

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
NO. 1 COURT SQUARE, SUITE 203
PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

PRESENT: DAVID BLAIR COUCH, PRESIDENT
ROBERT K. TEBAY, COMMISSIONER
JAMES E. COLOMBO, COMMISSIONER

At 9:30 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and other correspondence.

The County Commission, upon a motion made by David Blair Couch, seconded by James E. Colombo and made unanimous by Robert K. Tebay, approved minutes of June 17, 2021, July 8, 12 and 15, 2021.

AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

At 9:32 A.M., the County Commission issued a Resolution recognizing support of a Federal Appalachia District that would bring grant funds to the area. (Order A/2418)

At 9:33 A.M., the County Commission approved Sarah Stalaker as a part-time E-911 employee.

At 9:35 A.M., the County Commission made appointments to the new Public Service District Task Force Committee for possible consolidation of the districts. (Order A/2422)

At 9:52 A.M., the County Commission met with Sarah Robinson, Wood County Compliance Officer and property owners of 66 Blaze Run Road, Walker, WV. The property owners stated they would like the County to take over the property. The County Commission

agreed to accept the property. A copy of a signed Agreement is attached to these minutes and shall be made a part thereof. (Order A/2423)

At 10:00 A.M., the County Commission toured the Wood County 4-H Campgrounds.

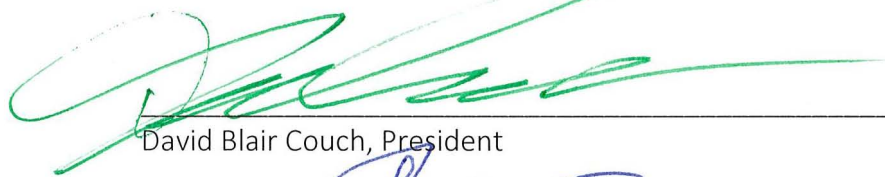
Having no scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned after the tour.

ORDERS APPROVED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

A/2418, A/2422, A/2423, M/4320, A/2417

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James Colombo, Commissioner

Wood County Commission Meeting
Held July 22, 2021

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1.	Sagal Robinson
2.	Mrs. Papp
3.	Sean P. Keete
4.	Jerry Martin
5.	Louise Smart
6.	Maria Hart
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Wood County Commission
Agenda

July 22, 2021
1 Court Square, Room 203
Parkersburg, WV 26101

9:30 A.M.	Consider a Resolution for Reimagine Appalachia	
	Consider Request to Hire – Sara Stalnaker as a part time telecommunicator - \$12.60 /hr	
	Consider appointments to the Public Service District Task Force Committee for Possible Consolidation	
9:45 A.M.	Discuss abandoned and dilapidated, trash and debris property located at 66 Blaze Run Road, Walker, WV	Louise Smarr, property owner
10:00 A.M.	Visit the Wood County 4H Campgrounds	
	Administrator’s Report	Marty Seufer, County Administrator
	County Commission Reports	

Discussion, Review and Approval of expenditures and disbursements identified on Exhibit 1, hereto attached

Correspondence for this meeting will be available for public review during regular office hours in Room 205 of the Wood County Courthouse two (2) days prior to the meeting

Exhibit 1

Discussion, Review and Approval of the following items may be included during this meeting and are available for public inspection in the Office of the County Administrator two days prior to this meeting.

Budget revisions

Purchase orders and requisitions

Revisions, reimbursement requests, resolutions and correspondence for grants

Grant disbursements to other entities

Invoices for expenditures to be paid

Reimbursements for travel expenses

Bid specifications and procedures for bids previously authorized by the Commission

Monthly Hotel Occupancy Tax Collection disbursements

Disbursements for previously approved Innovative Programming Grants

Tax refunds, exonerations, improprieties and consolidations

Probate items, including settlements, petitions and Fiduciary Commissioner reports

General Fund disbursements to entities

Funding requests from local organizations by written form

Payroll modification as submitted by elected officials

JULY 22, 2021

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION MADE CHANGES IN REGARD TO
MEMBERS OF THE WOOD COUNTY FIRE BOARD.

ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch made the following changes to the membership on the Wood County Fire Board.

Terry Moore should have been appointed to represent the Wood County Commission to fill the vacancy created by Bill Summers who is from Magisterial District B. Mr. Moore was inadvertently appointed as a Wood County Commission representative to replace Margaret Gnegy, who is in Magisterial District A.

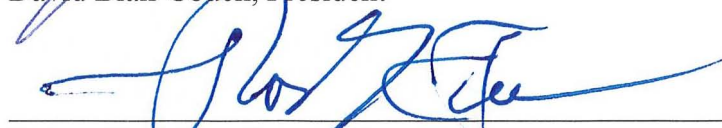
Mr. Moore's term will expire on June 5, 2022. There is still a vacancy for Margaret Gnegy's spot which is in Magisterial District A, which will expire June 5, 2024.

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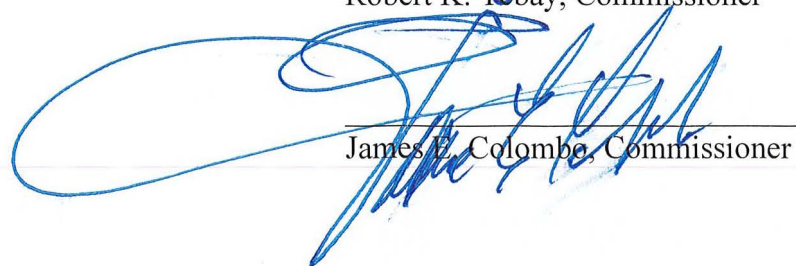
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

A/2417

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JULY 22, 2021

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION ADOPTED A RESOLUTION IN
REFERENCE TO REIMAGINE APPLACHIA.

ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by James E. Colombo made unanimous by David Blair Couch, adopted a Resolution in reference to Reimagine Appalachia.


A copy of the Resolution is attached to this Order and should be made a part thereof.

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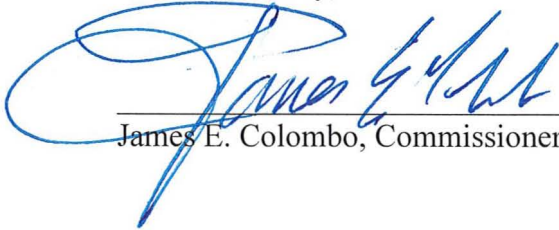
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

A/2418

RESOLUTION TO REIMAGINE APPALACHIA TO SUPPORT A FEDERAL APPALACHIAN CLIMATE
INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN – **Wood County , WV**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn have exacerbated already high levels of poverty in the region due to extractive industry practices of absentee corporations, while racism and mass incarceration create ongoing barriers to employment, opportunity and personal safety, and the consequences of changing climate are creating severe storms and flooding in the region.

WHEREAS, our state and nation has been thrust into crisis.

WHEREAS, the people of the Ohio River Valley region have an opportunity to build a 21st century Appalachia where everyone has a good-paying job with good benefits and responsible employers who help protect the environment and health of the people.

WHEREAS, enacting a federal Appalachian climate infrastructure plan could create a new deal that works for us by expanding opportunity through public investments, growing manufacturing jobs, restoring our damaged land and waters through reclamation and remediation, modernizing the electric grid and incorporating universal broadband, reviving the Civilian Conservation Corps, second chance employment, better pay and benefits, and local ownership models that rebuild the middle class.

WHEREAS, federal action on climate change requires that the people of Appalachia and the County of __Wood__ are at the table to ensure that working people and communities are put first and that their contributions are respected; and that Appalachia is a place where everyone can live, work, and raise a family.

WHEREAS, the County of ____Wood____ is rich in assets, including its people, land, minerals, water, music and heritage; and for more than a century, Appalachian communities have helped fuel America's industrial revolution.

WHEREAS, by expanding career opportunities in clean manufacturing; land remediation, grid modernization, and building a sustainable transportation system, the number of family sustaining jobs created in these emergent industries could top 243,000 in Pennsylvania, 235,000 Ohio, and 41,000 in West Virginia.

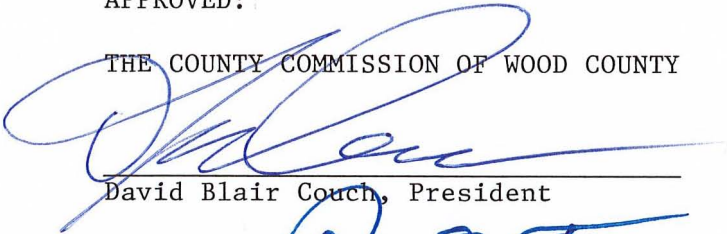
WHEREAS, the economy should celebrate our culture and heritage; invest in communities; generate good, stable, and meaningful jobs; be just and equitable; and value the contributions of coal miners and other fossil fuel industry workers.

WHEREAS, we can have a new Appalachia and a new Wood County – one that is a destination for people seeking opportunity and a better way of life, and where people no longer have to leave our state to pursue economic opportunities for their families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Wood supports Reimagine Appalachia efforts to build a 21st Century Economy for the Ohio River Valley that’s good for workers, communities, and the environment; and encourages members of the State of West Virginia’s Congressional delegation to support the framework of Reimagine Appalachia through federal action to enact the Appalachian Climate Infrastructure Plan.

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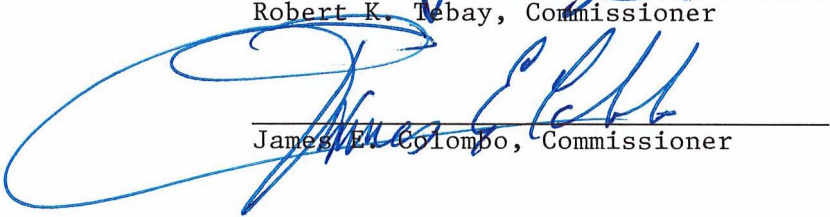
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

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IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION DID HEREBY APPOINT MEMBERS TO A
PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION TASK FORCE.


ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby appoint members to serve on a Public Service District (PSD) Task Force Committee for possible consolidation. Two (2) representatives from each PSD were appointed as per their Public Service District recommendation.

A copy of the appointments is attached to this Order and should be made a part thereof.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

A/2422

CLAYWOOD PARK PSD

- Michael Miller, board member
- Shayne Brabham, General Manager

CENTRAL BOAZ PSD

- Paul Tingler, board member
- AJ Allen, Office Manager

LUBECK PSD

- Jerry Martin, board member
- Rocky McConnell, Manager

MINERAL WELLS PSD

- Mark Stewart, board member
- Todd Anderson, Operations Manager

UNION WILLIAMS PSD

- Steve Nulter, board member
- Kelley Sanders, General Manager

PARKERSBURG

- Eric Bennett
- Paul Hoblitzell

VIENNA

- Randy Rapp
- Craig Metz

WILLIAMSTOWN

- Pat Peters
- Alan Gates

JULY 22, 2021

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION WAS IN RECEIPT OF AN AGREEMENT FOR
DEMOLITION OF A **STRUCTURE** LOCATED AT 66 BLAZE RUN ROAD,
WALKER, WV.


ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of an Agreement for the demolition of a structure located at 66 Blaze Run Road, Walker, WV. Said Agreement is signed by Louise Smarr.

A copy of the Agreement is attached to this Order and shall be made a part thereof.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President

Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner

James E. Colombo, Commissioner

A/2423

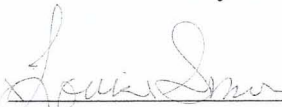
**AGREEMENT
DEMOLITION OF A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
66 BLAZE RUN RD.,
WALKER, WEST VIRGINIA**

Now comes Louise M. Smarr D.O.B 05/11/1960, herein referred to collectively as “Respondent,” and the Wood County Commission, hereinafter referred to as “Petitioner,” and do hereby affirm and enter into the following agreement:

1. The subject property of this agreement is a dilapidated, one-family, residential structure along with trash and debris located at 66 Blaze Run Rd., Walker, Wood County, West Virginia, situate upon a parcel of real property as set out in the Tax Records of the Office of the Assessor of Wood County, West Virginia as follows: Clay District, Tax Map 430, parcel I, Wood County, West Virginia. It is, approximately, a 5.5 Acre tract, presently assessed in the name of Louise M. Smarr as set out in Exhibit A and B attached herein and incorporated by reference.
2. Respondent acknowledges that she is the sole owner of the property set out in Paragraph 1 and that no other person or persons, firm, corporation, or other entity has an ownership interest in said property.
3. The Respondent acknowledges the dilapidated condition of the residence located on the property as set out in Paragraph 1 above and that the residence, in its present condition is uninhabitable and further poses a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.
4. The Petitioner, its agents, and assigns, have inspected the structure located on the property set out in Paragraph 1 above and have determined that the residence is uninhabitable and, in its present condition, poses a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.
5. The Respondent agrees with the Petitioner’s determination that the residence located on the property is uninhabitable in its present condition and that the structure also poses a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.
6. The Respondent acknowledges that she is not in a financial position to remediate and/or rectify the condition or conditions of the structure that cause it to be uninhabitable and/or a danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.
7. The Respondent agrees that she is not in a financial position to demolish the structure or remove trash and debris from the property.
8. The Respondent acknowledges that demolition of the structure and removal of trash and debris would eliminate its potential danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.
9. The Petitioner has an interest in protecting the citizens of Wood County from such structures and wishes to render the area safe to the public.

10. Therefore, the Respondent agrees to allow the Petitioner, its agents, or assigns, including any person, employee, servant, business, contractor, or company working on behalf of the Petitioner, permission to enter upon the property for the purposes of demolishing the structure and removal of trash and debris.
11. The Respondent agrees that, in exchange for the Petitioner demolishing the residential structure and removing trash and debris presently located upon the property, the Respondent receives the benefit of reduction and/or elimination of potential liability as could be found against the Respondent if a person or persons were to receive an injury to person or property due to the present condition of the structure.
12. The Respondent recognizes and agrees that the Petitioner will have a lien against the property for the cost of the remediation/demolition and removal of trash and debris which will be filed in the Offices of the Clerk of the Wood County Commission in the amount of the actual costs of demolition of said structure and removal of trash and debris and authorize the Petitioner to file the same against said parcel and that said lien will encumber only the subject real property as set out in Paragraph 1 above.
13. The Respondent agrees to waive any claim of liability and/or any cause of action as may be brought against the Petitioner, its employees, agents, or assigns for any reasonable action or conduct performed, including actions or conduct performed negligently, as may be committed by the Petitioner including, but not limited to, any incidental damage or damages to the real property as a result of the removal of said structure by the Petitioner's employees, agents or assigns.
14. The Respondent further agree to waive any right or remedy as may be available to them under West Virginia Code 7-1-3FF or under any Wood County Ordinance or Order.
15. The Respondent agrees that demolition and clean up will be at the Petitioner's sole discretion and further waive any right, claim, or interest in or to the structure, or the materials composing the same, and expressly authorize the Petitioner to sell or otherwise dispose of said materials in any lawful fashion or manner as the Petitioner may see fit.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2021

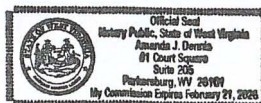

 Louise Smarr

7/22/21

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 COUNTY OF WOOD

I, Amanda J. Dennis a notary public in and for said state, do hereby certify that Louise Smarr, whose name is signed to the writing above, has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of July, 2021
 My commission expires February 26, 2021





Wood County
 Mark Rhodes, Clerk
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JULY 22, 2021

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION DID HEREBY AUTHORIZE
DAVID BLAIR COUCH, AS PRESIDENT, TO EXECUTE AN
ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR A STERNWHEEL FESTIVAL
GRANT NUMBER FF-22-743.

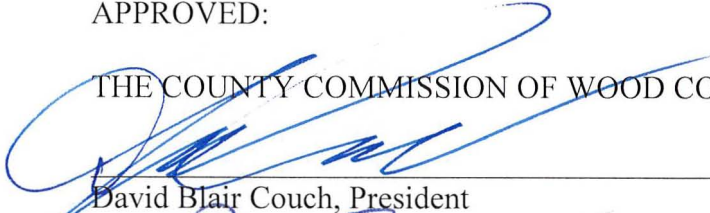
ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by James E. Colombo, made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE an Acceptance Letter with the West Virginia Division of Culture and History for Grant Number FF-22-743. Said grant is in the amount of one thousand seven hundred eighty-two dollars and zero cents (\$1,782.00).

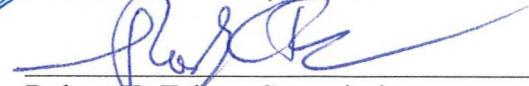
A copy of said Acceptance Letter is attached to this Order and should be made a part thereof.

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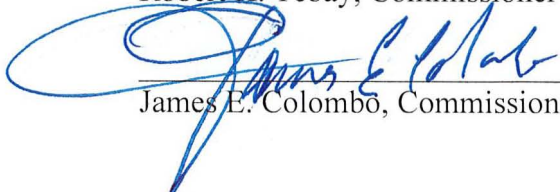
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

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Fiscal Year 2022 Fairs & Festivals Grant
ACCEPTANCE LETTER INVOICE

Grant/Invoice No: FF22-743
IN:

GRTAWD: 2200000202
Vendor: 000000212365
ACT: 12200

Fairs and Festivals Grant Appropriation: \$1,782.00
Sternwheel Festival (Wood)

Make Check Payable to:
WOOD CO COMMISSION
1 Court Sq-Suite 203
Parkersburg, WV 26101

I accept the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriation and understand and agree to the terms outlined on the enclosed Instruction Sheet and State Agency Grant Awards Accountability Requirement (SAGA) sheet. I understand that all expenditures from the grant must be in support of programs occurring between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022 (Fiscal Year 2022).

Under penalty of law for false swearing (WV Code §61-5-3), Sternwheel Festival (Wood) certifies that by signing this grant agreement that Sternwheel Festival (Wood) and all related parties have filed all reports for state grants received as required under WV Code §12-4-14.

Signature (please sign in BLUE ink)
David Blair Couch
Print Name

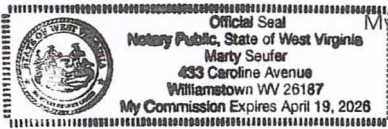
7-22-21
Date Signed
Commission President
Print Title

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF WOOD

Phone# 304-424-1984

I, Marty Seuffer, a notary public in and for said state, do hereby certify that DAVID BLAIR COUCH, whose name is signed to the writing above, has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of July, 2021
My commission expires April 19, 2024



Notary Public signature

Event must take place between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022:

Event Start Date Sept. 10, 2021 Event End Date Sept. 12, 2021

Check if event is ongoing (Year Round)

For DCH use only:

I certify that payment should be issued in accordance with the appropriation designated in the Fiscal Year 2022 Division of Culture and History budget.

Division of Culture and History

Date

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