

## COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023 –10:00 A.M.

## AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS :
- Resolution Honoring the Life of Jay Mills, Former County Commissioner  
Bill Archer, President
  - Resolution Honoring the Life of Jimmy Welch, Chairman GVGPSD  
Bill Archer, President
  - Cumberland Industrial Park Broadband Project  
Change Order #1  
Cory Nipper, Design Engineer
  - Mercer County Airport  
Letter of Support for FAA Aviation Workforce  
Development Grant Application  
Bill Archer, President
  - American Rescue Plan-Check Presentations  
**City of Princeton**  
Mike Webb (MC-23-4)  
**Princeton Baseball Association**  
Danny Shingleton (MC-23-7)  
**East River Amateur Radio Club**  
Mathew Morris (MC-23-8)
  - American Rescue Plan-VOTE on Projects  
**Riff Raff Arts Collective**  
Lori McKinney (MC-23-9)  
**Bluefield Baseball Club, Inc.**  
Rocky Malamisura (MC-23-12)
  - American Rescue Plan-Project Presentation  
**Mercer County Firefighters Association**  
Aaron Beeman (MC-23-11)  
**Greenview United Methodist Church**  
Skip Gibbs (MC-23-2)
- ESTATES:
- Patrick Peavy
  - Ira D. Wiley
- FUNDING REQUESTS:
- Green Valley-Glenwood PSD  
Purchase of Treatment for Algae  
Scott Clark, Manager
  - Saunders Grove Baptist Church  
Removal of Mold/ Replacement of  
Equipment in Church  
Earl Rogers, Pastor
  - Mercer Day Report Center  
Purchase New Van  
Michelle Stewart, Director
  - Star 95 FM  
“Feed The Fur Babies” 2023  
Denise Shelton, Marketing Representative

## DISCUSSION:

- Mercer County Memorial Building  
Sign for War Museum  
Tony Whitlow, Director
- USDA Rural Development  
Southern WV Community Network  
Kent Walker, Community Liaison, WV
- Petition for Public Water Service  
Nubbins Ridge, Beeson  
David Shrewsbury, Spokesperson
- Mercer County Spay Neuter Clinic  
Update on Progress  
Rachel Sawyers, Committee Chairperson
- Glenwood Park Updates  
Proposal to Increase Rental Fees for  
Shelters/Cabins  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner
- Storm Water -400 Topaz Avenue  
Larry Lambert, Homeowner
- Brush Creek Watershed  
Gene Buckner, Commissioner
- NACO Update  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner
- Property Management  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

## COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Invoices
2. Settlements
3. Exonerations
4. List of Approved Estates for July 2023

## WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Regular Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: RESOLUTION – HONORING THE LIFE OF JAY MILLS

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Honoring the Life of Jay Mills, former County Commissioner.

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN WALLACE "JAY" MILLS

**WHEREAS**, John Wallace "Jay" Mills died at age 93 on July 10, 2023 in his residence at Narrows, Va. A well-known public servant and businessman. Jay was born in Stotesbury, Raleigh County, West Virginia in the Winding Gulf Coal Fields, but spent most of his adult life in Mercer County. At 17 years of age, Jay entered the US Navy in 1947, two years after the end of World War II. Following his service in the military, Jay served in the US Postal Service for 30-years. He was part-owner with two of his siblings in "Jay's Grocery Store" in Kegley and was elected to the Mercer County Commission where he served from 2006 to 2012, and;

**WHEREAS**, Jay, as he was known to his many friends, attended Concord University on the GI Bill. He later earned a brokers' license and sold real estate in the region. He invested his non-working time to his wife of 67 years, Beverly (Bowen) Mills, and their three sons, John, Wes and Gary Mills. Jay served as a Little League coach and played Church League Softball where he earned a reputation as a good pitcher. He and Beverly, along with their children, were members of the Kegley Baptist Church; and,

**WHEREAS**, during his term of office in the County Commission, Jay served the people through good times and difficult times. To be sure, he struggled when he had to make difficult decisions, but he also found joy in working on projects like making Marsh Fork Falls at Camp Creek State Park accessible for persons with disabilities. He also enjoyed country dancing as a member of the popular CASE Kickers, a dance club for senior citizens that entertained at events throughout the area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mercer County Commission extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Jay Mills in recognition of his life of community and public service. Jay had the heart of a servant that shined through both good and hard times.

**DATED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2023.**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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Bill Archer, President

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Gene Buckner, Commissioner

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Greg Puckett, Commissioner

RE: RESOLUTION – HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY WELCH

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution Honoring the Life of Jimmy Welch, Chairman GVGPSD.

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JIMMY WAYNE "JAKE" WELCH

**WHEREAS**, one of Mercer County's most diligent community and public servants, Jimmy Wayne "Jake" Welch, died peacefully at his home on August 3, 2023. Known to his friends and family as one of the area's most humble and gentlemanly citizens, Jimmy served as manager of the Credit Bureau of the Two Virginias until his retirement in 2002. However, after retiring as manager, Jimmy continued serving as executive director of the Credit Bureau Foundation of the Virginias, Inc., until his retirement this year; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Welch guided the Foundation in its on-going mission to award scholarships to students as well as grants educational-related organizations. In addition to his service through the Credit Bureau as well as its Foundation, Mr. Welch joined the Board of Directors of the Green Valley-Glenwood Public Service District, and served many years as its chairman for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, in all his dealings with the public he comported himself with humility, integrity and honesty. Mr. Welch was both humble and straightforward in his interactions with everyone regardless of their station in life. In short, Jimmy was a true gentleman.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mercer County Commission expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and friends on the passing of Jimmy Wayne Welch. He made a positive difference in the community he loved and served.

**DATED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:**

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BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT

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GENE BUCKNER, COMMISSIONER

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GREG PUCKETT, COMMISSIONER

RE: CUMBERLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK BROADBAND PROJECT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve change order #1 submitted by Cory Nipper, Design Engineer for the Cumberland Industrial Park Broadband Project. Change order reduces the contract price by \$9596.12 bringing contract price from \$134,596.12 to \$125,000.00.

RE: MERCER COUNTY AIRPORT – GRANT APPLICATION FAA AVIATION  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Letter of Support for FAA Aviation Workforce Development Grant Application.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – CHECK PRESENTATION

- ❖ City of Princeton – MC-23-4
- ❖ Princeton Baseball Association – MC-23-7
- ❖ East River Amateur Radio Club – MC-23-8

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – RIFF RAFF ARTS COLLECTIVE

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$25,000 to Riff Raff Arts Collective. This is application MC-23-9 from Lori McKinney.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – BLUEFIELD BASEBALL CLUB, INC.

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$50,000 to the Bluefield Baseball Club, Inc. This is application MC-23-12 from Rocky Malamisura and funds will be used for ADA compliant accessibilities.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – MERCER COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – PROJECT PRESENTATION

- ❖ Greenview United Methodist Church – MC-23-2 – Requesting \$25,000 to help replace church roof. Skip Gibbs, Presenter.

RE: ESTATE – PATRICK PEAVY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table this estate.

WEST VIRGINIA:

At an adjourned session of the County Commission continued and held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on August 8, 2023.

Present: Bill Archer,	President.
Present: A. Gene Buckner,	Commissioner.
Present: Greg Puckett,	Commissioner.

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
IN RE: PATRICK PEAVY, DECEASED.***

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

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Patrick Peavy, deceased, upon petition of Ryan Flanigan, one of the Fiduciary Commissioners of said County, requesting that the current Administrator, Patrick D. Peavy, Jr., be removed for failure to complete his duties regarding the administration of the estate as required by law, and Devolia Q. Peavy, Heir, 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 Patrick Peavy, deceased, be tabled until the next County Commission meeting on September 12, 2023.

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 this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

**ENTER:**

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**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT  
MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

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**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK  
MERCER COUNTY CLERK**

RE: ESTATE – IRA D. WILEY - DECEASED

WEST VIRGINIA:

At an adjourned session of the County Commission continued and held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on August 8, 2023.

Present: Bill Archer,	President.
Present: A. Gene Buckner,	Commissioner.
Present: Greg Puckett,	Commissioner.

***BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
IN RE: IRA D. WILEY, DECEASED.***

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

On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Ira D. Wiley, deceased, upon petition of Wayne Stonestreet, one of the Fiduciary Commissioners of said County, requesting that the current Executor, Barry D. Wiley, be removed for failure to complete his duties regarding the administration of the estate as required by law, and the Sheriff of Mercer County, T. A. Bailey, be appointed as Administrator DBN CTA 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 Sheriff of Mercer County, T. A. Bailey, be appointed as Administrator DBN CTA, of the estate of Ira D. Wiley, deceased, and the personal representative be removed. No bond being required.

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 this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT  
MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

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**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK  
MERCER COUNTY CLERK**



RE: FUNDING REQUEST – GREEN VALLEY-GLENWOOD PSD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding request from Green Valley – Glenwood PSD, Scott Clark, Manager, for the purchase of treatment for algae. Funding in the amount of \$8309.50 from Hotel/Motel.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - SAUNDERS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH –  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER

This matter has been tabled.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – STAR 95 FM “FEED THE FUR BABIES” 2023

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding request from Star 95 FM “Feed the Fur Babies:” 2023, Denise Shelton, Marketing Representative. Funding in the amount of \$500.00 will be taken from Video/Lottery.

RE: DISCUSSION

- ❖ Mercer County Memorial Building – Discussed ordering new sign
  - ❖ USDA Rural Development – Southern WV Community Network, Kent Walker
  - ❖ Petition for Public Water Service – Nubbins Ridge, Beeson, David Shrewsbury
  - ❖ Mercer County Spay & Neuter Clinic – Funding Issue, Rachel Sawyers
  - ❖ Glenwood Park – Proposal to Increase Rental Fees – Tabled until next meeting
- This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted to table this until next meeting.
- ❖ Storm Water – 400 Topaz Ave. – Larry Lambert, Homeowner - Requesting ditch cleaned to prevent flooding in basement
  - ❖ Brush Creek Watershed – Gene Buckner
  - ❖ NACO Update – Greg Puckett –
  - ❖ Property Management – EXECUTIVE SESSION

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session. On motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to come out of executive session and go back into regular session.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – SAUNDERS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to oppose funding request from Saunders Grove Baptist Church.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – MERCER COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION – MC-23-11

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding request from the Mercer County Firefighters Association, Aaron Beeman. Funding in the amount of \$300,000.00 was approved. Funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 will be taken from the American Rescue Plan and \$150,000.00 will be taken from Budget Stabilization. Greg Puckett, Commissioner, stated a clause that the funding will be available when all invoices have been turned in and ready for purchase encapsulated in a lump sum available to the nine departments to purchase the safety equipment needed for the departments across the board since some departments may need more equipment than others. It is up to the association to decide the needs of the departments.

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – TRIPLE C TRANSPORT & REPAIR LLC

This day came Triple C Transport & Repair LLC, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property Books for 2022, touching the assessment thereon against the said 2000 Peterbilt, 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 \$12,165 class 3. Taxes are paid through the state. It is therefore ordered that Triple C Transport & Repair LLC 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 \$276.88

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – EDWARD & MICHELLE TOMAN

This day came Edward & Michelle Toman, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lot 4-7 Sec 819C Spring Grove West Pt Lt Powatan, 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 \$178,860 class 4– should be assessed for \$178,860 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Edward & Michelle Toman 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 \$2480.79

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – KRISTIAN KING-FINLEY

This day came Kristian King-Finley, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lot 13 (1.717 Ac) Littleburg DW, 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 \$54,240 class 3– should be assessed for \$54,240 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Kristian King-Finley 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 \$616.71

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP

C/O BO A LAMBERT

This day came American Advisors Group, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said PT Lot 77 East River Mountain, 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 \$34,080, should be assessed for \$34,080 class 2 Owner Occupied. It is therefore ordered that American Advisors Group 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 \$472.69

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – ROBERT F / ROBERT L MCKINNEY &  
BEVERLY PLATT

This day came Robert F / Robert L McKinney & Beverly Platt, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said 2 Pts Lt 6& Pt 5 Lilly Grove DW, East River 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 \$32,100 class 2 – should be assessed for \$32,100 class 2 with the \$20,000 disability applied to property. It is therefore ordered that Robert F / Robert L McKinney & Beverly Platt 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 \$227.40

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – JAMES MCGUIRE, JR

This day came James McGuire, Jr, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said 84.40 Ac Island Creek, Plymouth 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 \$28,560 class 2– should be assessed for \$10,920 class 2. It is therefore ordered that James McGuire, Jr 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 \$200.57

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – VIRGINIA DILLON

This day came Virginia Dillon, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lot 1 Sec 929 Union, 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 \$20,760 class 4 – should be assessed for \$20,760 class 2. It is therefore ordered that Virginia Dillon 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 \$287.94

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – MARCUS / KAYLA PATTERSON

This day came Marcus / Kayla Patterson, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2020, touching the assessment thereon against the said 2015 Ford, Plymouth 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 \$6,345 class 3 – did not own 07/01/2019. It is therefore ordered that Marcus / Kayla Patterson 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 \$170.40

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – EDWARD & MICHELLE TOMAN

This day came Edward & Michelle Toman, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lot 100x150x100x150 Powatan, 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 \$4,920 – property is owner occupied residence. It is therefore ordered that Edward & Michelle Toman 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 \$68.24

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – DAVID & LORI CHRISTIAN

This day came David & Lori Christian, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lots 16-17-33-34-Pt 18 Lorton Lick Incl Pcl 24, 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 \$53,100 Class 2 – should be assessed for \$25,985 Class 2. It is therefore ordered that David & Lori Christian 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 \$308.30

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – DAVID & LORI CHRISTIAN

This day came David & Lori Christian, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2022, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lots 16-17-33-34-Pt 18 Lorton Lick Incl Pcl 24, 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 \$51,180 Class 2 – should be assessed for \$25,113 Class 2. It is therefore ordered that David & Lori Christian 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 \$296.64

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – THE BRONZE ELEMENT INC

This day came The Bronze Element Inc., by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Lot 24-39 Mercer St (Comm), Princeton, 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 \$136,620 Class 4 – should be assessed for \$96,600 Class 4. It is therefore ordered that The Bronze Element Inc 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 \$1,109.19



RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – ERIN BAKER & JOSHUA T. HANSON

This day came Erin Baker & Joshua T. Hanson, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said 0.16 AC Bluefield Rd Plat #13634, East River 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 \$76,020 and property was mistakenly Class 3, this is owner occupied residence. It is therefore ordered that Erin Baker & Joshua T. Hanson 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 \$864.35

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – STEPHEN & KATHY RAHALL

This day came Stephen & Kathy Rahall by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said Pt 10.30 Ac Mary I Johnston, East River 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 \$126,350 and the County Court split on property, 3 houses on property only 1 house should be in Class 3 – given wrong ownership information by Stephen Rahall at the time of review. Assessed for \$126,350 Class 3 – should be assessed for \$60,170 Class 3 and \$66,180 Class 2. It is therefore ordered that Stephen & Kathy Rahall 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 \$1,436.60

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – GARY R. RHULE

This day came Gary R. Rhule, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said 0.37 Acs East River DW, East River 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 \$44,160 Class 3 – should be assessed for \$44,160 Class 2. It is therefore ordered that Gary R. Rhule 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 \$502.10

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – LUCADO PROPERTIES LLC

This day came Lucado Properties LLC by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said 2.13 Ac Green Valley, 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 \$242,420 and should be assessed for \$132,000. Building was commercial and converted to residential, no longer in business. It is therefore ordered that Lucado Properties LLC 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 \$2,510.95

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – RICHARD & DEBRA MORTON

This day came Richard & Debra Morton, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Land Books for 2023, touching the assessment thereon against the said 3.28 Ac Round Bottom, Plymouth 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 \$8,280 and should be assessed for \$1,500, overcharge for acreage amount. It is therefore ordered that Richard & Debra Morton 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 \$154.18

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – CLAUDE SMITH

This day came Claude Smith, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property Books for 2021, touching the assessment thereon against the said 2011 Ford, East River 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 \$1,575 Class 3 – should be assessed for \$788 Class 3, was not aware vehicle was reconstructed at the time the supplement ticket was made. It is therefore ordered that Claude Smith 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 \$17.91

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – JACQUELINE THOMAS

This day came Jacqueline Thomas, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property Books for 2022, touching the assessment thereon against the said 2006 Chevrolet, Princeton, 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 \$3,480 Class 4 – should be assessed for \$1,740 Class 4, was not aware vehicle was reconstructed at the time the supplement ticket was made. It is therefore ordered that Jacqueline Thomas 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 \$48.30

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES  
DATE 8/8/2023

Tax Year 2021

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
200002862	Scott Neel	Error in supplement ticket, Did not owe on vehicle	\$ 31.40

Tax Year 2021

East River District

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500003364	Marcus K. Patterson	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 112.66
500003380	James C. Mitchell Jr	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 420.92

Tax Year 2022

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
200001295	Dustin Booker	Wrong value on supplement	\$ 244.44
200001349	Justin Cardwell	Keyed wrong year on supplement	\$ 11.38

Tax Year 2022

East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500001640	James C. Mitchell, Jr.	Error in supplement	\$ 389.50
500001682	Jennelle Paving	Error in supplement	\$ 196.30

## Tax Year 2022

Princeton

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000000500	Mya Tooley	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 81.18

## Tax Year 2022

Rock

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1100000760	Drema Hall	Supplement should have	\$ 40.62

Been a 2023

## Tax Year 2023

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
301668	Matthew S. Gray	Did not own MH	\$ 35.14
5919	James G. Mooney, Sr.	Should be tax exempt	\$ 400.00
200000011	Jerry L. Taylor	Keying error on supplement	\$ 150.06

## Tax Year 2023

Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
16317	John Walker	Should be no 2021 back tax	\$ 65.30
16781	William Zinn	Should be no 2021 back tax	\$ 24.26
16778	William Zinn	Should be no 2021 back tax	\$ 16.80
11490	City of Bluefield	Tax Exempt	\$ 39.96

## Tax Year 2023

Plymouth

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
310290	Dakota Dick	Paid Taxes in Cabell Co.	\$ 329.96
311073	David P. White	Error in ticket	\$ 534.84
29839	Dawn Casstevens	Should be no 2021 back tax	\$ 9.18

## Tax Year

ER-BP-ROCK-PLYM

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
308782	Lisa A. Rose	Double assessed oh MH	\$ 77.78
313053	Justin Goins	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 113.12
312577	Heather Bailey	Double assessed on MH	\$ 206.98
312778	Eddie Carr	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 155.54
310814	Marcus Pinter	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 228.40
307154	Jessie Farmer	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 77.78
307195	Micky Fitzko	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 77.78
309464	Tiki Ward	MH junked	\$ 70.14
309037	Hubert Smith	Moved MH to VA	\$ 77.78
304326	Jim D. Wolfe	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 61.82
307890	Karen B. Lambert	Double assessed on MH	\$ 87.60

Tax Year  
BP

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
300548	Janie Black	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 392.28
302904	Christina M. Nelson	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 31.72
302892	Pam Neel	Deceased	\$ 83.78
301493	Melissa S. Forbes	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 184.20
303504	June L. Scott	Deceased	\$ 58.34
302876	Ashley Neal	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 77.78
301563	Domanick Gatlin	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 35.14
302030	Imagination Station	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 155.54
304142	Amanda Walker	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 31.72

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:

**MONTH OF JULY 2023:**

GENERAL COUNTY	- Check #77608 – 77708	
COAL SEVERANCE	- Check #4329 - 4334	
EMERGENCY 911	- Check #4289	
HOME CONFINEMENT	- Check #2623 - 2626	
HOTEL MOTEL	- Check #4583 - 4592	
COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT	- Check #866 - 868	
COURTHOUSE ANNEX	- Check #1924 - 1930	
VIDEO LOTTERY	- Check #1571 - 1574	
COAL REALLOCATION	- Check #1056	
MCDRC FEES	- Check #5920 - 5936	
ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL	- Check #6801 – 6813	VOID #6810
FINANCIAL STABILIZATION	- Check #1053 - 1054	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	- Check #1044 - 1051	
DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT	- Check #318	

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until August 22, 2023.

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Bill Archer  
President

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BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT  
 MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

### WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Special Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: E911 – RATE INCREASE PUBLIC MEETING #2 – EAST RIVER RURITAN

- Mercer County Communications Center 911 Rate Increase Public Meeting  
**Residential** - \$.75 per month, once a year for 5 years  
**Commercial** – Increase from \$3.00 to \$8.00 per month first 8 lines then \$1.00 per line

6:01 – Meeting called to order, no one there to speak publicly

6:03 – Motion to adjourn, Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded, Greg Puckett,  
 Commissioner

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until August 17, 2023.

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 Bill Archer President

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 MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

### WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Special Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: E911 – RATE INCREASE PUBLIC MEETING #3 – KAREN PRESERVATI  
 CENTER

- Mercer County Communications Center 911 Rate Increase Public Meeting  
**Residential** - \$.75 per month, once a year for 5 years  
**Commercial** – Increase from \$3.00 to \$8.00 per month first 8 lines then \$1.00 per line

6:00 – Meeting called to order, one person there to speak publicly

- Melanie Jessee spoke publicly about increase hurting the elderly, what will the money be used for; if landlines go up, cell phones most definitely will go up.

6:20 – Motion to adjourn, Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded, Gene Buckner,  
 Commissioner



It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until August 17, 2023.

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President

Bill Archer

## COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 –3:30 P.M.

## AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER (Todd Gray)  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS: - Resolution for Overdose Awareness Day  
 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

ESTATES: - No Estates

## FUNDING REQUESTS:

Governors Highway Safety Program  
 Purchase Stalker MC360 Message Trailer  
 Adam Ballard, Region 8 Coordinator

Mercer County Historical Society  
 Heritage Festival-September 8-9, 2023  
 Lois Miller, President

Chuck Mathena Center  
 National & International Productions  
 Candace Wilson

Exterior Services SWV, Inc.  
 Final Invoice for Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts

Bluestone Valley Trails  
 Purchase 32.43 Acres-Brush Creek  
 Bill Archer, President

Virginian Asphalt Paving, LLC  
 Invoice for Demolition of Structures  
 Lori Mills, Dilapidated Structures Officer

## DISCUSSION:

American Rescue Plan  
 Status of Applications  
 Gene Buckner, Commissioner

Liberty National Insurance  
 Wiley Crowder, Sales Representative

Glenwood Park Updates  
 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Brush Creek Watershed  
 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Leash Law-Animal Accountability  
 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Animal Shelter Operations  
 Gene Buckner, Commissioner

Property Matters  
 Bill Archer, President

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**MERCER COUNTY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES  
FORMAL HEARINGS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Structure</u>	<u>Map/Parcel</u>
John Geotes	1274 Beckley Rd	Car Wash	Map 16, Parcel 13
Bonnie McCarty	1451 Old Athens Rd	Double Wide	Map17, Parcel 24.21
Mary Johnson	3524 Beckley Rd.	Trailer	Map 39, Parcel 94
Larry Young	Matoaka Road	Trailers (Lake Bottom)	Map 39, Parcel 28
Zaborsky	186 Duck Pond Rd	House	Map 17C, Parcel 36

**WEST VIRGINIA:**

At a Regular Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, August 22, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: RESOLUTION – OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution for Overdose Awareness Day.

## Mercer County Commission

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### OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Overdose Awareness Day is internationally recognized on August 31 of each year to raise awareness of drug overdoses, reduce the stigma of drug-related deaths, and acknowledge the grief felt by families and friends by remembering those who have died or had a permanent injury as a result of a drug overdose; and
- WHEREAS:** Since 2020, West Virginia has led the nation in drug overdose prevention and intervention programs; and
- WHEREAS:** West Virginia has had the highest decrease in drug overdoses in the nation since September 2022, but still leads the nation in drug overdose deaths, with almost ten percent of our citizens dying due to a fatal drug overdose in the last twelve months; and
- WHEREAS:** It is important to recognize the signs of someone struggling with substance use disorder as such person will often have personality changes, health problems, relationship problems, difficulty at work, and financial hardships; and
- WHEREAS:** Addiction touches people of all backgrounds; despite race, religion, education, age, or social class, people from all walks of life have suffered from substance use disorder or known someone who has; and
- WHEREAS:** The people who suffer from substance use disorder are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, family, and friends to many, and it is up to the community to make strides to reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorder to bring about education and healing; now
- THEREFORE:** We, the COMMISSION of Mercer County, West Virginia, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2023, as OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY in Mercer County, West Virginia, and light our county's great house in purple from August 24-31, 2023, in a show of support and remembrance.

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of Mercer County, West Virginia be affixed the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:

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Bill Archer, President

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Gene Buckner, Commissioner

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Greg Puckett, Commissioner

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Governors Highway Safety Program, Adam Ballard, Region 8 Coordinator, for the purchase of Stalker MC360 Message Trailer. Reimbursable funding in the amount of \$19,412 will be taken from Video/Lottery. Reimbursable funds will come from the Law Enforcement Liaison Grant (Beckley Office).

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - MERCER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from the Mercer County Historical Society, Lois Miller, President, for the Heritage Festival – September 8-9, 2023. Funding in the amount of \$2,500 will be taken from Hotel/Motel.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – CHUCK MATHENA CENTER

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from the Chuck Mathena Center, Candace Wilson, for National and International Productions. Funding in the amount of \$7,500 will be taken from Hotel/Motel.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – EXTERIOR SERVICES SWV, INC.

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the final invoice from Exterior Services SWV, Inc. for Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts. Funding in the amount of \$47,712.14 will be taken from American Rescue Plan.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – VIRGINIAN ASPHALT PAVING, LLC.

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the invoices from Virginian Asphalt Paving, LLC, Lori Mills, Dilapidated Structures Officer, for the demolition of dilapidated structures. Reimbursable funding will be taken from Coal Severance. Reimbursing funds will come from Department of Environmental Protection.

**DISCUSSION:**

RE: DISCUSSION – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to stop taking applications for the American Rescue Plan Funds due to amount of funding left available.

RE: DISCUSSION – LIBERTY NATIONAL INSURANCE – WILEY CROWDER

This matter has been tabled.

RE: DISCUSSION – GLENWOOD PARK UPDATES

Credit to Vicky Reed, County Administrator, for her work on getting new playground at Glenwood Park. Several requests for a curly slide. Pickleball courts are completed. \$700,000 investment in a one-acre lot.

RE: DISCUSSION – BRUSHCREEK WATERSHED

Dam informational video coming soon.

RE: DISCUSSION – LEASH LAW – ANIMAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to create an exploratory ordinance for a leash law.

RE: DISCUSSION – ANN HOWARD (Facebook) – CORNBREAD RIDGE

Ann Howard requested an update for property on Cornbread Ridge. Lori Mills stated that property has changed hands and new owner has applied for funding for dilapidated structure.

Owner must take legal action to evict tenants.

**MERCER COUNTY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES FORMAL HEARING**

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – JOHN GEOTES – 1274 BECKLEY ROAD

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a 30-day continuance for the car wash owned by John Geotes located at 1274 Beckley Road, Map 16, Parcel 13.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – BONNIE MCCARTY – 1481 OLD ATHENS ROAD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a 30-day continuance for the double wide owned by Bonnie McCarty located at 1481 Old Athens Road, Map 17, Parcel 24.21.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – MARY JOHNSON – 3524 BECKLEY RD

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a 30-day continuance for the trailer owned by Mary Johnson located at 3524 Beckley Road, Map 39, Parcel 94

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – LARRY YOUNG – MATOAKA ROAD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a 0-day continuance for the trailers (Lake Bottom) owned by Larry Young located on Matoaka Road (Lake Bottom), Map 39, Parcel 28. Dilapidated Building Officer, Lori Mills, instructed to seek legal advice concerning this situation from Brian Cochran, Prosecuting Attorney.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – ZABORSKY – 186 DUCK POND ROAD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a standard order of demolition for the house owned by Zaborsky located at 186 Duck Pond Road, Map 17C, Parcel 36.

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 Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to come out of executive session and go back into regular session.

RE: 32.43 AC BRUSH CREEK – LOCATED 09-7-0021

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 32.43 acres, Brush Creek, White Oak Creek Falls, located in Mercer County; 09-7-0021 for the sum of \$40,000. Funding in the amount of \$20,000 will be taken from Bluestone Valley Trails and \$20,000 will be taken from Hotel/Motel.

\*\*\*Emergency meeting to correct funding information on August 23, 2023.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until September 12, 2023.

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President

Bill Archer



## WEST VIRGINIA:

At an Emergency Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Phone:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: 32.43 AC BRUSH CREEK – LOCATED 09-7-0021 – AMENDED ORDER

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to amend previous motion taking funding in the amount of \$20,000 from Bluestone Valley Trails and \$20,000 from Hotel/Motel for the purchase of 32.43 acres, White Oak Creek Falls 09-7-0021. Funding in the amount of \$40,000 will now be taken from Hotel/Motel.

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 Bill Archer President

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BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT  
 MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Special Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: E911 – RATE INCREASE PUBLIC MEETING #4 – BLUEWELL VFD

- Mercer County Communications Center 911 Rate Increase Public Meeting  
**Residential** - \$.75 per month, once a year for 5 years  
**Commercial** – Increase from \$3.00 to \$8.00 per month first 8 lines then \$1.00 per line

6:00 – Meeting called to order, No one there to speak publicly

6:01 – Motion to adjourn, Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded, Greg Puckett,

Commissioner

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned.

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 Bill Archer President

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WEST VIRGINIA:

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Present:	Bill Archer	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner

RE: E911 – RATE INCREASE PUBLIC MEETING #5 – GREEN VALLEY-GLENWOOD VFD

- Mercer County Communications Center 911 Rate Increase Public Meeting  
**Residential** - \$.75 per month, once a year for 5 years  
**Commercial** – Increase from \$3.00 to \$8.00 per month first 8 lines then \$1.00 per line

6:00 – Meeting called to order, no one there to speak publicly

6:01 – Motion to adjourn, Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded, Greg Puckett, Commissioner

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned.

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 Bill Archer President