WEST VIRGINIA:

 At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, January 9, 2018,

 Present: Gene Buckner, President

Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

 RE: ESTATE – LENIEL GENTRY – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: LENIEL GENTRY, DECEASED.**

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

On the 9th day of January, 2018, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Leniel Gentry, upon the motion of Harold B. Wolfe, III, counsel for T. A. Bailey, Sheriff of Mercer County, requesting that T. A. Bailey, Sheriff of Mercer County, be relieved of his duties as Curator over the estate of Leniel Gentry, inasmuch as the matters in question have been resolved.

 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 T. A. Bailey, Sheriff of Mercer County is hereby relieved of his duties as Curator over the estate of Leniel Gentry.

 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 thisthe9th day of January, 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 Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table a funding request from Skip Crane, Project Sponsor to help purchase an Jumbotron sign until the 2nd meeting in February.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – FRIENDS OF NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request for membership to Friends of New River Gorge National River. Funding in the amount of $50 will be taken from the General Fund.

RE: PROGRESS REPORT – RECYCLING PROGRAM

This day Chip Redden, Coordinator appeared before the County Commission to present a progress report on the Mercer County Recycling Program. Public drop off locations are scheduled for Glenwood Park every Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Nemours Ruritan Club the second Wednesday of every month from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. He is working on more locations.

RE: UPDATE – GLENWOOD RECREATION PARK

This day Greg Pruett, Superintendent appeared before the County Commission to present an update on Glenwood Recreation Park. He discussed completed and future park upgrades. Reverend Garry Moore commended the Park for having the best venue for weddings. The County Commission requested that Greg Pruett gather quotes for various projects.

RE: PRESENTATION – MERCER CO. CONVENTION & VISITOR’S BUREAU

This day Jamie Null, Executive Director of the Mercer County Convention & Visitor’s Bureau appeared before the County Commission to present the new Visitor’s Guide. She also gave an update of things they are currently working on. She and Delegate Marty Gearhart are working with the Department of Highways to get appropriate ATV signage for visitors coming off of I-77. Josh Cline recommended joining together as a group and hiring a consultant firm for signage throughout the County.

RE: RESOLUTION HONORING PEARL HAMBY

This day the County Commission presented Pearl Hamby a Resolution Honoring her for a lifetime of devotion to southern WV, her family, her associates and Mercer County.

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**PEARL HAMBY**

**Whereas**, Pearl Hamby, has devoted herself to a lifetime of service to her native southern West Virginia, her family, her associates at the West Virginia University Extension Service and to Mercer County; and

**Whereas**, like many other sons and daughters of southern West Virginia, Ms. Hamby had to go away from West Virginia to an urban area to find employment. However, when the grandmother who raised her needed her help, she returned home to Mercer County to care for her in 1979; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Hamby became active in her community with, among other things, the Mercer County Branch of the NAACP. There, she worked closely with the late Harriett Wright on organizing the Mercer County branch’s annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon; and

**Whereas**, following Ms. Wright’s passing, Pearl Hamby honored Ms. Wright’s legacy by continuing her work with the NAACP. For several years, Ms. Hamby has spearheaded organizing efforts for the annual memorial luncheon honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. Ms. Hamby has been especially successful with promoting ticket sales for the annual event among her extensive network of friends throughout Mercer County; and,

**Whereas,** Ms. Hamby also continues her commitment to the county through her work with the WVU Extension Service. When the funding for Ms Hamby’s paid position with the extension service was discontinued, Ms. Hamby continued to serve as a volunteer with the agency in order to ensure that the vital work she has been providing in Mercer County continues; and

**Whereas,** Ms. Hamby’s grandmother, Rosa Lee (Gore) Shanklin, hailed from “the Ridge” overlooking the New River in the Cassius Hill Section of Summers County. Mrs. Shanklin’s family had lived in that area even before West Virginia statehood, where the family was considered to be one of the leading African American families of the region even before the American Civil War; and

**Whereas**, The Mercer County Branch NAACP has taken an active role in supporting initiatives that promote equality and civil rights for all citizens in the United States and has done so since the branch was established 100 years ago in 1918. The featured speaker at this year’s luncheon at 1 p.m., on January 13, in the Harris-Jefferson Student Center of Bluefield State College is Owens L. Brown, President of the West Virginia Chapter, NAACP.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission commends Pearl Hamby for her lifetime of service to West Virginia, Mercer County, the NAACP, her family and her community. The commission expresses hope that all Mercer County citizens will join in thanking Ms. Hamby for her commitment to the principles that Dr. King embodied.

**Given this 9th day of January, 2018.**

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

 **Gene Buckner, President**

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

 **Greg Puckett, Commissioner**

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

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

RE: DISCUSSION – NIGHT MEETINGS

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to change the starting time of night meetings to 5:30 on a trial basis for the February and May scheduled night meetings. Public comments were received from Jamie Null, Terry Basham, Jody Richmond, Tammie Toler, and Roger Topping.

RE: DISCUSSION – BLUESTONE/BRUSH CREEK WATER TRAIL

This day Bill Archer, Commissioner gave an update on the Bluestone/Brush Creek Water Trail Initiative.

RE: DISCUSSION – JIMMY LEWIS LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT

This day Bill Archer, Commissioner gave an update on the Jimmy Lewis Lake Restoration Project.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS – GREG PUCKETT

This day Greg Puckett, Commissioner discussed possible expansion of tourism opportunities with rail trails.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss McPherson Property and Route 19 Selection Committee. On motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, 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

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES

DATE 1/2/2018

Tax Year 2016

East River District

TICKET # NAME REASON AMOUNT

609740 Shahid Rana Wrong value on vehicle $ 513.82

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 #69378-69491 Void #69417-69420, 69457

JUSTICE FINES - Check #5316

EMERGENCY 911 - Check #4263

HOME CONFINEMENT - Check #2317-2324

HOTEL MOTEL - Check #3649-3659

K-9 FUND - Check #1486-1487

COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT - Check #741-742

COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Check #1467-1476

VIDEO LOTTERY - Check #1266-1268

MCDRC FEES - Check #4659-4674

ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL - Check #6023-6030

DRUG FORFEITURE - Check #197

SHERIFF DRUG FUND - Check #1051

TEEN COURT - Check #201

HMPG FEMA BUYOUT #1 - Check #1005-1010 Void #1009

HMPG FEMA BUYOUT #2 - Check #1000

RECYCLING GRANT - Check #1017-1018

ANIMAL SHELTER EST. DONATION - Check #1009

DRUG COURT - Check #1145

DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT - Check #251

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

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