

## COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023 –10:00 A.M.

## AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

## APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

WV First Foundation  
 Appointment of Mercer Representative  
 Tish Chafin, Attorney

Mercer Day Report Center  
 Employment & Oath of Office  
 Michelle Stewart, Executive Director

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS : -

Mercer County Development Authority  
 Resolution Regarding TIF Public Hearing  
 Resolution Regarding Public Hearing for  
 Development District  
 Jordan Maynor, Assistant Director

Resolution Honoring the Life of  
 Lyle Huntington  
 Bill Archer, President

Resolution Honoring the Life of  
 Nick Ameli  
 Bill Archer, President

Region One Planning & Development  
 DE/BEAD Broadband Listening Session  
 Justin Watkins, Project Manager

American Rescue Plan-Check Presentation  
**Women's Center of Mercer County**  
 Kathy Rahall, President (MC-22-61)

American Rescue Plan-Vote on Projects  
**Bluestone Valley VFD**  
 Ashley Brewster (MC-22-65)  
**Concord University**  
 Danial Fitzpatrick (MC-22-68)  
**Bluewell Improvement Association**  
 Skip Crane (MC-23-3)  
**Wade Center**  
 Betty Brainerd (MC-23-5)  
**Mercer County Communications**  
 Robert Hoge (MC-23-6)

American Rescue Plan-Project Presentation  
**Mercer County Public Service District**  
 Mike Kennett (MC-22-69)  
**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)  
**Riff Raff Arts Collective**  
 Lori McKinney (MC-23-9)

Final Budget Revision FY 2023  
 Coal Severance #2  
 General County #4 Verlin Moye CC

Love Where You Live Keep Mercer Clean  
 Aluminum Can Contest Winners  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Melrose Elementary  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mountain Valley Elementary  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Spanishburg Elementary

FUNDING REQUESTS:

Mercer County Sheriff's Department  
 Purchase Three New Ford Escapes for  
 Home Confinement Officers  
 Mathew Hatfield/Steve Sommers

Mercer County Fair, Inc.  
 Music Venue & Production  
 Steve Johnson, President

DISCUSSION:

Inflation Reduction Act  
 Brandi Reese/Greg Puckett

Update on 2023 Fishing Rodeo  
 Josh Parks, Litter Control Officer

Proposal for Leash Law  
 Venetia Brand

Brush Creek Watershed  
 Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Real Estate  
 Brian Cochran, Prosecuting Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

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

## WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

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

RE: WV FIRST FOUNDATION – APPOINTMENT OF MERCER  
REPRESENTATIVE

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to appoint Greg Puckett, Commissioner, to be the Mercer County Representative for the WV First Foundation.

RE: OATH – MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER – MICHELLE STEWART

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Michelle Stewart as Executive Director for Mercer Day Report Center.

RE: ESTATE – WILLIAM J. FARMER - DECEASED

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

**IN RE: WILLIAM J FARMER, DECEASED.**

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

On the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of William J. Farmer, Sr., deceased, upon motion of Derrick Leffler, Attorney, requesting that this estate be returned to the County Commission regarding the removal of the personal representative, Jeremiah Farmer, as there have been no agreement between the two parties after being tables at the November meeting.

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 Jeremiah Farmer remain as Executor to complete the administration of the estate of William J. Farmer, Sr., deceased.

All od which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED**. The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order,

Dated this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

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**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT  
 MERCER COUNTY COMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

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**VERLIN T. MOYE  
 MERCER COUNTY CLERK**

RE: RESOLUTION – TIF PUBLIC HEARING

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution regarding TIF Public Hearing.

**Resolution Regarding TIF Public Hearing**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia (the “County Commission”) is authorized by the West Virginia Tax Increment Financing Act, Chapter 7, Article 11B of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the “Act”), to create development and redevelopment districts, approve project plans, issue tax increment financing obligations and take such other actions necessary or desirable to facilitate the orderly development and economic stability of Mercer County, all as more fully set forth in the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission and the Development Authority of Mercer County (the “Developer”) desire for the County Commission to create and establish a development district to be known and designated as “The County Commission of Mercer County Development District No. 1” (the “TIF District”), and approve a development project plan (the “Project Plan”), the design, permitting, acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipping of site, infrastructure, and other capital improvements that will facilitate development within, or for the benefit of, the TIF District, including, without limitation, site acquisition, remediation, site preparation, cut and fill, site infrastructure, earthwork, new roads and improvement and relocation of existing roads, including without limitation, intersection improvements, curbing, bridges, traffic control, and lighting, and other related infrastructure, water lines, water works facilities, sanitary sewer lines, sewerage facilities, stormwater facilities, wetlands mitigation, electric, natural gas, telecommunications, cable, fiber optics, and other utility improvements and utility relocations, demolition, community facilities, streetscaping, including but not limited to intersection improvements, sidewalks, curbing and guttering, street lighting and traffic signals, other improvements to infrastructure, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain athletic facilities, including without limitation, outdoor recreation facilities, fields, parks, and/or stadiums, and all necessary appurtenances and amenities within or benefitting the proposed TIF District (collectively, the “TIF Project”), all in order to facilitate the issuance of tax increment financing obligations or the utilization of tax increment revenues to finance the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping the TIF Project, being necessary public capital improvements within or benefitting the TIF District;

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has prepared certain information regarding the proposed TIF District, including the proposed boundaries and the proposed Project Plan, for review and consideration by the County Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission, under and pursuant to the Act, desires to hold a public hearing at which interested parties be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the proposed creation of the TIF District, its proposed boundaries and the proposed Project Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. It is hereby found and determined, subject to a public hearing and other required actions, that the County Commission will consider for approval the Tax Increment Financing Application for the creation of the TIF District and the approval of the Project Plan (the “Application”) and, if approved, submit the Application to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development for consideration and obtain all other necessary approvals.

2. The County Commission hereby sets a public hearing regarding the Application for Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time.

3. The County Commission hereby approves for publication, under and in accordance with the applicable provision of the Act that certain Notice of Public Hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

[Signature Page Follows]

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified, elected and acting Clerk of The County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia (the "County Commission"), does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the County Commission at its regular meeting duly held, pursuant to proper notice thereof, on June 13, 2023, a quorum being present and acting throughout, and which Resolution has not been modified, amended or revoked and is a true, correct and complete copy thereof as of this 13th day of June, 2023.

By: Verlin T. Moye  
Name: Verlin Moye  
Title: County Clerk

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER  
COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

By: Bill Archer  
Name: Bill Archer  
Title: President

RE: RESOLUTION – HEARING FOR DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution regarding Public Hearing for Development District.

**Resolution Regarding Public Hearing – Development District**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia (the “County Commission”) is authorized by the County Economic Opportunity Development District Act, Chapter 7, Article 22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the “Act”), to create economic opportunity development districts, to approve economic opportunity development district projects, to issue bonds or notes to finance development expenditures and other costs permitted by the Act and to take other actions as are necessary or desirable to stimulate the construction, supplementation, reconstruction and repair of structures and facilities in undeveloped, underdeveloped or seriously deteriorated areas within Mercer County, West Virginia (the “County”), which will serve a public purpose and promote the health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of all citizens in the State of West Virginia (the “State”), all as more fully set forth in the Act;

**WHEREAS**, the Development Authority of Mercer County (the “Developer”) has requested that the County Commission consider the creation and establishment of an economic opportunity development district to be known and designated as “The Ridges Economic Opportunity Development District” (the “Excise Tax District”);

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has provided certain information regarding the proposed Excise Tax District, including the proposed boundaries, to the County Commission for its review and consideration;

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission anticipates receiving for its review and consideration for approval and submission to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development and the West Virginia Legislature an application for approval of economic opportunity development district projects for the proposed Excise Tax District;

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission recognizes the potential of the Excise Tax District to stimulate the construction, supplementation, reconstruction and repair of structures and facilities in an undeveloped or underdeveloped area of the County, thereby stimulating economic growth and job creation in the County, which would serve a public purpose and promote the health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of all citizens in the County and State as provide for in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has requested that the County Commission, under and pursuant to the Act, hold a public hearing at which interested parties be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the proposed creation of the Excise Tax District and its proposed boundaries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. It is hereby found and determined, subject to a public hearing and other required actions, that the County Commission will consider for approval the Economic Opportunity Development District Application (the “Application”) and, if approved, will submit the Application to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development and the West Virginia Legislature for consideration and obtain all other necessary approvals.



2. The County Commission recognizes the potential of the Excise Tax District to stimulate the construction, supplementation, reconstruction and repair of structures and facilities in an undeveloped or underdeveloped area of the County and State, thereby stimulating economic growth and job creation in the County, which would serve a public purpose and promote the health, safety, prosperity, security and general welfare of all citizens in the County and State as provide for in the Act.

3. The County Commission hereby sets a public hearing regarding the proposed creation of the Excise Tax District for Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time.


4. The County Commission hereby approves for publication, under and in accordance with the applicable provision of the Act, that certain Notice of Public Hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

5. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

[Signature Page Follows]


Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER  
COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

By:   
Name: Bill Archer  
Title: President

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, being the duly qualified, elected and acting Clerk of The County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia (the "County Commission"), does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the County Commission at its regular meeting duly held, pursuant to proper notice thereof, on June 13, 2023, a quorum being present and acting throughout, and which Resolution has not been modified, amended or revoked and is a true, correct and complete copy thereof as of this 13th day of June, 2023.

By:   
Name: Verlin Moyer  
Title: County Clerk



**Exhibit A****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE *BLUEFIELD DAILY TELEGRAPH*  
ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS  
ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023 AND  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

**APPLICATION REGARDING CREATION OF  
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND  
APPROVAL OF THE RIDGES PROJECT NO. 1  
AND ISSUANCE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING OBLIGATIONS**

A public hearing will be held at a special meeting of The County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia (the "County Commission"), on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Judge William Sadler's Courtroom located at the Mercer County Courthouse, 1501 West Main Street, Princeton, West Virginia 24740, and at such hearing any person interested may appear and present comments, protests, suggestions and otherwise express their views respecting an application regarding the creation of a development district to be designated as "The County Commission of Mercer County Development District No. 1" (the "TIF District") in Mercer County, West Virginia, and the financing of certain projects described in a Project Plan for the TIF District to be designated as "The Ridges Project No. 1" (the "Project Plan"). All comments, protests, suggestions and views shall be heard at such public hearing, and the County Commission shall thereafter take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises regarding the approval, pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 11B of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Act"), respecting the application regarding the creation of the TIF District and the approval of the Project Plan. The following is a brief summary of such matters.

**Creation of TIF District**

The proposed TIF District includes approximately 390 acres and is located approximately 0.7 miles from the I-77 and U.S. Route 460 interchange (Exit 9) and generally between Pisgah and Halls Ridge Roads. A map of the proposed boundaries of the TIF District is set forth below.

[INSERT MAP]

**Approval of Project Plan**

The County Commission and the Development Authority of Mercer County (the "Developer") propose the design, permitting, acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipping of site, infrastructure, and other capital improvements that will facilitate development within, or for the benefit of, the TIF District, including, without limitation, site acquisition, remediation, site preparation, cut and fill, site infrastructure, earthwork, new roads and improvement and relocation of existing roads, including without limitation, intersection improvements, curbing, bridges, traffic control, and lighting, and other related infrastructure, water lines, water works facilities, sanitary sewer lines, sewerage facilities, stormwater facilities, wetlands mitigation, electric, natural gas, telecommunications, cable, fiber optics, and other utility improvements and utility relocations, demolition, community facilities, streetscaping, including but not limited to intersection improvements, sidewalks, curbing and guttering, street lighting and traffic

signals, other improvements to infrastructure, and the costs of planning, acquiring, constructing and equipping certain athletic facilities, including without limitation, outdoor recreation facilities, fields, parks, and/or stadiums, and all necessary appurtenances and amenities within or benefitting the proposed TIF District (collectively, the "TIF Project").

#### **Tax Increment Financing Obligations**

To finance the costs of the TIF Project, the County Commission proposes to issue tax increment revenue bonds or other obligations (collectively, the "TIF Obligations") with maturities not to exceed 30 years from the date of the creation of the TIF District. The TIF Obligations may be issued from time to time in one or more series and at such time or times as may be determined, at the discretion of the County Commission. Proceeds of the TIF Obligations are generally expected to be used to (i) finance all or a portion of the costs of the TIF Project, including architectural, engineering, legal and other professional fees and expenses; (ii) fund reserves for the TIF Obligations, as needed; (iii) fund capitalized interest on the TIF Obligations, as needed; and (iv) pay costs of issuance of the TIF Obligations, including costs relating to the creation of the TIF District and preparation and approval of this Tax Increment Financing Application, and related costs. A portion of the costs of the TIF Project may also be paid on a pay-as-you-go basis directly from tax increment revenues.

Further information regarding the proposed TIF District, the Project Plan, the TIF Project and the TIF Obligations are on file and available for inspection at the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours, located at 1501 West Main Street, Princeton, West Virginia.

Dated: June 13, 2023

By: /s/ Verlin Moye  
County Clerk

RE: RESOLUTION – HONORING THE LIFE OF LYLE HUNTINGTON

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 Carlyle “Lyle” Huntington.

## Mercer County Commission

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GREG PUCKETT  
334 Pine Acres Way  
PRINCETON, WV 24739

### RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CARLYLE “LYLE” HUNTINGTON

**Whereas**, one of Mercer County’s most dedicated and tireless proponents of economic development and quality of life innovative solutions, Carlyle “Lyle” Huntington, died on April 27, 2023 at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Huntington in 1983, but continued serving their community with unwavering dedication. The Huntingtons met in Washington, DC, but found opportunities for community and public service after moving to a 100-acre farm in Princeton in 1966; and,

**Whereas**, Lyle started out working his farm, and accepted a job with Rockwell International. Sometime later, he would enter public service as Manager of the Oakvale Road Public Service District where he remained until he retired in 2008. During his service with the PSD, he was instrumental in developing the Mercer-Summers Regional Water Project from Hinton to Princeton. That project continues to serve citizens and businesses in Princeton and Mercer County; and,

**Whereas**, while Lyle worked tirelessly in public service, he also worked tirelessly in support of community service entities including, but not limited to, Child Protect of Mercer County, the Children’s Home Society, the Mercer County Vocational Technology Center, Mercer County Drug Court and the Chuck Mathena Center and,

**Whereas**, Lyle tackled every project he supported with the tenacity of a bulldog. With a keen eye for detail mixed with a visionary’s perspective on long-range planning, Lyle helped guide the county in a positive direction through his positive energy and uncompromising tenacity.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Lyle Huntington and encourages the public to join in remembering Lyle’s life of service to the county he loved and called home.

**Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 NICK AMELI

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 Nick Ameli.

## Mercer County Commission

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### RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF NICK AMELI

**Whereas**, Nick Ameli, one of southern West Virginia's most successful businessmen and community servants, died on May 8, 2023 of pancreatic cancer. Nick was born in Welch, and the family relocated to Bluewell, Mercer County in the late 1940s when Nick was 10-years old. The family opened Amelie's Store in Bluewell and immediately became leaders of the growing community; and,

**Whereas**, Nick graduated from Beaver High School in 1956, studied at Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, took classes at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., and graduated from American College in Bryn Mawr, PA. Nick enjoyed working with his hands, and gained skills in laying tile, plumbing and electrical work by working with his father, Nick Ameli, Sr. Upon completing his post-secondary education, he returned home to launch Nick's Radio & TV, Nick's Inc., and the Bluewell TV Cable Company. He donated the land for the Bluewell Volunteer Fire Department and was a partner in the development of the Bluefield Sheraton Inn; and

**Whereas**, Nick became active in the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, working to develop the Bluefield Coal Show and later spearheading the development of the Better Living Show. In later years, he started a new career with New York Life Insurance but retired from that position on December 11, 2022 due to health reasons; and

**Whereas**, in addition to the Chamber and Bluewell Volunteer Fire Department, Nick served on the Mercer County Development Authority, Mercer County Landlords Association, the United Way of the Virginias, Bluefield Sales Executive Club, Bluefield Rotary Club, Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the National Financial Advisors; and

**Whereas**, in more recent years, Nick was known as "The Boss of the Sauce" for Bluefield's Sons of Italy, Italian Heritage Festival ... A festival that raised scholarship funds to help assist qualified high school and college students. Every year, Nick created the sauce from a recipe that been handed down by the Ameli family through generations.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Mercer County Commission offers its heartfelt condolences to Nick's widow, Jeanne Ameli, the Ameli family, as well as Nick's many friends. Nick lived to serve his family, his community his state, nation and the world with the heart of a true servant.

**Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – CHECK PRESENTATION – WOMEN’S  
CENTER OF MERCER COUNTY – KATHY RAHALL, PRESIDENT

RE: REGION ONE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – DE/BEAD BROADBAND  
LISTENING SESSION

Bead is a federal grant program for online access for all Americans. This is for a survey for data and research.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – BLUESTONE VALLEY VFD – MC-22-65

This matter has been tabled.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – CONCORD UNIVERSITY – MC-22-68

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$50,000 to Concord University. This is application MC-22-68 from Danial Fitzpatrick. The funds will be used for lab upgrades.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – BLUEWELL IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION - MC-23-3

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$16,000 to the Bluewell Improvement Association. This is application MC-23-3 from Skip Crane. The funds will be used for decorations for Bluewell.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – WADE CENTER – MC-23-5

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$16,799 to the Wade Center. This is application MC-23-5 from Betty Brainerd. The funds will be used to update fire alarm.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – MERCER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS  
MC-23-6

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve \$50,000 to Mercer County Communications. This is application MC-23-6 from Robert Hoge. The funds will be used for aerial imaging. Gene Buckner opposed.

❖ **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

RE: MERCER COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT – MC-22-69  
Project Presentation - Application MC-22-69.

RE: CITY OF PRINCETON – MC-23-4  
Project Presentation requesting \$32,706 for ADA Bathroom. Application MC-23-4.

RE: PRINCETON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION – Application MC-23-7  
Project Presentation requesting \$100,000 for improvements to the stadium. Application MC-23-7.

RE: EAST RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – MC-23-8  
Project Presentation requesting \$5,100 for a solar generator for radio communications. Application MC-23-8.

RE: RIFF RAFF ARTS COLLECTIVE – MC-23-9  
Project Presentation requesting \$50,000 - Application MC-23-9

RE: FINAL BUDGET REVISION FY 2023 – COAL SEVERANCE #2  
This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Budget Revision No. 2 for FY 2023 for the Coal Severance Fund in the amount of \$405,075.

RE: FINAL BUDGET REVISION FY 2023 – GENERAL COUNTY #4

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Budget Revision No. 4 for FY 2023 for the General County Fund in the amount of \$362,638.

RE: LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE KEEP MERCER CLEAN

This matter has been tabled until August 2023.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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 Sheriff's Department for the purchase of three new Ford Escapes for Home Confinement. Funding in the amount of \$95,424 will be taken from the Sheriff's Budget.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY FAIR, INC.

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from the Mercer County Fair, Inc. to pay for music at the fair. Funding in the amount of \$10,000 will be taken from Hotel/Motel.

❖ **DISCUSSION**

Inflation Reduction Act – Brandi Reese

Update on 2023 fishing rodeo – Josh Parks – 64 Kids participated

Proposal for leash law – Tabled

Brush Creek Watershed



RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – CHELSEA WARD

This day came Chelsea Ward, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2020, touching the assessment thereon against the said Chelsea Ward, on 2016 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 \$4080 class 3 in Summers County and Mercer County. It is therefore ordered that Chelsea Ward 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 \$115.84

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – JOSEPH SR. & ELAINE SIMMONS

This day came Joseph Sr. and Elaine Simmons, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2022, touching the assessment thereon against the said Joseph Sr. and Elaine Simmons, East River District, County of Mercer, State of West Virginia. Taxpayer turned in vehicle assessment card, it was left off tax ticket. Prosecuting Attorney waiving notice thereto.

After hearing all the evidence in the case and it appearing to the Commission that the property should not have been charged interest on supplement ticket. It is therefore ordered that Joseph Sr. and Elaine Simmons 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 \$45.10

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – MARGARET L. BRISBOE

This day came Margaret Brisboe, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2021, touching the assessment thereon against the said Margaret L. Brisboe, on 2017 Jeep, Rock 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 taxpayer paid twice on assessed Jeep. It is therefore ordered that Margaret L. Brisboe 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 \$186.19

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – CAMMIE HALL

This day came Cammie Hall, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2022, touching the assessment thereon against the said Cammie Hall, on Mobile Home, 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 Mobil Home that was assessed for \$10,850 Class 2 was paid on twice. It is therefore ordered that Cammie Hall 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 \$144.48

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – CAMMIE HALL

This day came Cammie Hall, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2020, touching the assessment thereon against the said Cammie Hall, on Mobile Home, 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 Mobile Home that was assessed for \$4770 Class 4 was paid on twice. It is therefore ordered that Computer Softw 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 \$139.96

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – COMPUTER SOFTWARE & REPAIR

This day came Computer Software & Repair, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2021, touching the assessment thereon against the said Computer Software & Repair, on 2011 Toyota, Princeton 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 2011 Toyota was assessed for \$4770 Class 4 was paid on twice. It is therefore ordered that Computer Software & Repair 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 \$157.22

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES  
DATE 06/13/2023

Tax Year 2019

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
902637	Julia L. Long	Paid supplement ticket Instead of regular ticket	\$ 26.64

Tax Year 2020

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
80007596	Aubrey Keller	Wrong price on supplement ticket	\$ 279.94

Tax Year 2021

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
302129	Imagination Station	Double assessed on MH	\$ 140.66
304502	Jim D. Wolfe	Double assessed on MH	\$ 55.86

Tax Year 2022

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
304437	Jim D. Wolfe	Double assessed on MH	\$ 58.86

Tax Year 2022  
Bluefield District

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
300000418	Catrice M. Robinson	Error on supplement ticket	\$ 199.02

Tax Year 2022  
East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500000943	Michael R. Small	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 1812.26
500001096	Johnny J. Hughes	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 560.90

Tax Year 2021  
Princeton

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000001057	Melissa Stevens	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 64.52

Tax Year 2022  
Princeton

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000000263	Jessie S, Haynes	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 49.10

Tax Year 2022  
Plymouth

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
900000271	Jason Lemon	Supplement keyed wrong	\$ 39.58

Tax Year 2022  
Rock

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1100000164	James H. Weise	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 334.78
314526	Frances L. Weise	Taxpayer turned in wrong information	\$ 171.38
313765	Jett Excavating	Out of business 7/1/21	\$ 48.26
313533	Justin Goins	Did not own MH 7/1/21	\$ 107.76

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 MAY 2023:**

GENERAL COUNTY	- Check #77294 – 77430	Void - 77294, 77365, 77366, 77367 77368
COAL SEVERANCE	- Check #4282 - 4302	
MAGISTRATE COURT	- Check #5380	
HOME CONFINEMENT	- Check #2613 - 2615	
HOTEL MOTEL	- Check #4536 - 4557	
COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT	- Check #859-862	
COURTHOUSE ANNEX	- Check #1900 - 1909	
VIDEO LOTTERY	- Check #1560 – 1562	
MCDRC FEES	- Check #5876 - 5895	
ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL	- Check #6760 - 6772	
FINANCIAL STABILIZATION	- Check #1052	
TEEN COURT	- Check #234	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	- Check #1040 - 1042	
DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT	- Check #316	

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, 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.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Friday, June 16, 2023.

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President

Bill Archer

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

THE MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION WILL MEET IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023, AT 10:00 AM IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MERCER COUNTY COURTHOUSE. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. ESTATES OF GEORGIA DAVIDSON,  
LAWRENCE DALE DICKENS  
JENNINGS W. DOOLEY, JR.  
SUSAN DENISE OWEN  
ROSE LORETTA STENNETT  
BARBARA V. WHITE (RICE)
2. GLENWOOD PARK AMPHITHEATER PROJECT  
MAIN STREET BUILDERS PAY APPLICATION #4
3. 2023 BLUEFIELD RIDGE RUNNERS RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP PARTNERSHIP  
BASE HIT PACKAGE 48 GAMES
4. REAL ESTATE

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 Friday, June 16, 2023.

Present:	Bill Archer,	Commissioner
Audio:	Gene Buckner,	Commissioner
Zoom:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner

RE: ESTATE – GEORGIA DAVIDSON – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: GEORGIA DAVIDSON, DECEASED.**

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

On the 16th day of June, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Georgia Davidson, deceased, upon petition of Ryan Flanigan, one of the Fiduciary Commissioners of said county, requesting that the current Administratrix, Tasha Davidson, be removed for failure to complete her duties regarding that administration of the estate as required by law, and the Sheriff of Mercer County, T.A. Bailey, be appointed as Administrator D.B.N. 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 T.A. Bailey, be appointed as Administrator D.B.N., of the estate of Georgia Davidson, deceased, and personal representative be removed.

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 16th day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

/s/ Bill Archer  
**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye  
**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**



RE: ESTATE – LAWRENCE DALE DICKENS – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: LAWRENCE DALE DICKENS, DECEASED.**

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

On the 16th day of June, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Lawrence Dale Dickens, deceased, upon motion of Jean Dickens, Executrix, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of said estate 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 Lawrence Dale Dickens, 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 this the 16th day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

/s/ Bill Archer  
**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye  
**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – JENNINGS W. DOOLEY, JR. – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: JENNINGS W. DOOLEY, JR., DECEASED.**

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

On the 16th day of June, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Jennings W. Dooley, Jr., deceased, upon motion of Rhonda Dooley Phillips, Executor, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of said estate 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 Jennings W. Dooley, Jr., 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 this the 16th day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

/s/ Bill Archer  
**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye  
**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – SUSAN DENISE OWEN – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: SUSAN DENISE OWEN, DECEASED.**

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

On the 16th day of June, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Susan Denise Owen, deceased, upon motion of Earl J. Goodwin, Executor, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of said estate 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 Susan Denise Owen, 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 this the 16th day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

/s/ Bill Archer  
**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye  
**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – ROSE LORETTA STENNETT, DECEASED

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

**IN RE: ROSE LORETTA STENNETT, DECEASED.**

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

On the 16th day of June, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Rose Loretta Stennett, deceased, upon motion of Leroy Beckner Stennett, Executor, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of said estate 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 Rose Loretta Stennett, 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 this the 16th day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

/s/ Bill Archer  
**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye  
**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: ESTATE – BARBARA V. WHITE (RICE) – DECEASED

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

**IN RE: BARBARA V. WHITE (RICE), DECEASED.**

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

On the 16th day of June, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Barbara V. White (Rice), deceased, upon motion of Terri C. Blankenship, Executrix, requesting that a copy of the Last Will and Testament of said estate 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 Barbara V. White (Rice), 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 this the 16th day of June, 2023.

**ENTER:**

/s/ Bill Archer  
**BILL ARCHER, PRESIDENT**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

**ATTEST:**

/s/Verlin T. Moye  
**VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK**  
**MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION**

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MAIN STREET BUILDERS – PAY APPLICATION #4

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve the Glenwood Park Amphitheater Project, Main Street Builders pay application #4. Funding in the amount of \$37,566 will be taken from American Rescue Plan. Gene Buckner, Commissioner, opposed.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – 2023 BLUEFIELD RIDGE RUNNERS RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORSHIP PARTNERSHIP BASE HIT PACKAGE – 48 GAMES

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding request from the 2023 Bluefield Ridge Runners Radio Broadcast Sponsorship Partnership Base Hit Package. Funding in the amount of \$720 will be taken from Video/Lottery.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, 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.

RE: REAL ESTATE – BRIAN COCHRAN – S. WALKER STREET

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to give Brian Cochran the ability to enter a notice of public auction for two properties on the 100 block of S. Walker Street owned by Mercer County, prequalifying minimum bid of \$500,000. To bid, a \$20,000 refundable deposit with a letter of intent will be required with financial information as requested. Mercer County Commission has the right to reject bids that do not meet requirements. Bidders must give a pre-bid notice.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

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Bill Archer President

## COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023 –3:30 P.M.

## AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

## APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: -

Mercer Day Report Center  
 Employment & Oath of Office  
 Wardell Wilborn, Community Svc Officer

Mercer County Courthouse  
 Maintenance Department  
 Employment & Oath of Office  
 Bridgette Jenkins, Mary Hoston,  
 Stephanie Bales-Full-Time Custodians

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS : -

WV Division of Justice & Community  
 Svcs Community Corrections Grant  
 Contract  
 Mercer Day Report Center  
 Michelle Stewart, Executive Director

Mercer County Clerk's Office  
 Creation of Two New Funds  
 Verlin Moye, County Clerk

WV Dept of Environmental Protection  
 REAP Litter Control Grant Agreement  
 Vicky Reed, County Administrator

## ESTATES -

No Estates

## FUNDING REQUESTS: -

Mercer Public Service District  
 Matoaka Sewer Plant Upgrade  
 Mike Kennett, Chairman

Mercer Day Report Center  
 Dominion Systems Quote Two Laptops  
 Michelle Stewart, Executive Director

Mercer County Sheriff's Tax Office  
 Software Systems, Inc.  
 Processing/Mailing of 2023 Tax Tickets  
 Alan Christian, Chief Deputy

Mercer County Emergency Management  
 Purchase Two Radios, Chargers & Mics  
 Keith Gunnoe, Director

Glenwood Recreation Park Shelter #9  
 Proposals to Install Electrical Service  
 Mister Sparky, Wallace Wiring  
 Ocean Electric  
 Bill Archer, President

## DISCUSSION: -

PEIA Insurance  
 Bill Archer, President

Brush Creek Watershed  
 Greg Puckett, Commissioner



## MERCER COUNTY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES FORMAL HEARINGS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address Structure</u>	<u>Map/Parcel #</u>
James Thornton	307 Bane Trailer	Map 8R, Parcel 131
Trump	151 Methodist Hill House/Trailer	Map 50M, Parcel 10
Benjamin Hall	2451 Lorton Lick Rd House	Map 11, Parcel 2
Benjamin Hall	2421 Lorton Lick Rd House	Map 11, Parcel 3
James Byron Blackwell	197 Lorton Lick Rd Trailer	Map 11, Parcel 10
CW Cecil	5232 Matoaka Rd House	Map 30, Parcel 67

## WEST VIRGINIA:

At a special session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

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

RE: OATH – MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER – WARDELL WILBORN

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Wardell Wilborn, Community Service Officer for Mercer Day Report Center.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – BRIDGETTE JENKINS

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Bridgette Jenkins, Maintenance Department for Mercer County Courthouse.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – MARY HOSTON

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Mary Hoston, Maintenance Department for Mercer County Courthouse.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – STEPHANIE BALES

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Stephanie Bales, Maintenance Department for Mercer County Courthouse.

RE: GRANT CONTRACT – WV DIVISION OF JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the WV Division of Justice & Community Services Community Corrections Grant Contract for the Mercer Day Report Center, Michelle Stewart, Executive Director, in the amount of \$287,500.

RE: MERCER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE – VERLIN MOYE – SB 522

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the creation of two new funds, #061 and #062, for the diversion of a portion of the transfer tax on real estate. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the state portion will be reduced to \$.77 from \$.88, the \$.22 from the states portion to General county will remain the same, which will leave \$.11 to be divided between #061 Election fund and #062 Record Room fund.

RE: GRANT – WEST VIRGINIA DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION  
REAP LITTER CONTROL GRANT AGREEMENT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the WV Department of Environmental Protection REAP Litter Control Grant agreement in the amount of \$2500.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN - MERCER PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

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 Public Service District, Mike Kennett, Chairman. Funding in the amount of \$572,215 will be taken from the American Rescue Plan for the Matoaka Sewer Plant Upgrade.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER

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 Day Report Center. Funding in the amount of \$3,290 will be taken from Courthouse Equipment for the purchase of two laptops from Dominion Systems.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY SHERIFF’S TAX OFFICE

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 Sheriff’s Tax Office. Funding in the amount of \$28,279.64 will come from Postage and \$6,889.53 will come from Courthouse Equipment for a total of \$35,168.17. Funding will be used to pay invoice from Software Systems, Inc. to process and mail 2023 Tax Tickets.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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 Emergency Management, Keith Gunnoe, Director. Funding in the amount of \$7,393.90 will be taken from Courthouse Equipment for the purchase of two radios, chargers and mics.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – GLENWOOD RECREATION PARK SHELTER #9

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve the proposal from Wallace Wiring in the amount of \$7,550 for electrical services for Glenwood Recreation Park Shelter #9. Gene Buckner opposed.

❖ DISCUSSION

PEIA Insurance will have a 15.6% rate increase. County will continue 84/16 for three years.

Brush Creek Watershed

❖ **DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES**

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – JAMES THORNTON – 307 BANE

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 trailer owned by James Thornton located at 307 Bane, Map 8R, Parcel 131.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – TRUMP – 149 YATES

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 house/trailer owned by Trump located at 149 Yates, Map 50M, Parcel 10.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – BENJAMIN HALL – 2451 LORTON LICK

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 Benjamin Hall located at 4251 Lorton Lick Rd, Map 11, Parcel 2.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – BENJAMIN HALL – 2421 LORTON LICK

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 Benjamin Hall located at 2421 Lorton Lick Rd, Map 11, Parcel 3.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – JAMES BYRON BLACKWELL

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 trailer owned by James Byron Blackwell located at 197 Lorton Lick Rd, Map 11, Parcel 10.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – C W CECIL – 5232 MATOAKA RD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a 90-day continuance for the house owned by CW Cecil located at 5232 Matoaka Rd, Map 30, Parcel 67.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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Bill Archer President