

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023 –10:00 A.M.

AGENDA:

OPEN WITH PRAYER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS: -

Mercer Board of Health
 Reappointment & Oath of Office
 Gene Buckner Term Ending 6/30/2028

Mercer County Clerk's Office
 Employment & Oath of Office
 Faith Hall, Full Time Deputy Clerk

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS: -

Resolution Honoring the Life of
 Jerry Alan Bovenizer
 Bill Archer, President

Proclamation in Honor of Ruritan Month
 May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023
 Patty Hamilton, District President

Request for Letter of Opposition to
 Utility Rate Hikes for Appalachian
 Power and WV American Water Company
 Patty Hamilton, Resident of Mercer Co.

E.L. Robinson Engineering Company
 Right of Entry Letter-King Coal Highway
 Tom Rayburn, Manager of Surveying

American Rescue Plan- VOTE

Women's Center of Mercer County
 Kathy Rahall, President (MC-22-61)

American Rescue Plan Project Pres.

Bluestone Valley VFD

Ashley Brewster (MC-22-65)

Mercer Medical Massage Therapy

Dana Deskins (MC-22-67)

Concord University

Danial Fitzpatrick (MC-22-68)

Mercer County Public Service Dist.

Mike Kennett (MC-22-69)

Greenview United Meth Church

Kirk Story (MC-23-2)

Bluewell Improvement Association

Skip Crane (MC-23-3)

City of Princeton

Mike Webb (MC-23-4)

Wade Center

Betty Brainerd (MC-23-5)

Mercer County Communications

Robert Hoge (MC-23-6)

Record Storage Facility Project
 Selection of Engineering Firm
 Gene Buckner, Commissioner

Mercer County Clerk's Office
 HAVA Grant Application \$50,000
 Verlin Moye, County Clerk

Mercer County Sheriff's Department
 COPS Grant Applications
 Hire Three Additional Officers \$375,000
 Crisis Intervention Training \$400,000
 Alan Christian, Chief Deputy

FUNDING REQUESTS: -

Main Street Builders
 Pay Application #3
 Gene Buckner, Commissioner

Camp Creek State Park
 Purchase of Lawn Mower
 Monty Ball, Park Superintendent

Mercer County Circuit Clerk
 Request for Office Furniture
 Julie Ball, Circuit Clerk

Exterior Services SWV, Inc.
 Refurbish Glenwood Park Game Courts
 Jamie Dolan, Project Manager

DISCUSSION: -

Recovery Point West Virginia
 Andrew Daniels, Dir. of Development

Cornbread Ridge Water Project
 Connie Whitt, Resident

Real Estate
 Bill Archer, President

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:

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

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

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

RE: OATH – MERCER BOARD OF HEALTH

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve the Reappointment and Oath of Office for Gene Buckner for the Mercer Board of Health. Greg Puckett opposed.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

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 Faith Hall to serve as Deputy Clerk for the Mercer County Clerk’s Office.

RE: RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY ALAN BOVENIZER

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 Jerry Alan Bovenizer.

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RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY ALAN BOVENIZER

Whereas, one of Mercer County's well-known and much-admired pharmacists, Jerry Alan Bovenizer, died on April 6, 2023 at the home he and his family shared after he retired from his profession and relocated to Cary, NC; and

Whereas, Jerry was born into the pharmacy business. His father, Norman Stewart "Boonie" Bovenizer as well as his mother, Virginia Duval Bovenizer were both pharmacists. Virginia had the distinction of being the only female graduating pharmacists in her class at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. Virginia and Boonie moved to Bluefield and established Medical Arts Pharmacy that was located near the Bluefield Sanitarium Hospital; and

Whereas, Jerry was Boonie and Virginia's first son. After graduating from Beaver High School, he attended Wake Forest University and West Virginia University where he earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Pharmacy. After working as a pharmacist in Parkersburg, Jerry and his wife Suzanne Martin Bovenizer, returned to Bluefield, where both had grown up; and

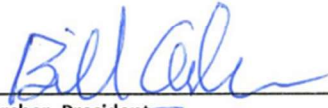
Whereas, Jerry joined Harry Alan Goodykoontz, Jr. at Goodykoontz Rexall Pharmacy on Bland Street in Bluefield across South Street from the former St. Luke's Hospital. For the next 40 years, Jerry served as pharmacist and later president and sole owner of the pharmacy; and

Whereas, Jerry seemed to never know a stranger and treated his customers with a smile and a pleasant greeting no matter how busy he was. In fact, his family members often worked with Jerry during busy times. Jerry was proud of his Bluefield roots ... proud of the Bluefield Beavers ... and proud of the West Virginia University Mountaineers. The gift shop always stocked Beaver and Mountaineer items. Goodykoontz Pharmacy also provided home delivery to help customers.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mercer County Commission extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Jerry Bovenizer. The Bovenizer family is most certainly one of Bluefield's bedrock families who helped generations of Mercer County citizens with their prescription needs and always with a pleasant smile and a cheerful greeting.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.


Mercer County Commission:



Bill Archer, President



Gene Buckner, Commissioner



Greg Puckett, Commissioner

RE: PROCLAMATION – HONOR OF RURITAN MONTH

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Proclamation in Honor of Ruritan Month.

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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2023 AS RURITAN NATIONAL MONTH

Whereas, Ruritan is a national organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service; and

Whereas, Ruritan National had its beginning on May 21, 1928, by community leaders in Holland, Virginia; and


Whereas, During the past 95 years, Ruritan has grown to an organization of more than 25,000 members and more than 950 clubs across the nation; and

Whereas, Ruritan under its motto: Fellowship, Goodwill, and Community Service has made substantial contributions to the well-being of the citizens of this community and of the nation; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed that the Mercer County Commission does hereby designate May 2023 as Ruritan Month in Mercer County. The Mercer County Commission expresses its heartfelt congratulations to the Ruritan Clubs in Zones 5 & 6 in Mercer, Monroe, and Summers counties. In addition, this commission extends its thanks to East River, Lashmeet, Nemours, and Sun Valley Ruritan Clubs in Mercer County, Peterstown Ruritan Club in Monroe County, and Pipestem Ruritan Club in Summers County.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.


Mercer County Commission:



Bill Archer, President



Gene Buckner, Commissioner



Greg Puckett, Commissioner

RE: LETTER OF OPPOSITION – APPALACHIAN POWER RATE INCREASE

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve sending a letter to the West Virginia Public Service Commission in opposition of the Appalachian Power Rate Increase.

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May 19, 2023

West Virginia Public Service Commission
201 Brooks Street
Charleston, WV 25301

To the Members of the Public Service Commission;

During the May 9, 2023 regular meeting of the Mercer County Commission several citizens appeared to express their concerns related to an additional rate increase requested by American Electric Power. As the PSC may recall, this commission wrote to the PSC to express our concern related to higher prices and the seemingly endless succession of rate increases for AEP as well as for other utilities. The Mercer County Commission appreciates the West Virginia Public Service Commission for holding frequent public hearings in Mercer County to listen to the concerns of our citizens. However, seeing little relief in the rates has caused many Mercer County residents to believe their protests fall on deaf ears. The citizens of Mercer County expressed their appreciation for the reliability of AEP's service and speed of restoring service as a result of severe weather conditions, but the dramatic increases in all goods and services place our citizens on fixed incomes in a bind.

When local news agencies reported the rate increases AEP is seeking this year, the tone of desperation and futility spread throughout the county. Several persons reached out to our county administrator to be included on the May agenda. During our meeting, we heard that their desperation extends beyond the AEP's proposed rate increase and extends to the increased price of fuel as well as the cost of food at the grocery store. In Mercer County, household budgets are stretched to the limit under the weight of the ever-increasing cost of vital goods and services.

American Electric Power has a long history of serving as an important partner in the quality of life in Mercer County. This commission recognizes that AEP's cost of doing business and providing excellent services to Mercer County businesses and citizens has most likely increased. However, it is this commission's hope that the WV Public Service Commission will recognize the adverse impact that AEP's proposed rate hike will have upon our citizens, and seek out a compromise that reflects the challenges that our people are currently facing.

Sincerely,

Bill Archer
President

RE: LETTER OF OPPOSITION – WV AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve sending a letter to the West Virginia Public Service Commission in opposition of the WV American Water Company rate increase.

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When local news agencies reported the rate increases West Virginia American Water is seeking this year, the tone of desperation and futility spread throughout the county. Several persons reached out to our county administrator to be included on the May agenda. During our meeting, we heard that their desperation extends beyond West Virginia American Water's proposed rate increase and extends to the increased price of fuel as well as the cost of food at the grocery store. In Mercer County, household budgets are stretched to the limit under the weight of the ever-increasing cost of vital goods and services.

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Bill Archer
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RE: RIGHT OF ENTRY - E.L. ROBINSON ENGINEERING COMPANY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to send a Right of Entry Letter to allow E.L. Robinson Engineering Company the right to enter onto County property for activity related to roadway design.



5088 Washington Street, West
Charleston, WV 25313

e.l.robinsonengineering.com

Mercer County WV

Tax Map 19 Parcel 52 District No/Name 2-Beaver Pond

RIGHT OF ENTRY LETTER

This Right of Entry Letter dated this ____ day of _____, 2023 grants and permits to **E.L. ROBINSON ENGINEERING CO.** its agents or assigns under contract with the **WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION/DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS** to perform design engineering services for the **King Coal Highway**, in Mercer County, West Virginia, the right and privilege to enter upon the property owned by: **COUNTY OF MERCER**

located in Mercer County, West Virginia, for the purpose of conducting environmental assessments, surveying/and or core drilling services in conjunction with the design of the above project:

W.Va. Code §54-1-3 provides that contractors, agents, and employees of the State and its agencies may enter upon private property to conduct environmental assessments, surveys, testing and drillings.

You will be contacted by E.L. Robinson Co. or the representatives from our subcontractors and sub-consultants to work out the details related to accessing your property.

By signing this Right of Entry agreement, the property owner(s) gives to the above-named contractor, its agents or assigns permission to enter onto his or her property for the purpose of conducting surveys, archaeology studies, environmental testing, core borings, or other tests. However, the property owner assumes no liability for injuries to persons or damage to property by granting this right of entry. We are issuing this request to all possibly affected landowners. As of this date, we do not know exactly where any core-borings will be taken, where our surveyors will need to work, areas of environmental assessment, or which properties will be purchased, in whole or in part.

We are looking forward to working with you and extend our full cooperation to you and should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Mattox, Project Manager, at E.L. Robinson Engineering Co. by telephone (304)776-7473.

Equal Opportunity Employer

If core borings and/or any excavation is to be done on your property, some disturbance of the ground in the area of the work is to be expected. The drilling crew should, however, repair any disturbance and restore the ground to a pre-drilling state, as much as possible. If the crew does not accomplish that to your satisfaction, please contact the West Virginia Division of Highways for assistance.

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME COUNTY OF MERCER

SIGNATURE Bill Anderson DATE: May 9, 2023

ADDRESS: PRINCETON, WV 24740

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – WOMEN’S CENTER OF MERCER COUNTY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$100,000 to the Women’s Center of Mercer County. This is application MC-22-61 from Kathy Rahall, President. Funding will be used for a Women’s Shelter.

❖ **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PRESENTATIONS**

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – BLUESTONE VALLEY VFD

Bluestone Valley VFD Project Presentation requesting \$450,000 for the purchase of new Tanker Truck. MC-22-65

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – MERCER MEDICAL MASSAGE THERAPY

This matter has been tabled. MC-22-67

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

Concord University Project Presentation requesting \$125,000 for updating a science lab.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – MERCER.CO. PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

This matter has been tabled. MC-22-69

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – GREENVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This matter has been tabled. MC-23-2

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – BLUEWELL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Bluewell Improvement Association Project Presentation requesting \$16,000 for Christmas Decorations. MC-23-3

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – City of Princeton MC-23-4

This matter has been tabled.

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

Wade Center Project Presentation requesting funding to update fire alarm.

RE: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – MERCER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

Mercer County Communications Project Presentation requesting \$78,000 for Eagleview Software. MC-23-6

RE: ENGINEERING FIRM FOR RECORD STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the proposal from Thompson & Litton for the Record Storage Facility Project.

RE: GRANT APPROVAL – HAVA GRANT APPLICATION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted to approve the HAVA Grant. Funding in the amount of \$50,000 was approved for the purchase of a new server and 2 scanners for voting precincts for the Mercer County Clerk's Office.

RE: GRANT – FY 2023 COPS HIRING PROGRAM

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program Grant Application from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department in the amount \$375,000 to hire three additional officers.

RE: GRANT – FY 2023 COPS CIT GRANT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the FY 2023 COPS CIT Program Grant Application from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department in the amount \$400,000 for Crisis Intervention Training.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MAIN STREET BUILDERS PAY APPLICATION #3

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Pay Application #3 to Main Street Builders. Funding in the amount of \$36,495 from ARP for amphitheater.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – CAMP CREEK STATE PARK

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Camp Creek State Park, Monty Ball, Park Superintendent in the amount of \$11,600 for the purchase of a lawn mower. Funding to be taken from Hotel/Motel.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - MERCER COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve funding request from the Mercer County Circuit Clerk, Julie Ball, Circuit Clerk, in the amount of \$4687.32 for the purchase of office furniture. Funding to be taken from Coal Severance.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – EXTERIOR SERVICES SWV, INC.

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Exterior Services SWV, Inc., Jamie Dolan, Project Manager, in the amount of \$114,020 for refurbishing Glenwood Park game courts. Funding in the amount of \$101,732 will come from Coal Severance and \$12,288 will come from ARP.

❖ PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Stephanie Dempsey spoke on concerns about AEP Rate Increase

Bill Skeet spoke on Building Permits for the County

RE: EXONERATION OF TAXES – APPALACHIAN LOG STRUCTURES

This day came Appalachian Log Structures, by representative, and moved the Commission to correct the Personal Property for 2022, touching the assessment thereon against the said Appalachian Log Structures, 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 \$662,033. This location was not in business July 1, 2021 and filed business property on their main account. It is therefore ordered that Appalachian Log Structures 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 \$15,067.88

PETITION FOR CANCELLATION OF ERRONEOUS CHARGES
DATE 05/02/2023

Tax Year 2020

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2737	C.J. Dillow	Ticket Error	\$ 38.24

Tax Year 2021

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2763	C.J. Dillow	Ticket Error	\$ 38.24
200002683	Brandon S. Mullins	Made supplement and vehicle was on dad's ticket	\$ 23.20

Tax Year 2022

Beaver Pond

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
20000564	Shauntina L. Reed	Error in supplement Double assessed on Dodge	\$ 250.22

Tax Year 2022

Princeton

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1000000121	William T. Bennett, Jr.	Made supplement ticket Divorced	\$ 430.12

Tax Year 2021

Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
300001632	Misty French	Jeep priced too high On supplement	\$ 1866.26
300001600	Jason M. Lester	Error in supplement	\$ 483.00

Tax Year 2022

Bluefield

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
14930	Betty Hutson Price	Duplicate	\$ 635.60
14929	Betty Hutson Price	Duplicate	\$ 664.12

Tax Year 2022

Plymouth

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
311491	David P. White	Error in ticket	\$ 474.12

Tax Year 2022

East River

<u>TICKET #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
500000636	Corey Walker	Error in supplement ticket	\$ 490.28

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 APRIL 2023:

GENERAL COUNTY	- Check #77103 – 77313	Void - 77103, 77213, 77292
COAL SEVERANCE	- Check #4271 – 4281	
JUSTICE FINES	- Check #5373	
EMERGENCY 911	- Check #4288	
HOME CONFINEMENT	- Check #2608 - 2612	
HOTEL MOTEL	- Check #4522 - 4535	
COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT	- Check #856 - 858	
COURTHOUSE ANNEX	- Check #1893 – 1899	Void - 1897
VIDEO LOTTERY	- Check #1552 – 1559	
COAL REALLOCATION	- Check #1054 - 1055	
MCDRC FEES	- Check #5865 - 5875	
ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL	- Check #6751 - 6759	
RECYCLING GRANT	- Check #1055	
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	- Check #1039	
DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT	- Check #315	

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 Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. No votes were taken during the executive session.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

PRESIDENT

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING-TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023 –3:30 P.M.

AGENDA: OPEN WITH PRAYER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS : -	<p>WV Department of Culture & History Records Management & Preservation Board Grant Agreement Verlin Moye, County Clerk</p> <p>WV Division of Highways Recreational Trails Program-Grant Agreement-Bluestone River Trails Bill Archer, President</p> <p>WV Division of Highways Transportation Alternatives Grant Agreement-Courthouse Sidewalk Project-Vicky Reed, Administrator</p> <p>WV Department of Environmental Protection Agency-2024 Litter Control Grant Application Vicky Reed, County Administrator</p> <p>WV Department of Environmental Protection Agency-2023 Recycling Assistance Grant Application Vicky Reed, County Administrator</p> <p>Mercer County Sheriff's Tax Office Delinquent Tax List for FY 2022/2023 Sis Bailey, Chief Tax Deputy</p> <p>WVU Extension Service Request for Line Item Transfer Jodi Richmond, Extension Agent</p>
FUNDING REQUESTS: -	<p>Mercer County Sheriff's Department Purchase Two New Police Vehicles Steve Sommers, Detective</p> <p>Cutlip's Landscaping Inc. Proposal for Landscaping Services Mercer County Annex Grounds</p> <p>Mercer County Fair, Inc. Music Venue & Production Steve Johnston, President</p> <p>Athens Volunteer Fire Department 2023 Athens-Concord Fire School Benjamin Holdren</p> <p>Glenwood Park Advisory Committee Purchase of Flowers and Mulch Carol Bailey, President</p>
DISCUSSION: -	<p>Personnel Matter</p>

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: -

State Holidays-June 2023
 Juneteenth-Monday, June 19, 2023
 West Virginia Day-June 20, 2023

**MERCER COUNTY DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES
 FORMAL HEARINGS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Map/Parcel #</u>
Louise Gammon	1417 Crane Creek Road	House	Map 44R, Parcel 10
CW Cecil	5232 Matoaka Road	House	Map 30, Parcel 67
Wayne Dowdy/Farmer	678 Pinnacle Lake Road	Trailer	Map 17, Parcel 9

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

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

RE: GRANT – WV DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY
 RECORDS MANAGEMENT & PRESERVATION GRANT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a WV Records Management & Preservation Grant Application in the amount of \$16,308 for the County Clerk’s Office and \$15,000 for the Circuit Clerk’s Office.

RE: GRANT – WV DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS – RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a WV Division of Highways Recreational Trails Program Grant Agreement – Bluestone River Trails in the amount of \$300,000.

RE: GRANT – WV DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS – TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES GRANT

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a WV Division of Highways Transportation Alternative Grant Agreement – Courthouse Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$50,000.

RE: WV DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a 2024 Litter Control Grant Application in the amount of \$5,000.

RE: WV DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a 2023 Recycling Assistance Grant Application in the amount of \$45,915 for the purchase of two recycling trailers.

RE: APPROVAL – FY 2022/2023 DELINQUENT TAX LIST

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the Mercer County Sheriff's Tax Office FY 2022/2023 Delinquent Tax List for publication.

RE: LINE-ITEM TRANSFER – WVU EXTENSION SERVICE

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a request from the WVU Extension Service for a budget line-item transfer in the amount of \$750 from travel fund, \$200 to go to contractor services and \$550 to office supplies.

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 request from the Mercer County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$97,600 for the purchase of two new police vehicles. The funding will be taken from Coal Severance.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - CUTLIP'S LANDSCAPING INC.

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a proposal from Cutlip's Landscaping Services in the amount of \$14,168 for landscaping services for the Mercer County Annex grounds.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - MERCER COUNTY FAIR, INC.

This matter has been tabled.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST - ATHENS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Athens Volunteer Fire Department (Benjamin Holdren) in the amount of \$5000 for 2023 Athens-Concord Fire School. Funding will be taken from Video/Lottery.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – GLENWOOD PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This day on motion of Gene Buckner, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Glenwood Park Advisory Committee, Carol Bailey, President, in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of flowers and mulch for the WV Garden. Funding will be taken from Hotel/Motel.

❖ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

State Holidays: Juneteenth – June 19, 2023
West Virginia Day – June 20, 2023

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – LOUISE GAMMON

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 house owned by Louise Gammon located on 1417 Crane Creek Road, Map 44R, Parcel 10.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – CW CECIL

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a 60-day continuance for the house owned by CW Cecil located on 5232 Matoaka Road, Map 30, Parcel 67.

RE: DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES – WAYNE DOWDY

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 trailer owned by Wayne Dowdy located on 678 Pinnacle Lake Road, Map 17, Parcel 9.

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION – 4:26 P.M.

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 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 during the executive session.

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

PRESIDENT