WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020,

Present: Gene Buckner, President

Present: Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Present: Bill Archer, Commissioner

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Megan Webb to serve as Full-Time Deputy Clerk for the County Clerk’s Office.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY FIRE SERVICE BOARD

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 Kathy Short to serve as board member for the Mercer County Fire Service Board.

RE: RESOLUTION HONORING ARTHUR EUGENE “ART” RILEY, SR.

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Honoring Arthur Eugene “Art” Riley, Sr.

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**ARTHUR EUGENE “ART” RILEY, SR.**

**Whereas**, Arthur Eugene “Art” Riley Sr., passed away at age 87 on Sunday, March 1, 2020 following a lengthy illness. At the time of his death, Art was the owner of Landmark Antique Mall in downtown Bluefield as well as Southwest Holdings, a mining equipment business based in Bluefield, Virginia but also having a location Bluefield, West Virginia; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Riley was a hard worker with various businesses including Paper Supply, but throughout his varied working career, Mr. Riley dedicated his considerable energy to voicing the concerns of his fellow citizens. He stood tall as a champion for the residents and business community of Bluefield’s downtown as President of both the Downtown Merchants Association and the Downtown Neighborhood Association. The city established similar associations citywide several years ago, but while most folded early on, Mr. Riley worked to keep the two associations he served as viable entities in the city; and

**Whereas,** long before the city created the associations, Mr. Riley proved himself to be a passionate spokesperson for civic matters in both Bluefields, and posed well-researched questions to elected officials. Mr. Riley was a fixture in the audience of the Bluefield City Board of Directors meetings, but he attended other public meetings as well when he felt the public needed explanations for the actions of public officials; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Riley was a tireless worker on behalf of Bluefield and earned the unofficial title of “Mr. Bluefield.” He served many years as chair of the annual Bluefield Christmas Parade and created the Bluefield Street Fair, an early August tradition that includes a popular downhill derby, entertainment, craft booths and much more. He also served on the Ridgerunner Committee that successfully resurrected the popular summertime attraction in Lotito Park; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Riley was a hands-on community servant who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the causes and events he championed. He transformed a vacant department store in downtown Bluefield into a vibrant consignment-style antique mall and assisted other businesses to find homes in the city he truly loved. Art Riley made a positive impact in his community.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Arthur Eugene Riley, Sr., and extends our thanks to the life of service Mr. Riley dedicated to the betterment of the city, both states and communities he loved.

**Dated this 10th day of March, 2020.**

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

**Gene Buckner, President**

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

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

**Bill Archer, Commissioner**

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 2021 West Virginia Community Corrections Grant Application for the Mercer Day Report Center in the amount of $339,990.

RE: LINE ITEM TRANSFER – ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

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

RE: GRANT – NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the National Coal Heritage Area Authority grant application in the amount of $25,000 to maintain the USDA Forestry property including trails and recreational activities. This amount includes a match of $12,500.

RE: ESTATE – ANNA L. ALIFF – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: ANNA L. ALIFF, DECEASED**

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

On the 10th day of March, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Anna L. Aliff, deceased, upon motion of Valerie Taylor, Co-Executrix, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of Anna L. Aliff, 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 Anna L. Aliff, 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 thisthe10th day of March, 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 – ROBERT L. GILLEY – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: ROBERT L. GILLEY, DECEASED**

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

On the 10th day of March, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Robert L. Gilley, deceased, upon request of Robert E. Gilley, Administrator, requesting that he be removed as Administrator, and appoint Roberta Cooper as Administratrix in his place, to finalize said estate.

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 Roberta Cooper be appointed as Administratrix of the estate of Robert L. Gilley, deceased.

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 thisthe10th day of March, 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 – PHYLLIS E. GRAVELY – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: PHYLLIS E. GRAVELY, DECEASED**

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

On the 10th day of March, 2020, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Phyllis E. Gravely, deceased, upon motion of Henry Thomas and Amanda Williams, requesting that the personal representative, Angela Marie Lambert, be removed, and Amanda Williams be appointed as Administratrix of said estate.

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 matter of the estate of Phyllis E. Gravely, deceased, be tabled until the next County Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2020.

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 thisthe10th day of March, 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 COMMISSION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table the request to purchase painting “The Baptism of Pocahontas”.

RE: HOTEL MOTEL GRANT COMMITTEE

This day Gene Buckner, Commissioner gave an update on the Hotel Motel Grant Committee which will include Kitt McCarthy, Ellen Lewis, Shalena Hastings, and Phil Lane. Meetings will be held quarterly to review grant applications.

RE: IGNITE HEALTH FOUNDATION

This day Marty Lotito, CEO, Ignite Health Foundation and Monica Martin, Appalachian Population Health Regional Coordinator appeared before the County Commission to request a meeting with the county and hospitals to discuss health care for Mercer County residents.

RE: DISCUSSIONS

This day a discussion was held regarding the Glenwood Recreation Park Advisory Committee, with Carol Bailey, President and Mary Alice Kaufman. Also, Greg Puckett, Commissioner discussed the Keep Mercer Clean Campaign.

RE: US FOREST SERVICES LABORATORY ANNOUNCEMENT

This day, Bill Archer, Commissioner announced that the County has obtained the US Forest Service Laboratory property located in Gardner.

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. 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.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – PROJECT GRADUATION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding requests from Bluefield High School, Montcalm High School, Pikeview High School, and Princeton High School. Funding in the amount of $500 for each school will be taken from the Video Lottery Fund for 2020 Project Graduation.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – CAMP CREEK STATE PARK FOUNDATION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Camp Creek State Park Foundation. Funding in the amount of $1,500 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund for the 2020 Lumber Jack Competition & Ramp Feast.

RE: RESOLUTION – REGION I 2020 ANNUAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION LIST

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Region I Planning & Development Council 2020 Annual Project Prioritization list as follows:

1. Cumberland Industrial Park Gas Line & Site Preparation

2. Matoaka Sewer Project

3. Route 19/Nubbins Ridge Water Project

4. Pinnacle Water Project

5. Broadband for Mercer County Exit 1

6. Browning Lambert Mtn. Water Project

7. Oakvale Road PSD Miscellaneous Sewer Extension

8. Bluestone River Trails

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 #72742-72841

COAL SEVERANCE - Check #3941-3947

JUSTICE FINES - Check #5345-5346

HOME CONFINEMENT - Check #2459-2462 Void #2462

HOTEL MOTEL - Check #3997-4011 Void #4003

COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT - Check #791

COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Check #1632-1634

VIDEO LOTTERY - Check #1388-1391

PROJECT LIFESAVER - Check #1001

COAL REALLOCATION - Check #1021

MCDRC FEES - Check #5191-5205

ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL - Check #6338-6348 Void #6340

DRUG FORFEITURE - Check #228-234

SHERIFF DRUG FUND - Check #1087

RECYCLING GRANT - Check #1029

DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT - Check #278

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

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