WEST VIRGINIA:

 At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021,

 Present: Gene Buckner, President

Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

RE: APPOINTMENT – MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table the Appointment and Oath of Office for Nicole Coburn to serve as Board Member for the Mercer County Board of Health.

RE: PROCLAMATION – CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL FLAG DAY

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to proclaim April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and Friday, April 23, 2021 as Children’s Memorial Flag Day in Mercer County, West Virginia.

**PROCLAMATION**

**APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH &**

**CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL FLAG DAY IS APRIL 23, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, children are the future of WV and we continue to work towards a state that is greater for them than the one we grew up in; and

**WHEREAS**, finding solutions to child maltreatment requires input and action from everyone, and education efforts increase public awareness about ways to recognize and prevent child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families, and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Memorial Flag has become a recognizable symbol of the need to do a better job of protecting children; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and its prevention within their communities, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

**NOW, THEREFORE** We, The Mercer County Commission do hereby proclaim April 2021 as **CHILD ABUSE** **PREVENTION MONTH** and the designated month to display the **CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL FLAG** in Mercer County, WV. We further designate, **Friday, April 23, 2021 as CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL FLAG DAY** and invite the Mercer County Citizens to attend a Rededication Service and Remembrance Walk at the Mercer County Courthouse at Noon on April 23, 2021.

**DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:** /s/ Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

/s/ Bill Archer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CRAIG M. HAVENS

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Honoring the Life of Craig M. Havens.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CRAIG M. HAVENS**

**Whereas**, one of Mercer County’s most admired and beloved educators, Craig M. Havens, passed away at the Lewis Gale Medical Center in Salem, VA on March 8, 2021. At the time of his death, Mr. Havens was principal of Montcalm High School. However, Craig invested his entire adult life serving the Montcalm Community and Montcalm as teacher, coach, mentor and devoted friend; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Havens was born in Bluefield in 1959, but spent his early childhood in Ohio before the Havens family returned to Mercer County and settled in Montcalm. Craig graduated from MHS in 1977, attended Bluefield State College where he graduated in 1981 and began his teaching career as a permanent substitute teacher at his high school alma mater in August of 1983. In 1983, Coach Havens was coaching the Lady Generals softball team and was soon serving as assistant coach to (the late) Steve Brady on the MHS men’s basketball team; and

**Whereas**, Coaches Havens and Brady guided the Generals through one of the most exciting eras of Class A basketball in southern West Virginia competing through the winter months with (the late) Sy Jeffries’ Athens Trojans, Carman Stauffer’s Oakvale Owls, Danny Gaither’s Matoaka Indians, Charlie Maynard’s Spanishburg Wildcats and (the late) Robert Wray’s Bramwell Millionaires; and

**Whereas**, during his 39-year tenure with Mercer County Schools, Mr. Havens taught, coached and, later in his career, served in an administrative capacity in Princeton middle and high schools – making a positive difference in the lives of students, faculty, staff and families at every stop along the way. In July 2014, Mr. Havens returned to his high school alma mater as principal, and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death; and

**Whereas**, Coach Havens was a demanding educator, coach and mentor with a heart of pure gold. He protected the students in his care, but also expected them to achieve the highest level of their potential. He and his wife, Cindy, who still serves at MHS, worked in tandem to guide students through the always challenging years of adolescence and loved them all with the same kind of love they gave their own family. As MHS Principal Mr. Haven’s stern looks were always accompanied by a warm smile.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission commends the late Craig Havens for his dedicated service to his home town, his school, his county, state, nation and all those he came in contact with. This commission extends its heartfelt condolences to his wife Cindy, their children Justin, Adam and Tara, the entire Havens family and the countless individuals – young and old – that Craig helped through his life. Mr. Havens’ life was a life well-lived.

**Dated this 13th day of April, 2021.**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:** /s/ Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

/s/ Bill Archer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CHRISTINE ELMORE WEST

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Honoring the Life of Christine Elmore West.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF**

**CHRISTINE ELMORE WEST**

**Whereas**, Christine Elmore West, a passionate supporter of the King Coal Highway project, passed away on March 5, 2021, following a brief illness. Mrs. West’s ardent commitment to the completion of the interstate highway through the southern West Virginia coalfields earned recognition from the West Virginia State Legislature which named the I-73, U.S. Route 460 crossroads in Mercer County the “Christine West Interchange” in 2011, and one year later in 2012, named the bridge over East River, US Route 19 and the Norfolk Southern Railway mainline the Christine West Bridge; and

**Whereas**, Mrs. West was born. raised and lived most of her life in Princeton, with the exception of three years when she and her husband, Patrick Michael West resided in two Midwestern states. The late Mr. West, who died in 1996, was a western Pennsylvania football star who played collegiate football at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Southern California. He was drafted in the 28th round of the 1945 National Football League Draft by the Cleveland (then) Rams. As a rookie, he played fullback for the 1946 NFL Champion Rams that relocated to Los Angeles before the start of the 1946-47 season. He later played for the NFL Green Bay Packers and Edmonton Eskimos of the CFL before leaving professional football to build motels; and

**Whereas**, in the mid-1950s, Mr. West came to Princeton to build the Turnpike Motel and boarded at the home of Christine’s aunt which is how Christine and Pat met. After completing the Turnpike Hotel, Mr. West moved to Ohio to start another motel project, and it was there that he and Christine married and started a family. The Wests had their first son, Patrick Jr., in Ohio, second child Christy in Indiana and returned to Princeton in the late 1950s where they resided in a home on Haven Drive and the family welcomed two more sons – Thomas and Samuel; and

**Whereas**, Christine West became active in a myriad of faith-based, community service and social organizations as well as becoming an ardent member of the state and county Democratic Women’s clubs. Mrs. West worked for the West Virginia Division of Highways for nearly 32 years until her retirement in 2015. Prior to entering the workforce, she earned her degree in Business Education from Concord (now) University, and was crowned as Homecoming Queen during her undergraduate years.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission commends the lifetime of service that Christine West gave the citizens of Mercer County, her state, region and nation. This Commission also urges all citizens to join us as we extend our condolences and deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the late Mrs. Christine West.

**Dated this 13th day of April, 2021**

**Mercer County Commission:**  /s/ Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

/s/ Bill Archer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: PROCLAMATION – ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to proclaim April 2021 as Alcohol Awareness Month.

**Mercer County Coalition for Healthy Communities**

**Mercer County, WV**

**Proclamation**

**Whereas,** according to the U.S. Census 2016, 21.1% of county residents live in poverty. Mercer County consistently ranks in the bottom for economic, health, and well-being factors.

**Whereas**, alcohol and tobacco use is prevalent. In 2013, Mercer County ranked 6th highest in the state in alcohol-related diagnosis and 8th highest in alcohol dependence diagnosis.

**Whereas**, Mercer County also ranked 6th highest in the state for chronic liver-cirrhosis.

**Whereas**, local parents believe alcohol and tobacco are severe problems; and school staff believe they have insufficient resources. In Mercer County, the school attendance rate is 92.8%; graduation rate 83.4%; and dropout rate 1.2%. Additionally, students are disciplined at a higher rate than statewide.

**Whereas,** according to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as of 2020, underage drinking is a significant public health issue in the U.S.

**Whereas,** alcohol is the most used substance among youth in the U.S.

**Whereas**, 8% of 8th grade students drank alcohol and 4% binge drink. 29% of 12th grade students have drank and 14% binge drink.

**Whereas,** youth that use alcohol are more likely to experience academic struggles, social problems, low participation in youth activities, legal issues, unwanted/ unplanned/ unprotected sexual activity, higher change of physical and sexual violence, increase in suicide and homicide, more likely to be involved in a vehicle accident, memory loss, change in brain development, alcohol poisoning, and misuse of other substances.

**Whereas,** in 2010, 1 in 5 teenagers that were involved in a fatal vehicle accident had alcohol in their system.

**Whereas**, 85% of youth that drink and drive have also reported binge drinking, Binge drinking is defined as having 5 or more alcoholic drinks within a couple of hours.

**Whereas**, youth whose parents binge drink are more likely to drink alcohol than others.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Coalition for Healthy Communities and the Mercer County Commission do hereby proclaim April 2021 as Alcohol Awareness Month. We call upon all community sectors and citizens to support efforts that will increase community awareness and support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism in our community.

**Dated this 13th day of April, 2021**

**Mercer County Commission:**  /s/ Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

/s/ Bill Archer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: RESOLUTION – FAIR HOUSING

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Fair Housing Resolution for Mercer County.

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, the Mercer County Commission desires to give meaning to the guarantees of equal rights contained in the Constitution and laws of this State and the United States, and to encourage and bring about mutual self-respect and understanding among all citizens and groups in the Mercer County; and,

**Whereas**, under the Federal Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and,

**Whereas**, under the West Virginia State Fair Housing Law, Title 49-2-305, MCA, it is illegal to deny housing to any person because of race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental handicap or national origin;

**Therefore,** be Itresolved the Mercer County Commission, West Virginia makes a firm commitment to do all within its power to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, disorder and discrimination in housing.

**Therefore**, be it also resolved that a Fair Housing Law poster, which has the “Equal Housing Opportunity“ logo, will be displayed at Mercer County Courthouse.

**Therefore**, be it also resolved that the following procedures will be used to accomplish the purpose of the aforementioned resolution:

1. The Mercer County Commission shall inform all Mercer County employees of the Mercer County Commission’s commitment to fair housing.
2. The Mercer County Commission will post this resolution in Mercer County buildings and other public places and publicize it.
3. The Mercer County Commission shall direct all employees to forward immediately to the county commission any reports they receive of housing discrimination.
4. The Mercer County Commission shall forward such complaints to the West Virginia Human Rights Commission, 1321 Plaza East, Room 108A, Charleston, West Virginia, 25301-1400, within 10 days of receipt of said complaint.

**Dated this 13th day of April, 2021**.

**Mercer County Commission:**  /s/ Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

/s/ Bill Archer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

 RE: COURTHOUSE WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table the selection of an engineering firm for the courthouse window restoration project.

 RE: AGREEMENT – FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CONVENTION CENTER

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve an agreement with Downstream Strategies, L.L.C. to complete a feasibility study for the creation of a new convention center within Mercer County.

RE: RESOLUTION – REGION I 2020 ANNUAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION LIST

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Region I Planning & Development Council 2021 Annual Project Prioritization list as follows:

1. Cumberland Industrial Park Gas Line & Site Preparation

2. Matoaka Sewer Project

3. Route 19/Nubbins Ridge/Stovall Ridge/Camp Creek Water Project

4. Pinnacle Water Project

5. Broadband for all of Mercer County

6. Browning Lambert Mountain Water Project

7. Oakvale Road PSD Miscellaneous Sewer Extension

8. Bluestone River Trails

 RE: LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a request from the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office for a budget line-item transfer.

 RE: GRANT – VICTIM OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT APPLICATION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 2021-2022 Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Application for the Mercer County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in the amount of $283,295.

RE: ESTATE – TIMOTHY J. DUNNIGAN – DECEASED

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA***

**IN RE: TIMOTHY J. DUNNIGAN, DECEASED.**

**O-R-D-E-R**

On the 13th day of April, 2021, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Timothy J. Dunnigan, deceased, upon motion of Phillip B. Ball, Attorney, requesting that William Dunnigan be allowed to serve as Administrator DBN, in the place and stead of Michael Dunnigan, Administrator of said estate, who has since passed away.

 After discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that William Dunnigan shall qualify as Administrator DBN of the estate of Timothy J. Dunnigan, deceased. Bond to be determined.

 All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated thisthe13th day of April, 2021.

 **ENTER:**

/s/A. Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – DAVID WAYNE HAVENS – DECEASED

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA***

**IN RE: DAVID WAYNE HAVENS, DECEASED.**

**O-R-D-E-R**

On the 13th day of April, 2021, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of David Wayne Havens, deceased, upon motion of Melissa Havens, requesting that she be allowed to serve as Administratrix DBN, in the place and stead of Craig M. Havens, Administrator of said estate, who has since passed away.

 After discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that Melissa Havens shall qualify as Administratrix DBN of the estate of David Wayne Havens, deceased. Bond in the amount of $31,400.00 to remain.

 All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated thisthe13th day of April, 2021.

 **ENTER:**

/s/A. Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – VESTER RAY PERDUE – DECEASED

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA***

**IN RE: VESTER RAY PERDUE, DECEASED.**

**O-R-D-E-R**

On the 13th day of April, 2021, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Vester Ray Perdue, deceased, upon motion of James R. Perdue, requesting that he be allowed to serve as Executor, in the place and stead of Georgie Perdue, Executrix of said estate, who has since passed away.

 After discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that James R. Perdue shall qualify as Executor of the estate of Vester Ray Perdue, deceased. No bond being required per will.

 All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated thisthe13th day of April, 2021.

 **ENTER:**

/s/A. Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – TED S. POOLE, SR. – DECEASED

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA***

**IN RE: TED S. POOLE, SR., DECEASED.**

**O-R-D-E-R**

On the 13th day of April, 2021, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Ted S. Poole, Sr., deceased, upon motion of Susan C. Basham, requesting that the estate of Ted S. Poole, Sr., deceased, be reopened, and that she be appointed Administratrix CTA, for the purpose of filing an amended appraisement and to disburse funds received from an asbestos lawsuit.

 After discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that the estate of Ted S. Poole, Sr., deceased, be reopened, and that Susan C. Basham be appointed Administratrix CTA. No bond being required.

 All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated thisthe13th day of April, 2021.

 **ENTER:**

/s/A. Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – SHARON ROSE WINGATE – DECEASED

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA***

**IN RE: SHARON ROSE WINGATE, DECEASED.**

**O-R-D-E-R**

On the 13th day of April, 2021, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Sharon Rose Wingate, deceased, upon motion of Marvin Jason Wingate, sole heir of the deceased, requesting that the estate of Sharon Rose Wingate, deceased, be reopened, and that he be appointed Administrator DBN, for the purpose of filing an amended appraisement and to disburse funds received from a life insurance policy.

 After discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that the estate of Sharon Rose Wingate, deceased, be reopened, and that Marvin Jason Wingate be appointed Administrator DBN. No bond being required.

 All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated thisthe13th day of April, 2021.

 **ENTER:**

/s/A. Gene Buckner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – ATHENS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table a funding request from the Athens Volunteer Fire Department for the Athens-Concord Fire School.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – SIGNAGE FOR CROSSWALKS

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table a funding request for signage for crosswalks.

This day came Donald E. Conner, Jr., by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2020, touching the assessment thereon against the said Donald E. Conner, Jr., on 2 Lots & Lot & Pt 32 Inc Pcls 3-4 30E Pcl 14 & 15, Rock District, County of Mercer, State of West Virginia. Prosecuting Attorney waiving notice thereto.

 After hearing all the evidence in the case and it appearing to the Commission that the property assessed for $2,460 class 2 – should be assessed for $2,460 class 2 with $20,000 homestead exemption applied. It is therefore ordered that Donald E. Conner, Jr. be exonerated from the payment of taxes, or if the taxes have been paid, shall be refunded by the Sheriff of Mercer County on such erroneous assessment.

Amount of Exoneration $27.30

This day came Donald E. Conner, Jr., by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2019, touching the assessment thereon against the said Donald E. Conner, Jr., on 2 Lots & Lot & Pt 32 Inc Pcls 3-4 30E Pcl 14 & 15, Rock District, County of Mercer, State of West Virginia. Prosecuting Attorney waiving notice thereto.

 After hearing all the evidence in the case and it appearing to the Commission that the property assessed for $2,460 class 2 – should be assessed for $2,460 class 2 with $20,000 homestead exemption applied. It is therefore ordered that Donald E. Conner, Jr. be exonerated from the payment of taxes, or if the taxes have been paid, shall be refunded by the Sheriff of Mercer County on such erroneous assessment.

Amount of Exoneration $27.30

This day came Scottie G. & Genevieve Richardson, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2020, touching the assessment thereon against the said Scottie G. & Genevieve Richardson, on Pt 9.5 Acs Widemouth (Sur) Plat #2847 Outlaw ATV, Rock District, County of Mercer, State of West Virginia. Prosecuting Attorney waiving notice thereto.

 After hearing all the evidence in the case and it appearing to the Commission that the property assessed for $29,220 class 3 – should be assessed for $15,060 class 3. It is therefore ordered that Scottie G. & Genevieve Richardson be exonerated from the payment of taxes, or if the taxes have been paid, shall be refunded by the Sheriff of Mercer County on such erroneous assessment.

Amount of Exoneration $322.28

This day came Andrew Tran, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2019, touching the assessment thereon against the said Andrew Tran, on Lots 39-40 Sec 3 Kirk SD, Bluefield District, County of Mercer, State of West Virginia. Prosecuting Attorney waiving notice thereto.

 After hearing all the evidence in the case and it appearing to the Commission that the property assessed for $40,680 class 4 – should be assessed for $40,680 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Andrew Tran be exonerated from the payment of taxes, or if the taxes have been paid, shall be refunded by the Sheriff of Mercer County on such erroneous assessment.

Amount of Exoneration $564.63

This day came Andrew Tran, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2020, touching the assessment thereon against the said Andrew Tran, on Lots 39-40 Sec 3 Kirk SD, Bluefield District, County of Mercer, State of West Virginia. Prosecuting Attorney waiving notice thereto.

 After hearing all the evidence in the case and it appearing to the Commission that the property assessed for $41,220 class 4 – should be assessed for $41,220 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Andrew Tran be exonerated from the payment of taxes, or if the taxes have been paid, shall be refunded by the Sheriff of Mercer County on such erroneous assessment.

Amount of Exoneration $572.13

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES

DATE 4/6/2021

Tax Year 2020

Jumping Branch District

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

310634 Charles L. Hatcher, III Taxpayer turned in wrong $ 767.82

 Information.

Tax Year 2020

Beaver Pond District

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

301757 Green Valley Motors Inc Assessment incorrect. $ 2,129.64

MOBILE HOMES

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES

DATE 4/6/2021

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

301831 David Hall MH burned. $ 31.76

904644 Jason Woods Did not own MH 7/1/2018. 98.94

304569 Jason Woods Did not own MH 7/1/2019. 101.68

302528 James Lewis Double assessed on MH. 70.34

301296 Richard Dillon MH was torn down 3 yrs ago. 70.46

 This day the following accounts were presented against the County of Mercer, and the Commission having examined each and all of them, doth allow payment from the different accounts, check numbers listed below:

GENERAL COUNTY - Check #74418-74510 Void #74482, 74492

COAL SEVERANCE - Check #4069-4076

HOME CONFINEMENT - Check #2498-2504

HOTEL MOTEL - Check #4180-4187

COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Check #1721-1728

VIDEO LOTTERY - Check #1438

MCDRC FEES - Check #5418-5433

ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL - Check #6472-6486

SHERIFF DRUG FUND - Check #1096

TEENAGE PROGRAM - Check #224

ANIMAL SHELTER EST. DONATION - Check #1005

DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT - Check #291

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

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