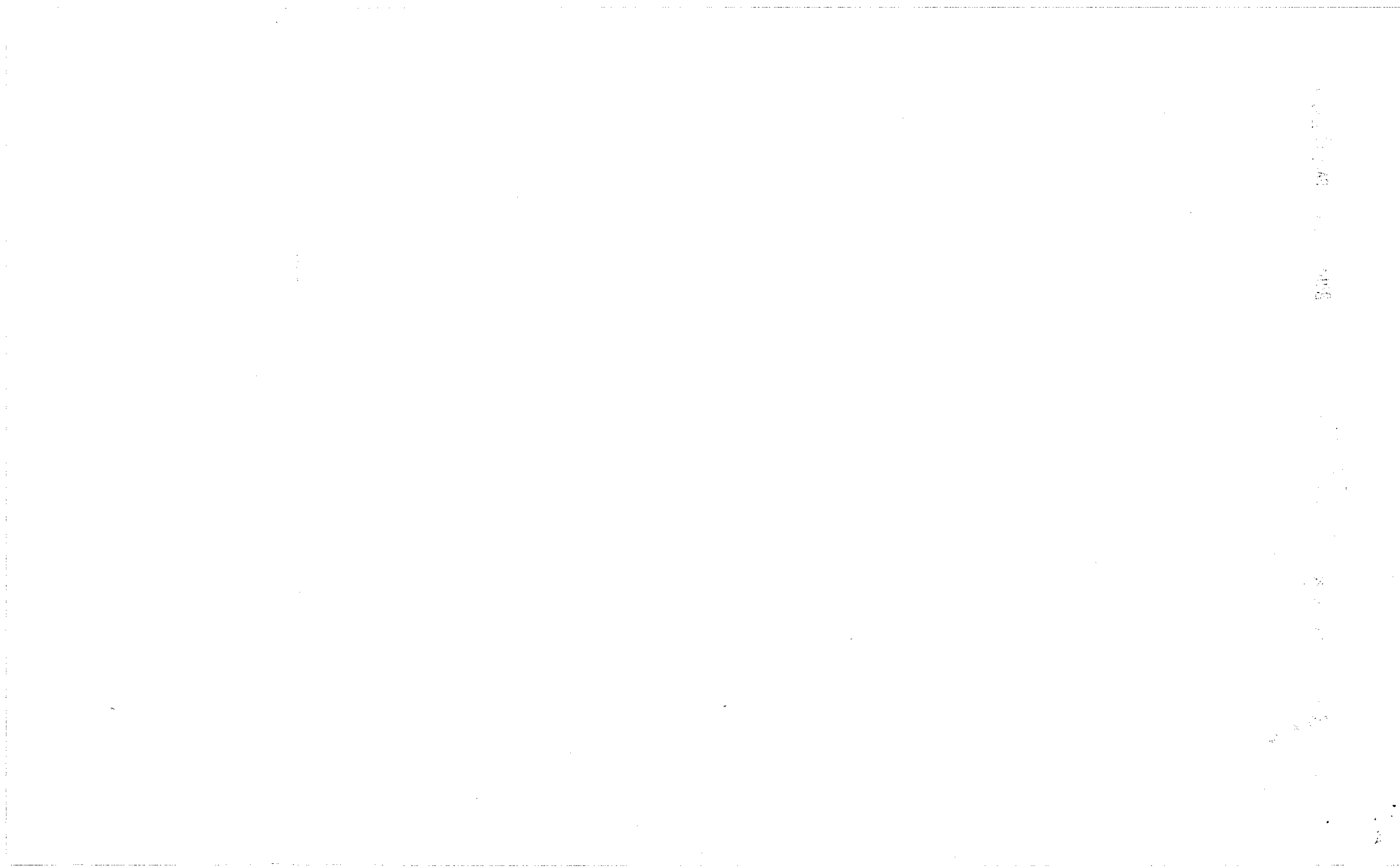
ATTEST:

Chora V. Bennett

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION

DM VP
PRESIDENT

9-23-25
DATE APPROVED



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 *Ketterman, Barney E. & Ketterman, Nancy A. in Petersburg Corp.* amounting to \$ 70.49 p h, *Class IV* being taxes for the year of 2025 on personal property account number 20240364 valued at 6,306 for the following reason:

Taxpayers are double assessed on the mobile home.

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: 303991**

Exonerate: Value: 6,306 Taxes: \$ 70.49 p h Class IV

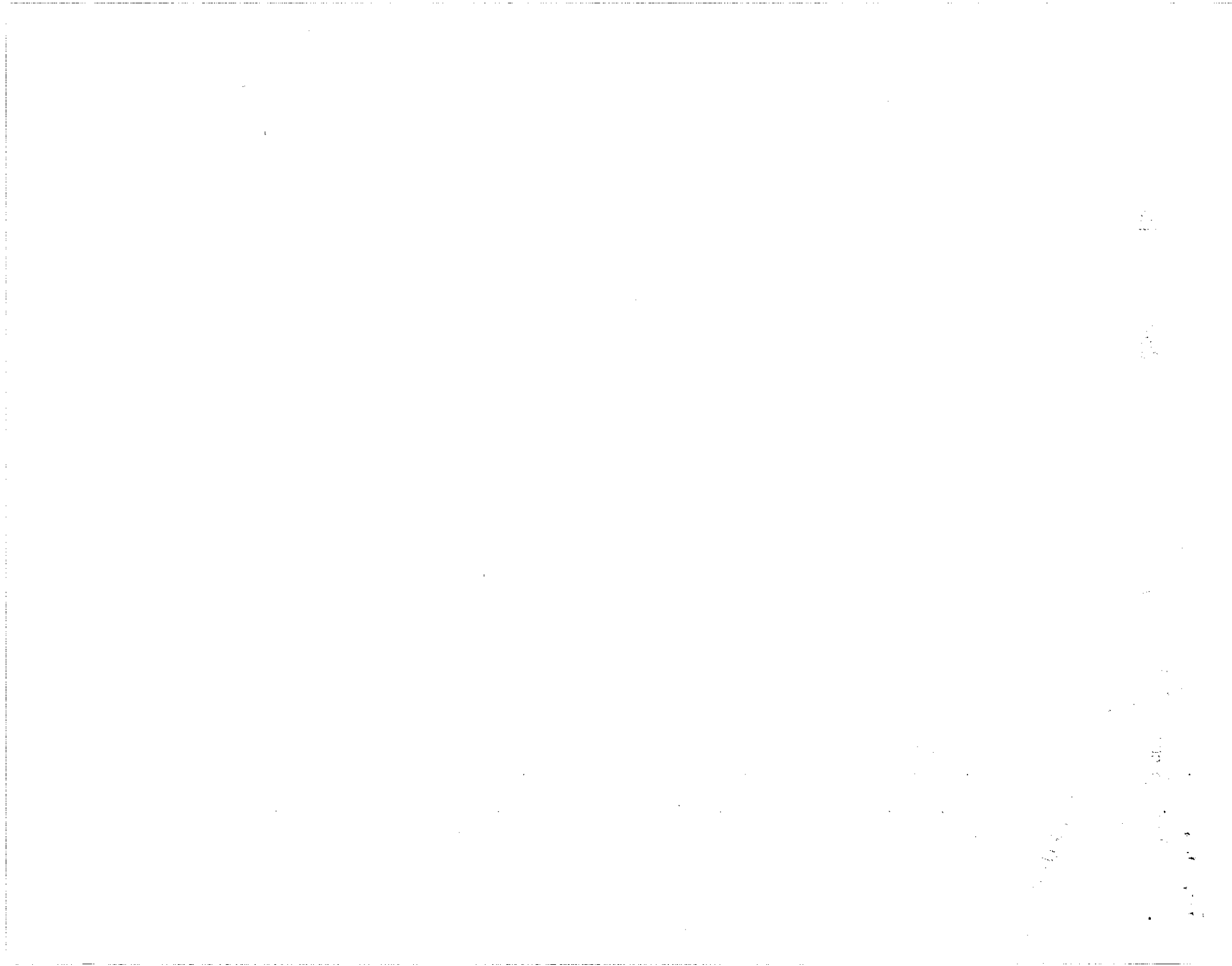
The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 8/26/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 8/26/25
Assessor Date

John J. Davis 8/26/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

John J. Davis 9-9-25
President Date



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30 To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, **Elizabeth Mallow, Assessor** hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against **Mongold, Caden T. in Milroy Dist.** amounting to **\$ 17.04 p h, Class III** being taxes for the year of **2025** on personal property account **20240378** valued at **2,190** for the following reason:

Taxpayers 2000 Ford F350 double assessed with taxpayer Mongold, Bobby J. & Elizabeth R.

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: 300000053-S**

Exonerate: Value: 2,190 Taxes: \$ 17.04 p h Class III

Pay: Value: 240 Taxes: \$ 1.87 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 8/28/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 8/28/25
Assessor Date

John H. Jones 8/29/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

ME Jones 9-9-25
President Date

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To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, *Elizabeth Mallow*, Assessor hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against *Evans, David W. & Tammy L.* in *Union Dist.* amounting to \$ *21.94 p h*, *Class II* being taxes for the year of *2025* on *map 128, parcel 1.4* valued at *5,640* for the following reason:

Taxpayer was charged with a mobile home that belongs to the daughter and she pay's taxes on a personal property tax ticket.

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: 10517**

Exonerate: Value: 5,640 Taxes: \$ 21.94 p h Class II

Pay: Value: 120 Taxes: \$.47 p h Class II

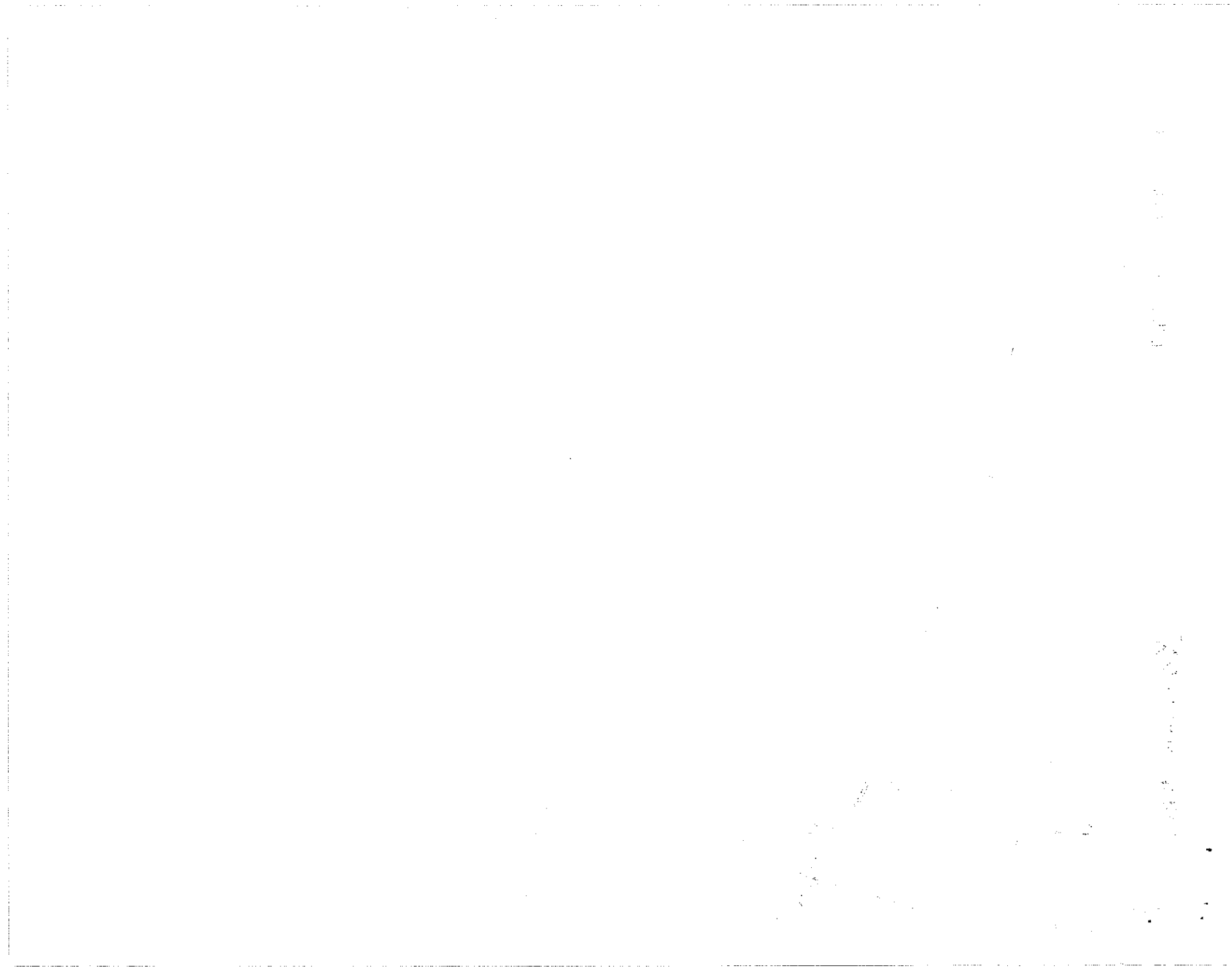
The Clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this order, which, when properly endorsed, shall be a voucher for the Sheriff in his settlement.

Signature on File 9/04/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 9/04/25
Assessor Date

John A. Jones 9/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

DPJ 9-9-25
President Date



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To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, *Elizabeth Mallow*, Assessor hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against *TMIC Inc.* in *Petersburg Corp.* amounting to \$ *166.32 p h*, Class *IV* being taxes for the year of *2025* on personal property account number *20120165* valued at *14,880* for the following reason:

Taxpayer was charged in error on a 2020 Dodge Ram. A second supplemental tax bill was created for the right vehicle a 2015 Dodge Ram.

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: 400000068-S**

Exonerate: Value: 14,880 Taxes: \$ 166.32 p h Class IV

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 9/04/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow
Assessor Date

Prosecuting Attorney Date

President

Date



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To the Honorable, the County of Grant County, WV

I, *Elizabeth Mallow*, Assessor hereby makes application for the correction of an erroneous assessment against *D L Peterson Trust* in *Union Dist.* amounting to \$ *88.93 p h, Class III* being taxes for the year of *2025* on personal property account number *20210030* valued at *11,430* for the following reason:

Taxpayer filed business return with a list of vehicles in Grant County for 2025. The list had a 2022 Chev Colorado Pk but the vin number it priced it out as a 2019 Toyota Rav4.

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: 304804**

Exonerate: Value: 11,430 Taxes: \$ 88.93 p h Class III

Pay On: Value: 126,615 Taxes: \$ 985.06 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 9/08/25
Taxpayer Date

Elizabeth Mallow 9/08/25
Assessor Date

John G. L... 9/8/25
Prosecuting Attorney Date

JM 9-9-25
President Date

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