WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 1, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. No Hearings Scheduled**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Gene Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated there were no hearings scheduled for that day.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 6, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. No Hearings Scheduled**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Gene Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated there were no hearings scheduled for that day.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 9, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. No Hearings Scheduled**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Gene Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated there were no hearings scheduled for that day.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 13, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. No Hearings Scheduled**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Gene Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated there were no hearings scheduled for that day.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 16, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018 –5:30 P.M.

AGENDA: OPEN WITH PRAYER (**Charles W. Stores, III)**

 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOGNITION - Resolution Honoring Charles Stores, II

 Vietnam Veteran

30 Years in Public Service

* Proclamation Designating Mercer County

As Purple Heart County

Charles Baisden, WV State Commander

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

OATHS OF OFFICE - Mercer County Animal Shelter

Susan McKenzie, Part-Time Kennel Tech

* Mercer County Maintenance Department

Part-Time Custodian

CONTRACTS AND

RESOLUTIONS - Mercer/Summers IV-B Elgood Water

 Project Drawdown #30 ($13,194.02)

 Eric Combs, Project Manager

 Region One Planning & Development

* WV Department of Agriculture

Spay/Neuter Grant Agreement ($20,000)

Vicky Reed, Administrator

* Stafford Consultants, Inc.

Amendment to Terms & Conditions

Agreement-Ed Shutt, President

* Budget Revisions FY 2017/2018

Coal Severance #2

 General County #5

 Verlin Moye, County Clerk

ESTATES - DeWayne Vass

* Stephanie Michelle Wimmer

FUNDING REQUEST - Bluewell Improvement Association

US 52 Jumbotron Sign-Bluewell

Skip Crane, Project Sponsor

* Bluefield Beautification Commission

Winter Warmer-February 24, 2018

Gail Satterfield, Chairperson

* Princeton-Mercer County

Chamber of Commerce-Mercer County

Day at Legislature-February 27, 2018

Robert Farley, President

* Concord University Foundation, Inc.

2018 President’s Ball-March 3, 2018

Blake Farmer, Manager University

Advancement

* Mercer County Airport Authority

 2018 Wings & Wheels Airshow

 May 23-26, 2018

 Clint Ransom, Manager

* Mercer County Sheriff’s Department

 Tyler Technologies, Inc. ($32,845.42)

 Annual Maintenance 1/18 to 12/18

 Tommy Bailey, Sheriff

* Keep Mercer Clean Initiative

 Funding for Promotional Materials

 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

* Mercer County Recycling Program

 Funding to Continue Program After

 February 28, 2018

DISCUSSION - Glenwood Recreation Park

 Update-Greg Pruett, Superintendent

* Hotel/Motel Delinquent Taxes
* Exotic Entertainment Ordinance

 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

* Opioid Issues-Local Data

 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

* Update on Pharmaceutical Lawsuit

 Truman Chafin, Attorney

* Appalachian Power

 Ronn Robinson

* Town of Matoaka-Update

 Bill Archer, Commissioner

* Tire & Mattress Disposal Incentives

 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

* Courthouse Luncheon for Employees

 Honoring of Mercer County’s Birthday

 Bill Archer, Commissioner

* Bluestone River Water Trail Public

 Hearing Schedule- Bill Archer,

 Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Southern Highlands Cooperative

 Agreement

* Department of Highways Wide Spots
* Delinquent Taxes on Personal Property

COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Invoices

2. Settlements

3. Exonerations

4. List of Approved Estates for January 2018

WEST VIRGINIA:

 At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, February 13, 2018,

 Present: Gene Buckner, President

Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

RE: RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES W. STORES

This day the County Commission presented Charles W. Stores, Vietnam Veteran a Resolution Honoring him for 30 years in Public Service.

**Resolution Honoring**

**Charles W. Stores**

**Whereas**, Charles W. Stores Jr., has lived his life as one who has a servant’s heart. From scripture in the Gospel of Mark, 10:45, we learn: “For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many;” and

**Whereas**, as a young man of humble origin who grew up in the Mercer County Town of Wolfe, Charles was known to take his shoeshine kit to the nearby town of Pocahontas, Virginia to earn enough money to buy a chicken and put food on his family’s table, according to his grandmother, the late Edith Stores; and

**Whereas**, after graduating from Bluestone High School in Bramwell, Charles answered his country’s call and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was deployed to Vietnam where he was critically wounded, but owing to God’s divine sovereignty, he survived. Still, Charles suffered equilibrium problems and partial paralysis in his lower extremities as a result of his combat wounds; and

**Whereas**, Charles Stores was never one to be limited by the challenges he faced. After getting released from the hospital, he earned a degree from business school and accepted a job with the West Virginia Job Service where he rapidly worked his way up through the ranks to become manager of the Mercer County Job Service office; and

**Whereas**, after serving 20 years as manager of the Mercer County WV Job Service office where he took a personal interest in helping the people he served find suitable employment, he retired from the Job Service and accepted the position as director West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs, and served 10 years in that position before retiring from public service; and

**Whereas**, in 1969, Charles Stores married his high school sweetheart, Peggy Cardwell, settled in Princeton and raised their family. While Charles was working for the Job Service and Veterans Affairs, Peggy was an entrepreneur and operated a beauty parlor in Princeton. Both Charles and Peggy served their community, county, state, nation, world, faith and family with the highest level of devotion.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Charles Stores and his family have served Mercer County with honor and integrity, and the Mercer County Commission commends Charles Stores Jr., his wife and family for the positive impact they have had … and continue to have, on Mercer County and its people.

**Dated this 13th day of February 2018.**

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

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

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

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MERCER CO. AS PURPLE HEART COUNTY

This day the County Commission declared Mercer County as a “Purple Heart County in the State of West Virginia” by pledging ongoing support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY**

**WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as a Badge of Military merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS,** the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common solder and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the Military Order of Purple Heart, Chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly make sure we never forget; and

**WHEREAS,** Mercer County residents have been engaged in every war against a declared enemy fought by the United States, including the war for the nation’s independence; and

**WHEREAS,** Mercer County has a large number of residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat; and

**WHEREAS,** Mercer County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices required of military families; and

**WHEREAS,** Mercer County pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that the Mercer County Commission hereby declares Mercer County as a “Purple Heart County in the State of West Virginia.”

**DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2018.**

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

 **Gene Buckner, President**

 /s/ Greg Puckett\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

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

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Susan McKenzie to serve as Part-Time Kennel Technician for the Mercer County Animal Shelter.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

This day the County Commission tabled the Employment and Oath of Office for a Part-Time Custodian for the Mercer County Maintenance Department.

 RE: DRAWDOWN – MERCER/SUMMERS IV-B ELGOOD WATER PROJECT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept Drawdown #30 in the amount of $13,194.02 for the Mercer/Summers IV-B Elgood Water Line Extension Project.

 RE: GRANT AGREEMENT – WV DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the WV Department of Agriculture Grant agreement in the amount of $20,000 for spay/neuter procedures and rabies vaccinations. Matching funds in the amount of $10,000 will be taken from the Mercer County Animal Shelter Estate Donations Fund.

 RE: AMENDMENT – STAFFORD CONSULTANTS INC.

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the terms and conditions agreement with Stafford Consultants regarding the courthouse drainage project. The previous ceiling amount of $5,000 will be increased to $10,000 and taken from the Video Lottery Fund.

 RE: APPROVAL – COAL SEVERANCE BUDGET REVISION

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Budget Revision No. 2 for FY 2017/2018 in the amount of $58,755 for the Coal Severance Fund.

RE: APPROVAL – GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET REVISION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Budget Revision No. 5 for FY 2017/2018 in the amount of $8,089 for the General County Fund.

RE: ESTATE – DEWAYNE VASS – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: DEWAYNE VASS, DECEASED.**

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

On the 13th day of February, 2018, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Dewayne Vass, this estate was opened and is being administered as an intestate estate. There have been two Holographic Wills presented for probate with affidavits from witnesses signed. This matter having been previously tabled at the July 11, 2017, August 8, 2017, and September 12, 2017 meetings. All concerned parties were present at the meeting along with their respective attorney.

 After a 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 holographic will notarized on the 5th day of January, 2017, by Kelly B. Howard be admitted into record and that the estate now be administered as a testate estate.

The Commission further **ORDERS** that Melissa Vass be allowed to qualify as Administratrix CTA with a bond in the amount of $25,000.00.

 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 February, 2018.

 **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 – STEPHANIE MICHELLE WIMMER – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: STEPHANIE MICHELLE WIMMER, DECEASED.**

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

On the 13th day of February, 2018, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Stephanie Michelle Wimmer, upon petition of Cody Wimmer, the former Administrator, and Kathy M. Wimmer, personally and through their attorney, Michael A. Olivio, requesting that the estate be reopened for completion of pending litigation regarding the estate of Stephanie Michelle Wimmer currently before the Circuit Court of Mercer County, West Virginia, as Civil Action No. 17-C-341. Cody Wimmer, the former Administrator, and Kathy M. Wimmer requested that Kathy M. Wimmer be allowed to serve as Administratrix with bond in the amount of $1,000.00.

 After a 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 Stephanie Michelle Wimmer be reopened and that Kathy M. Wimmer shall qualify as Administratrix of the estate.

 The Commission further **ORDERS** that Kathy M. Wimmer be allowed to qualify as Administratrix with a bond in the amount of $1,000.00.

 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 February, 2018.

 **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 – BLUEWELL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Skip Crane, Project Sponsor. Funding in the amount of $5,000 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund to help purchase a jumbotron sign.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – BLUEFIELD BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Gail Satterfield, Chairman for the Bluefield Beautification Commission. Funding in the amount of $1,000 will be taken from the Hotel Motel fund for the 8th Annual Winter Warmer.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – PRINCETON-MERCER CO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

 This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table a funding request from Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce for the 18th Annual Mercer County Day at the WV Legislature.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – CONCORD UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table a funding request from Concord University Foundation, Inc. for the 2018 President’s Ball.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – 2018 WINGS & WHEELS AIRSHOW

 This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Clint Ransom, Manager, Mercer County Airport. Funding in the amount of $5,000 will be taken from the Hotel Motel fund for the 2018 Wings & Wheels Airshow.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

 This day after discussion of the annual maintenance contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. the Sheriff agreed to pay the first quarter payment from the Sheriff’s Budget.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – KEEP MERCER CLEAN INITIATIVE

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding of promotional materials for the Keep Mercer Clean Initiative. Funding in the amount of $2,000 will be taken from the Hotel Motel fund.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding to continue the recycling program from March thru June 2018. Funding will be taken from the Coal Severance fund pending approval from State Auditor’s Office.

 RE: UPDATE – GLENWOOD RECREATION PARK

 This day Greg Pruett, Superintendent appeared before the County Commission to present an update on Glenwood Recreation Park. He gathered quotes for various park improvement projects. The park board recommends replacing 3 shelters, adding 2 new shelters, renovating restrooms and miniature golf course.

 RE: DISCUSSION – APPALACHIAN POWER

 This day Ronn Robinson, Appalachian Power appeared before the Commission to discuss power bills. He explained that the rates have not increased and the bills are higher due to more energy needed to heat homes from polar vortex temperatures. They are willing to work with customers who are struggling with paying the bills.

 RE: DISCUSSION – HOTEL/MOTEL DELINQUENT TAXES

 This day the Commission discussed collecting delinquent Hotel/Motel taxes with Tommy Bailey, Sheriff.

 RE: DISCUSSION – EXOTIC ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Mercer County Planning Committee regarding the Exotic Entertainment Ordinance. First reading will be Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

 RE: DISCUSSION – OPIOID ISSUES-LOCAL DATA

 This day Greg Puckett, Commissioner discussed opioid issues. He thanked the Commission for allowing him to attend meetings where he was able to speak on multiple levels regarding opioid issues in Mercer County and surrounding areas. More information will be presented at the next regular meeting.

 RE: UPDATE – PHARMACEUTICAL LAWSUIT

 This day Bill Archer, Commissioner read a letter from Attorney Truman Chafin regarding an update on the Pharmaceutical Lawsuit.

 RE: UPDATE – TOWN OF MATOAKA

 This day Bill Archer, Commissioner gave an update regarding the Town of Matoaka. He discussed the water and sewer situations. Payment for legal ads and water operators was also discussed. The Commissioners decided to continue this discussion during executive session.

 RE: TIRE & MATTRESS DISPOSAL INCENTIVES

 This day the Commissioners discussed the idea of a beautification project that would give incentives for tires and mattress disposal.

 RE: COURTHOUSE LUNCHEON FOR EMPLOYEES

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Courthouse Luncheon for Employees Honoring Mercer County’s Birthday on Friday, March 16, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Funding up to $500 will be taken from the Video Lottery Fund.

 RE: BLUESTONE RIVER WATER TRAIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

This day Bill Archer, Commissioner announced the Bluestone River Water Trail Public Hearing Schedule as follows:

Monday, March 5, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. – Nemours Ruritan Club

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. – Bluestone Volunteer Fire Department in Spanishburg

Friday, March 9, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. – Brushcreek RV Resort on Eads Mill Road

 RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS – JASON FOX

 This day Jason Fox appeared before the County Commission for an update regarding the Rt. 19 Water Project.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss Southern Highlands Cooperative Agreement, Department of Highways wide spots, Delinquent taxes on personal property, and Town of Matoaka. On motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. No votes were taken during the executive session.

 RE: TOWN OF MATOAKA

 This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding the invoice for legal ads from line item 401 in the General Fund and the salaries for the water operators in the amount of $1,385 from the Coal Reallocation Fund.

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This day came Julia E. Young & Anna E. Workman, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2017, touching the assessment thereon against the said Julia E. Young & Anna E. Workman on Lot 15 Sec 1305 Heatherwood Rd, 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 $44,040 class 4 – should be assessed for $44,040 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Julia E. Young & Anna E. Workman 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 $611.28

This day came Randall L. & Anna Workman, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2017, touching the assessment thereon against the said Randall L. & Anna Workman on Lot 10 Sec 1305 Orchard Way, 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 $18,060 class 4 – should be assessed for $18,060 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Randall L. & Anna Workman 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 $250.68

This day came Ronnie L. Primmer, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2015, touching the assessment thereon against the said Ronnie L. Primmer on 2.44 Ac Brush Ck #9530, Beaver Pond 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 $2,110 class 2 – should be assessed for $2,080 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Ronnie L. Primmer 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 $0.35

This day came Ronnie L. Primmer, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2016, touching the assessment thereon against the said Ronnie L. Primmer on 2.44 Ac Brush Ck #9530, Beaver Pond 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 $2,290 class 2 – should be assessed for $2,260 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Ronnie L. Primmer 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 $0.35

This day came Ronnie L. Primmer, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2017, touching the assessment thereon against the said Ronnie L. Primmer on 2.44 Ac Brush Ck #9530, Beaver Pond 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 $2,830 class 2 – should be assessed for $2,800 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Ronnie L. Primmer 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 $0.35

This day came Ronnie L. Primmer, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2015, touching the assessment thereon against the said Ronnie L. Primmer on 3 Ac Sandlick, Beaver Pond 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 $880 class 2 – should be assessed for $720 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Ronnie L. Primmer 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 $1.82

 This day came Ronnie L. Primmer, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2016, touching the assessment thereon against the said Ronnie L. Primmer on 3 Ac Sandlick, Beaver Pond 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 $760 class 2 – should be assessed for $720 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Ronnie L. Primmer 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 $0.46

 This day came Ronnie L. Primmer, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2017, touching the assessment thereon against the said Ronnie L. Primmer on 3 Ac Sandlick, Beaver Pond 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 $760 class 2 – should be assessed for $720 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Ronnie L. Primmer 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 $0.46

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES

DATE 2/6/2018

Tax Year 2017

Plymouth District

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

711930 Jeffrey T. Peyton Turned in leased vehicle $ 243.42

MOBILE HOMES

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES

DATE 2/6/2018

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

514792 Nancy Howerton Did not own MH 7/1/2014. $ 58.04

704414 Brandon Vanmeter Did not own MH 7/1/2016. $ 82.76

714515 Cristy Hatley Double Assessed. $ 110.14

This day the flowing 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 #69492-69594

JUSTICE FINES - Check #5317

MAGISTRATE COURT - Check #5356-5357

HOME CONFINEMENT - Check #2325-2332

HOTEL MOTEL - Check #3660-3670

K-9 FUND - Check #1488

COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT - Check #743

COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Check #1477-1483

VIDEO LOTTERY - Check #1269-1272

COAL REALLOCATION - Check #1005-1007

MCDRC FEES - Check #4675-4688

ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL - Check #6031-6042

DRUG FORFEITURE - Check #198

SHERIFF DRUG FUND - Check #1052

TEEN COURT - Check #202

HMPG FEMA BUYOUT #2 - Check #1001

RECYCLING GRANT - Check #1019-1020

ANIMAL SHELTER EST. DONATION - Check #1010

DRUG COURT - Check #1146

DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT - Check #252

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

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 WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 16, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. No Hearings Scheduled**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Gene Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated there were no hearings scheduled for that day.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 21, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. No Hearings Scheduled**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Greg Puckett, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Bill Archer opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated there were no hearings scheduled for that day.

Greg Puckett made a motion to adjourn until February 28, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

 At a special session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

 Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

 Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

THE MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION WILL MEET IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION
2. PROPOSAL FROM DUNFORD ROOFING TO REPAIR ROOF AT MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER
3. AJ ALLEGHANY SYSTEMS QUOTATION TO DISMANTLE AND REINSTALL FILE SHELVING UNITS IN CIRCUIT CLERKS OFFICE
4. TYLER TECHNOLOGIES AMENDMENT TO MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT
5. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTOR FOR COURTHOUSE FOUNDATION PROJECT

GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT

 MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

RE: GRANT – WV COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION – MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 2019 WV Community Corrections Grant Application for the Mercer Day Report Center in the amount of $369,783.

 RE: PROPOSAL – DUNFORD ROOFING

 After discussion of roof repair at the Mercer Day Report Center, no action was necessary by the Commission due to previous approval.

RE: APPROVAL – AJ ALLEGHENY SYSTEMS

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a quote from AJ Allegheny Systems to dismantle and reinstall file system in the basement of the Circuit Clerk’s Office due to work being done on the foundation of the Courthouse. Funding in the amount of $9,600 will be taken from the Budget Stabilization Fund.

 RE: CONTRACT AMENDMENT – TYLER TECHNOLOGIES

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept an amendment to the maintenance contract with Tyler Technologies allowing four quarterly payments instead of one annual payment. Payment source will be reevaluated at the start on next fiscal year.

 RE: CONTRACTOR – COURTHOUSE FOUNDATION PROJECT

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept bid from Main Street Builders for the Courthouse Foundation Underdrain Project. Funding in the amount of $19,500 will be taken from the Budget Stabilization Fund and the State Historic Preservation Grant Award.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 28, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**9:30 a.m. Kevin Graham**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Greg Puckett, Commissioner Bill Archer, and Vicky Reed.

Gene Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated that Kevin Graham was scheduled for a mineral hearing, but he did not show up or call.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

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WEST VIRGINIA:

RE: BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION.

 This day February 28, 2018, the County Commission of Mercer County, at the Courthouse thereof, met in session for the purpose of reviewing and equalizing the assessment made by the Assessor.

**10:00 a.m. Don Ershig - Mercer Mall**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Greg Puckett, Commissioner Bill Archer, Vicky Reed, Todd Kendall, Jeff Price, Don Ershig-Mercer Mall, and Hershel Rose, Attorney for Don Ershig.

Buckner opened the meeting. He asked if anyone was present for a hearing. Sharon Gearhart stated that Don Ershig, Owner of Mercer Mall, and Hershel Rose, his attorney were present.

Ershig and Rose presented their case and shared documents supporting their request to decrease the assessment on Mercer Mall from $19 million to $13 million. He indicated that the cost approach currently used by the Assessor’s Office is outdated. He thinks we should be using the income approach when setting values for retail establishments. Gearhart offered to lower the assessment to $16.2 million. Ershig did not agree with her offer. Buckner advised Ershig that the commission sitting as the Board of Review and Equalization would make a decision and send a letter within 10 days to notify them what the outcome was. Puckett made a motion to recess until 2:00 pm that afternoon.

**2:00 p.m. Don Ershig - Mercer Mall (continued)**

Present were: Assessor Sharon Gearhart, Commissioner Gene Buckner, Commissioner Greg Puckett (by phone), Commissioner Bill Archer, Prosecuting Attorney George Sitler, and Vicky Reed.

After a brief discussion, Greg Puckett made a motion to accept Sharon Gearhart’s recommendation and decrease the assessment to $16.2 million. Archer seconded and motion carried.

Bill Archer made a motion to adjourn until February 2019. Motion carried.

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