WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020,

Present: Gene Buckner, President

Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

RE: APPOINTMENT – MERCER COUNTY FIRE SERVICE BOARD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Appointment and Oath of Office for Charles Blankenship to serve as Board Member for the Mercer County Fire Service Board. His term ends June 30, 2023.

RE: LEASE AGREEMENT – XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a lease agreement with Xerox Financial Services, LLC for a copy machine in the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. Funding in the amount of $267.59/month will be taken from the Prosecutor’s budget.

RE: GRANT – VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM CONTRACT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Grant Program Contract and Resolution for the Mercer County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in the amount of $224,539.

RE: RESOLUTION & INVESTMENT PLEDGE FORM – DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MERCER COUNTY

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution recognizing the Development Authority of Mercer County as the county’s lead economic development organization and an investment pledge in the amount of $22,727.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS,** the governing body of MERCER COUNTY is interested in the economic well-being of its citizenry and community at-large; and

**WHEREAS,** the governing body is prepared to support the appropriate efforts within the community to become totally prepared to promote economic development; and

**WHEREAS,** the MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION recognizes the DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF MERCER COUNTY as the county’s lead economic development organization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mercer County Commission passed this resolution in an open meeting on the 8th day of December 2020.

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

GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT

/s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GREG PUCKETT, COMMISSIONER

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

BILL ARCHER, COMMISSIONER

RE: WORKFORCE WV - CAREER CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between Ross IES, the operator of the Region 1 Workforce Investment Board Connections Youth Program and the Mercer County Commission. Bill Archer recused from vote.

RE: GRANT – WV COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority Grant Contract for window restoration project on the courthouse in the amount of $100,000.

RE: ESTATE – ROSEMARY HICKERSON – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: ROSEMARY HICKERSON, DECEASED.**

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

On the 8th day of December, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Rosemary Hickerson, deceased, upon motion of Leonard Lane, Executor, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of Rosemary Hickerson, deceased, be accepted for recordation.

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 copy of the Last Will and Testament of Rosemary Hickerson, deceased, be admitted to record.

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 thisthe8th day of December, 2020.

**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 – RICHARD WALTON WORK – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: RICHARD WALTON WORK, DECEASED.**

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

On the 8th day of December, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Richard Walton Work, deceased, upon motion of Jennifer Albaugh, daughter and contingent Executrix of Richard Walton Work, deceased, requesting that she be allowed to serve as Executrix, in the place and stead of Sandra Work, 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 Jennifer Albaugh shall qualify as Executrix of the estate of Richard Walton Work, deceased. No bond required under the provisions of said 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 thisthe8th day of December, 2020.

**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 – MAMIE E. FRAZIER – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: MAMIE E. FRAZIER, DECEASED.**

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

On the 8th day of December, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Mamie E. Frazier, deceased, upon motion of Phillip Ball, Attorney, requesting that the estate of Mamie E. Frazier, deceased, be reopened, and that he be appointed Administrator CTA, for the purpose of filing an amended appraisement and to disburse funds received from unclaimed property.

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 Mamie E. Frazier, deceased, be reopened.

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 thisthe8th day of December, 2020.

**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 – IRVIN C. LILLY – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: IRVIN C. LILLY, DECEASED.**

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

On the 8th day of December, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Irvin C. Lilly, deceased, upon motion of Wayne Stonestreet, Attorney, requesting that the estate of Irvin C. Lilly, deceased, be reopened, and for Jean Pack to be appointed Administratrix, for the purpose of filing an amended List of Heirs and an amended Appraisement.

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 Irvin C. Lilly, deceased, be reopened.

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 thisthe8th day of December, 2020.

**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 – MERCER COUNTY GARDNER CENTER

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept a funding request to purchase mailboxes for tenants of the Mercer County Gardner Center. Funding in the amount up to $2,000 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund.

This day came Joseph Ehweariri, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2019, touching the assessment thereon against the said Joseph Ehweariri, on Lot 4 Pt 5 Sec 180 Highland, 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 $20,100 class 4 – should be assessed for $20,100 class 4 tax exempt. It is therefore ordered that Joseph Ehweariri 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 $656.87

This day came Joseph Ehweariri, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2019, touching the assessment thereon against the said Joseph Ehweariri, on Pt Lot 5 Sec 180 Highland, 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 $19,560 class 4 – should be assessed for $19,560 class 4 tax exempt. It is therefore ordered that Joseph Ehweariri 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 $640.84

This day came Joseph Ehweariri, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2019, touching the assessment thereon against the said Joseph Ehweariri, on Lot 4 Sec 169 Highland, 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 $9,540 class 4 – should be assessed for $9,540 class 4 tax exempt. It is therefore ordered that Joseph Ehweariri 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 $340.63

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES

DATE 12/1/2020

Tax Year 2020

Bluefield District

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

16101 Unheard Voices USA Tax exempt. $ 266.50

16102 Unheard Voices USA Tax exempt. 547.98

16103 Unheard Voices USA Tax exempt. 564.64

16104 Unheard Voices USA Tax exempt. 329.80

16105 Unheard Voices USA Tax exempt. 181.56

16106 Unheard Voices USA Tax exempt. 46.64

11878 Arthur Deras, Etal Certified to state 139.92

Tax Year 2020

Beaver Pond District

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

301522 Stephen J. Fields Divorced. $ 310.68

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 #74094-74185 Void #74121, 74137

COAL SEVERANCE - Check #4037-4044

HOME CONFINEMENT - Check #2485-2486

HOTEL MOTEL - Check #4143-4155

COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Check #1692-1699

VIDEO LOTTERY - Check #1419-1421 Void #1419

COAL REALLOCATION - Check #1026

MCDRC FEES - Check #5353-5367

ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL - Check #6435-6442

FINANCIAL STABILIZATION - Check #1041

COVID 19 - Check #1004 Void #1000

DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT - Check #287

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

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