

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

## AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

## APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

Mercer County Circuit Clerk's Office  
Employment & Oath of Office  
Megan McPeak, Deputy Clerk

## CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS :

Mercer County Leash Law Ordinance  
First Reading – Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Governor's Highway Safety Grant  
Approval of Contract  
Adam Ballard, Coordinator

American Rescue Plan-Check Presentations

**Riff Raff Arts Collective**

Lori McKinney (MC-23-9)

**Princeton Baseball Association**

Danny Shingleton (MC-23-7)

**Greenview United Methodist Church**

Kirk Story (MC-23-2)

## ESTATES:

- Patrick Peavy

## FUNDING REQUESTS:

- Town of Bramwell  
Spooktacular Halloween Festival  
Heather Bennett

City of Princeton  
2023 Christmas Parade  
Kaitlyn Smith, City Clerk

Mercer County Historical Society  
New Roof for Broyles Cabin  
Purchase Storage Building  
Lois Miller, President

Bluefield State University  
International Student Organization  
United Nations Day Celebration  
Sudhakar Jamkhandi

Mercer County Courthouse  
Dominion Systems, LLC  
Proposals for IT Services & Equipment  
Jody Meadows, President & CEO

Mercer Day Report Center  
Dominion Systems, LLC  
Purchase Four Dell Laptops  
Michelle Stewart, Executive Director

## DISCUSSION:

Courthouse Employee Parking  
Lisa Clark, Family Court Judge  
Julie Ball, Circuit Clerk

Mercer County Spay Neuter Clinic  
Rachel Sawyers, Task Force Chairperson

Keep Mercer Clean  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Brush Creek Sites 14 & 15  
Rehabilitation Project  
Gene Buckner, Commissioner

Glenwood Park Updates  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Mercer County Courthouse  
Outdoor Lights  
Gene Buckner, Commissioner

Personnel Matters  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner

Property Management  
Gene Buckner, Commissioner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Halloween-Trick or Treat Hours  
October 31, 2023 6 pm to 8 pm

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

## COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

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

## WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Regular Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

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

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK’S OFFICE – MEGAN MCPEAK

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 Megan McPeak, Deputy Clerk, for Mercer County Circuit Clerk’s Office.

RE: MERCER COUNTY LEASH LAW ORDINANCE

This matter had been tabled.

RE: COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEE PARKING

This matter has been tabled to be discussed at a later time.

RE: GOVERNOR’S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM CONTRACT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Governor’s Highway Safety Contract from Adam Ballard, Coordinator, in the amount of \$393,400.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – CHECK PRESENTATIONS

- Riff Raff Arts Collective – MC-23-9 - \$25,000
- Princeton Baseball Association – MC-23-7 \$50,000
- Greenview United Methodist Church – MC-23-2 \$10,000

RE: ESTATE – PATRICK PEAVY

WEST VIRGINIA:

At an adjourned session of the County Commission continued and held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on October 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 to withdraw his petition to have the Administrator, Patrick D. Peavy, Jr., removed 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 Patrick Peavy, Jr. remain as Administrator for the estate of Patrick Peavy, deceased, for further proceedings required by law and to finalize said estate.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 – FRANK PRUSS

WEST VIRGINIA:

At an adjourned session of the County Commission continued and held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on October 10, 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: FRANK PRUSS, JR., DECEASED.**

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

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Frank Pruss, Jr., deceased, upon motion of Patricia Pruss, 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 Frank Pruss, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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: FUNDING REQUEST – TOWN OF BRAMWELL – SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding request from the Town of Bramwell, Heather Bennett, for the Spooktacular Halloween Festival. Funding in the amount of \$500 will be taken from Hotel/Motel.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – CITY OF PRINCETON – 2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE

This matter has been tabled.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This matter has been tabled until next agenda. Commission requested quotes for funding request.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – BLUEFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding request from Bluefield State University, International Student Organization, United Nations Day Celebration. Funding in the amount of \$2000 will be taken from Video/Lottery.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY COURTHOUSE – DOMINION SYSTEMS, LLC

This matter has been tabled.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER DAY REPORT CENTER – DOMINION SYSTEMS, LLC

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding request from Mercer Day Report Center, Michelle Stewart, Executive Director, for the purchase of four Dell Laptops. Funding in the amount of \$6,300 will be taken from Courthouse Equipment.

❖ **DISCUSSION**

Mercer County Employee Parking – Tabled

Mercer County Spay & Neuter Clinic – Recommended an Advisory Board of 5 to be created

Keep Mercer Clean – Take 5 Campaign starts October 15<sup>th</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers get a free orange t-shirt

Brush Creek Sites 14 & 15 – Land Rights, Letter from attorney accepted and ready to move on

Glenwood Park Updates – Lake to be drained, updates to the park

Mercer County Courthouse – Outdoor Lights – Light colors are changed due to Resolutions that are passed – Colors indicated in Resolutions

❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trick or Treating Hours – Princeton October 31, 2023 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS – EXECUTIVE SESSION

RE: 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.

\*\*\*NO VOTES WERE TAKEN

RE: INVOICES, SETTLEMENTS, EXONERATIONS & APPROVED ESTATES

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the following Invoices, Settlement, Exonerations and approved Estates.

**2021**

**Russell & Lora Alvis** – Ticket #29243 -09 Plymouth – Map 30 Parcel 20 – TR 1 PT 2 Spruce Fork 123.97 Ac – Building was assessed on the wrong parcel after split, assessment is \$57,000 and should be \$17,280.

Amount of Exoneration - \$452.01

**2022**

**Russell & Lora Alvis** – Ticket #29301 – 09 Plymouth – Map 30 Parcel 20 – TR 1 PT 2 Spruce Fork 123.97 Ac – Building was assessed on the wrong parcel after split, assessment is \$59,280 and should be \$17,520.

Amount of Exoneration - \$475.23

**2022**

**Bluestone Machine Co.** – Ticket #311719 – Personal Property– Taxpayer was double billed on an assessment of \$135,995 class 4. Double paid, exoneration recommended to correct.

Amount of Exoneration - \$3,770.33

**2023**

**John Gordon Casali Trustee & Thomas Bryant** – Ticket #'s 27389, 27704, 27693, 27700 & 27698 – Mineral Values – Mineral values assessed by the state for \$30,990 class 3 should be assessed for \$7,535 class 3.

Amount of Exoneration - \$533.37

**Daniel & Kiersten Pennington** – Ticket #32150 – 09 Plymouth – Map 17 Parcel 62.1 – Pt 13.05 Ac Nr Athens – Property assessed for \$31,850 class 3 – should be assessed for \$45,720 class 2.



Amount of Exoneration - \$204.43

**Marvin & Solomon McClanahan** – Ticket #31667 – 09 Plymouth – Map 8 Parcel 133 – Lot 6

Pipestem Meadows Plat #4619 – Should have been in class 2 per questionnaire

Amount of Exoneration - \$854.11

**Clover Leaf Properties LLC** – Ticket #34543 – 10 Princeton – Map 10 Parcel 430 – Pt Lots 17-

18-38 Mercer 50x130 (Comm) – Assessment is \$238,440 should be \$153,120 Building value

adjustment 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is unfinished

Amount of Exoneration - \$2364.73

**Russel & Lora Alvis** – Ticket #29338 – 09 Plymouth – Map 30 Parcel 20 – Tr 1 Pt 2 Spruce

Fork 123.97 Ac – Assessment is \$69,600 Should be \$25,800 – Building was assessed on the

wrong parcel after split

Amount of Exoneration - \$498.00

**Barbara Spicer** – Ticket #15753 – Bluefield – Map 39 Parcel 112 – Pt Lot 7-8 Sec 851 W

Cumb Gap Pcl 113 – Property assessed for \$2,200 class 2 should be assessed for \$28,200 class 2

with the \$20,000 Homestead Exemption applied to property.

Amount of Exoneration - \$277.40

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES  
DATE 10/10/2023

Tax Year 2018

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
804133	Style Nails	Out of business	\$ 94.86

Tax Year 2018

Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
805035	Camel Rock Inc	Tax Exempt	\$ 26.82

Tax Year 2018

East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500000018	Donlen Trust	Out of business	\$ 489.88

Tax Year 2019  
Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
905003	Camel Rock Inc	Tax Exempt	\$ 29.52

Tax Year 2019  
East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500000126	Donlen Trust	Out of business	\$ 394.24

Tax Year 2019  
Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
904102	Style Nails	Out of business	\$ 104.36

Tax Year 2020  
Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
304922	Camel Rock Inc	Tax Exempt	\$ 32.46

Tax Year 2020  
Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
304031	Style Nails	Out of business	\$ 114.80

Tax Year 2020  
East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5000001102	Donlen Trust	Out of business	\$ 388.84

Tax Year 2021  
Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
304854	Camel Rock Inc	Tax Exempt	\$ 35.68

Tax Year 2021  
Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
200002898	Gerald R. Frybarger	Error in supplement	\$ 317.48

Tax Year 2021  
East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5000001707	Donlen Trust	Out of business	\$ 327.74
500003436	Richard Steenson	Error in keying supplement	\$ 239.66

Tax Year 2021  
Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
303982	Style Nails	Out of business	\$ 126.28

## Tax Year 2022

East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500002027	Heather R. Browning	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 36.52

## Tax Year 2022

Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
304779	Camel Rock Inc	Tax Exempt	\$ 39.62
300001000	Jason Jackson	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 443.88

## Tax Year 2022

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
303922	Style Nails	Out of business	\$ 138.90
303513	S&S Express #5	Out of business	\$ 824.98
303511	S&S Express #2	Out of business	\$ 808.14
303512	S&S Express #4	Out of business	\$ 743.42

## Tax Year 2023

Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
304658	Camel Rock Inc	Tax Exempt	\$ 42.76
305351	McDonald's of Bluefield	Error in ticket	\$11,999.02

## Tax Year 2023

Rock

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
313093	Paul Grose, Jr	MH Junked	\$ 33.10
1100000095	Steven Meadows	Supplement error	\$ 3,247.26
313563	Sherman Nicholson	Wrong value on camper	\$ 2,009.04

## Tax Year 2023

Princeton

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000000036	Bluestone Machine Co	Double assessed	\$ 3,805.86
1000000055	Steven Meadows	Supplement error	\$ 2,172.64
1000000035	Bluestone Machine Co	Supplement error	\$ 3,905.80
311298	Bluestone Machine Co	Assessment error	\$ 3,905.80

## Tax Year 2023

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4290	Horizon Homes, LLC	Double assessed	\$ 1,032.86
303828	Style Nails	Out of business	\$ 151.28
2780	C.J. Dillow	Per Tax Department	\$ 39.58
301176	Kevin Davidson	Did not own MH 7/1/22	\$ 39.58
303070	Paul Dodson	Out of business	\$ 28.74
200000256	Curtis Honaker	Supplement error	\$ 256.26

Tax Year 2023

East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
306043	A&T Sales	Double assessed	\$ 28.54
500000122	Old Hickory Buildings, LLC	Out of business	\$ 420.54

Tax Year 2023

Plymouth

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
32149	Daniel Pennington	Error in ticket	\$ 37.76

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 SEPTEMBER 2023:**

GENERAL COUNTY	- Check #77848 – 77972	
<i>GENERAL COUNTY <b>VOIDED</b> CHECKS</i> – #77859, 77953, 77961, 77962, 77965, 77966		
COAL SEVERANCE	- Check #4345 – 4354	Void #4352
JUSTICE FINES	- Check #5377	
MAGISTRATE COURT	- Check #5383	
HOME CONFINEMENT	- Check #2633 – 2638	
HOTEL MOTEL	- Check #4622 – 4638	
COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT	- Check #878 – 883	
COURTHOUSE ANNEX	- Check #1941 – 1946	
VIDEO LOTTERY	- Check #1578 – 1584	
MCDRC FEES	- Check #5958 – 5973	
ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL	- Check #6828 – 6851	VOID #6835
FINANCIAL STABILIZATION	- Check #1055	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	- Check #1054 – 1058	
DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT	- Check #320	

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until October 24, 2023.

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 Bill Archer President

## COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 –3:30 P.M.

## AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS :
- Resolution-Supporting Operation  
Green Light For Veterans  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner
  - Town of Bramwell  
Minor Boundary Adjustment  
Grant Bennett, Mayor
  - WV Records Management &  
Preservation Board Grant Applications  
Verlin Moye, County Clerk  
Julie Ball, Circuit Clerk
  - WV Division of Justice & Community  
Services-VOCA Grant Application  
Misty Chambers, Victims Advocate
  - Mercer County Clerk’s Office  
Emergency Absentee Voting Policy  
Verlin Moye, County Clerk
- FUNDING REQUESTS:
- Ridin 4 A Cure  
Transportation/Screening Services for  
Cancer Care Patients  
Ryan Parks
  - Dominion Systems  
Proposals for IT Services & Equipment  
Jody Meadows, President & CEO
- DISCUSSION:
- Mercer County Leash Law Ordinance  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner
  - Glenwood Park Update  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner
  - Brush Creek Watershed Update  
Gene Buckner, Commissioner
  - Mercer County Spay Neuter Clinic  
Rachel Sawyers, Task Force Chairperson  
Gene Buckner, Commissioner
  - Keep Mercer Clean-“Take Five”  
Greg Puckett, Commissioner
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**MERCER COUNTY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES  
 FORMAL HEARINGS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Structure</u>	<u>Map/Parcel</u>
Larry Young	Matoaka Road	Trailers (Lake Bottom)	Map 39, Parcel 28
Lee Blankenship	Northview Ave	House	Map 17L, Parcel 18
LA Southern	Old Bluefield Road	House	Map 23, Parcel 100
Timothy Poynter	9344 Ingleside Road	Structure	Map 37, Parcel 56

## WEST VIRGINIA:

At a Regular Session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, October 24, 2023.

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

RE: RESOLUTION – OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Resolution – Operation Green Light Honoring Veterans the week of November 7-13 2023.

## Mercer County Commission

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GREG PUCKETT  
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### Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Mercer County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mercer County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in various organizations, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Mercer County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Mercer County hereby declares November 7, 2023 until November 13, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Mercer County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

DATED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 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: TOWN OF BRAMWELL – ANNEXATION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept a proposal from Grant Bennett, Mayor, for a minor boundary adjustment to include the Annexation of the Workman property. District 11, Map 54, Parcels 30&31

RE: GRANT – WV RECORDS MANAGEMENT & PRESERVATION BOARD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the WV Records Management & Preservation Board grant application from Verlin T. Moye, County Clerk, in the amount of \$4522.75 and Julie Ball, Circuit Clerk, in the amount of \$35,519.

RE: GRANT – WV DIVISION OF JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES – VOCA

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the WV Division of Justice & Community Services – VOCA grant application from Misty Chambers, Victims Advocate, in the amount of \$221,240.

RE: MERCER COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE – EMERGENCY ABSENTEE  
VOTING POLICY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Emergency Absentee Voting Policy from Verlin T. Moye, County Clerk.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – RIDIN 4 A CURE

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the funding request from Ryan Parks, Ridin 4 A Cure, for Transportation/Screening Services for Cancer Care Patients. Funding in the amount of \$5,000 will be taken from Video/Lottery.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – DOMINION SYSTEMS

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the proposal from Jody Meadows, President & CEO, Dominion Systems, for IT Services and Equipment. Funding in the amount of \$11,305 will be taken from Courthouse Equipment.

❖ **DISCUSSION**

**Mercer County Leash Law Ordinance** – First reading hopefully in November. Must have two readings, at least ten days apart.

**Glenwood Park Update** – Working on improving shelters.

**Brush Creek Watershed Update** – No new update

**Mercer County Spay Neuter Clinic** – Leased two spaces Blue Prince Plaza, Committee of five has been formed, paperwork started for 501C3

**Keep Mercer Clean** – Volunteers can get 5 bags to pick up litter and a free t-shirt until November 15

❖ **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trick or Treating Hours 10/31/2023 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

**MERCER COUNTY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – FORMAL HEARINGS**

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE – LARRY YOUNG – MATOAKA 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 trailers owned by Larry Young, located on Matoaka Road, Map 39, Parcel 28.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE – LEE BLANKENSHIP – NORTHVIEW AVE

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 owned by Lee Blankenship, located on Northview Ave, Map 17L, Parcel 18.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE – L A SOUTHERN – OLD BLUEFIELD 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 L A Southern located on Old Bluefield Road, Map 23, Parcel 100.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE – TIMOTHY PAYNTER – 9344 INGLESIDE

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a standard order of demolition for the structure owned by Timothy Poynter, located at 9344 Ingleside Road, Map 37, Parcel 56.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until November 14, 2023.

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President

Bill Archer