WEST VIRGINIA:

 At a special session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

 Present: Gene Buckner, Commissioner

 Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

 Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

THE MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION WILL MEET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSION COURTROOM FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Time Extension for Mercer-Summers Phase IV-B Elgood Water Project
2. Selection of Contractor for ADA Ramp Project
3. Funding Request from Mercer County Development Authority
4. Resolution Recognizing Elder Abuse Fair on June 26, 2019

**GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT**

 **MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

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

 This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a time extension request for the Mercer/Summers IV-B Elgood Water Line Ext. Project Grant.

 RE: APPROVAL – CONTRACTOR FOR ADA RAMP PROJECT

 This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Main Street Builders, LLC as contractor for the Courthouse ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Replacement Project.

 RE: FUNDING REQUEST – DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

 This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a request of funds remaining in the Development Authority’s budget.

 RE: PROCLAMATION WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

 This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2019.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE**

**AWARENESS DAY**

**WHEREAS:** Older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities;

**WHEREAS:** In 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, proclaimed a day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

**WHEREAS:** 2019 marks the 1st Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Mercer County, West Virginia. Its recognition will promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

**WHEREAS:** The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and Community Connections recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and

**WHEREAS:** As our population lives longer, we are presented with an opportunity to think about our collective needs and future as a nation; and

**WHEREAS:** Ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse in the United States; and

**WHEREAS:** Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and

**WHEREAS:** Preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Where there is justice there can be no abuse; therefore, NCEA urges all people to restore justice by honoring older adults.

**WHEREAS:** Join us in our engaging and empowering movement, and putting an end to abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, the Mercer County Commission do hereby proclaim June 15, 2019 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Mercer County and encourage all of our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

**DATED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2019.**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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

 **Bill Archer, Commissioner**

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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