

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

NO. 1 COURT SQUARE, SUITE 203  
PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

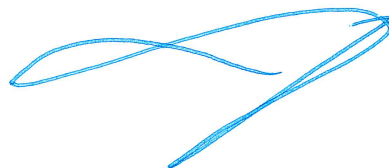
PRESENT: DAVID BLAIR COUCH, PRESIDENT  
ROBERT K. TEBAY, COMMISSIONER  
JAMES E. COLOMBO, COMMISSIONER

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

#### **AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

At 9:30 A.M., the County Commission met with Pat Lefebure, Prosecuting Attorney and Toni Tiano, Grant Writer to discuss a grant for a PRO Officer and a new position for the Prosecutor's Officer under a VOCA Grant. Mr. Lefebure stated he will be asking the County Commission and other entities to assist in the remainder of the salary that the grant won't cover for the new position.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by James E. Colombo and made unanimous by Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE an Application for a Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant with the West Virginia Department of Justice. Said grant application is in the amount of twenty-eight thousand dollars and zero cents (\$28,000.00) and is for an Assistant Child Abuse/Sex Abuse/Domestic Prosecuting Attorney. (Order A/2846)



The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by James E. Colombo and made unanimous by Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE an Application for a Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant with the West Virginia Department of Justice. Said grant application is in the amount of twenty-eight thousand dollars and zero cents (\$28,000.00) and is for a Prevention Resource Officer (PRO) for Blennerhassett Middle School. (Order A/2847)

At 9:35 A.M., Patrick Lefebure, Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County and presented unto the County Commission of Wood County, an Application in which it is requested that the Honorable James C. Justice, II, Governor of the State of West Virginia, issue a requisition on the Governor of the State of Ohio for the extradition of Joshua Shawn Williams, who stands charged with Two Counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, which offenses were committed in the County of Wood, in the State of West Virginia, on or about November, 2022 and July, 2023, and who is now a fugitive from justice of this State, and is now within the jurisdiction of the State of Ohio, in the County of Washington. The County Commission, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, authorized David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President, to sign the Application. (Order A/2842)

The County Commission, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, placed Patrick Ward, representing the City of Williamstown, in nomination for reappointment to the Wood County Alternative Transportation System Council. The new term will expire July 15, 2025. (Order A/2840)

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, reappointed Bernard Cothorn to the Mineral Wells Public Service District Board. The unexpired term will expire July 16, 2029. (Order A/2838)

Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

**ORDERS APPROVED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES**

A/2838, A/2840, A/2842, A/2843, A/2844, A/2846, A/2847

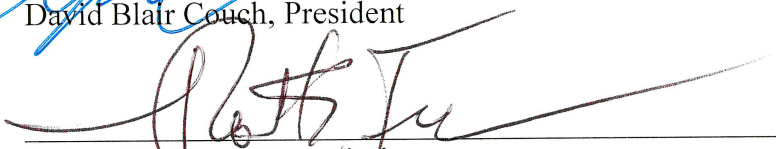
APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



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David Blair Couch, President



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Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



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James Colombo, Commissioner

Wood County Commission Meeting  
Held September 18, 2023

**Please Print**

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Wood County Commission  
Agenda

September 18, 2023  
No. 1 Court Square, Suite 203  
Parkersburg, WV 26101

9:30 A.M.	Discuss and consider application for a VOCA Grant	Pat Lefebure, Prosecuting Attorney and Toni Tiano, Grant Writer
	Consider Prosecuting Attorney's Governor's Warrant – Joshua S. Williams	Pat Lefebure, Prosecuting Attorney
	Consider putting Patrick Ward in nomination for reappointment to the Wood County Alternative Transportation System Council	
	Consider appointing Bernard Cothorn to the Mineral Wells Public Service District	
	Consider Request to Hire Shayden Gault as an intern for the Sheriff's Tax Office	
	Administrator's Report	Marty Seufer, County Administrator
	County Commission Reports	

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

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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

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<b>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.</b>
<b>Budget revisions</b>
<b>Purchase orders and requisitions</b>
<b>Revisions, reimbursement requests, resolutions and correspondence for grants</b>
<b>Grant disbursements to other entities</b>
<b>Invoices for expenditures to be paid</b>
<b>Reimbursements for travel expenses</b>
<b>Bid specifications and procedures for bids previously authorized by the Commission</b>
<b>Monthly Hotel Occupancy Tax Collection disbursements</b>
<b>Disbursements for previously approved Innovative Programming Grants</b>
<b>Tax refunds, exonerations, impropers and consolidations</b>
<b>Probate items, including settlements, petitions and Fiduciary Commissioner reports</b>
<b>General Fund disbursements to entities</b>
<b>Funding requests from local organizations by written form</b>
<b>Payroll modification as submitted by elected officials</b>

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION REAPPOINTED BERNARD  
COTHERN TO THE MINERAL WELLS PUBLIC SERVICE  
DISTRICT BOARD.

**ORDER**

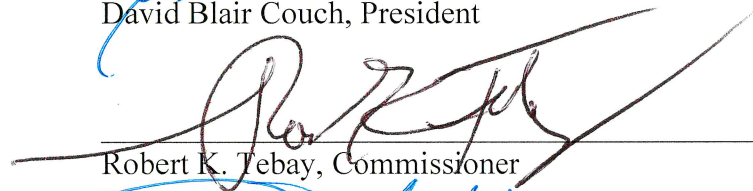
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APPROVED:

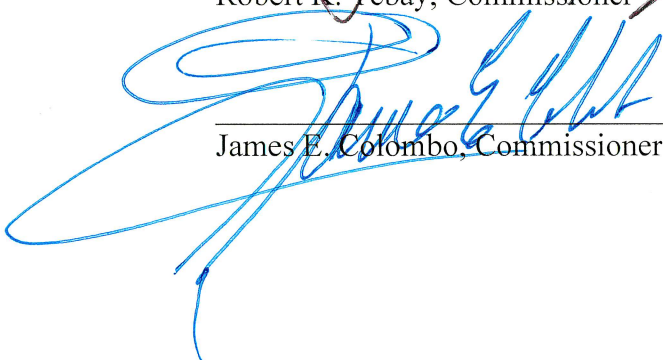
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

A/2838

Wood County  
Joe Gonzalez, Clerk  
Instrument 88318513  
09/18/2023 @ 02:01:17 PM  
COUNTY COMMISSION ORDER  
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION PLACED PATRICK WARD IN  
NOMINATION FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE WOOD  
COUNTY ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM  
COUNCIL.


**ORDER**

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, placed Patrick Ward, representing the City of Williamstown, in nomination for reappointment to the Wood County Alternative Transportation System Council.

The new term will expire July 15, 2025.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



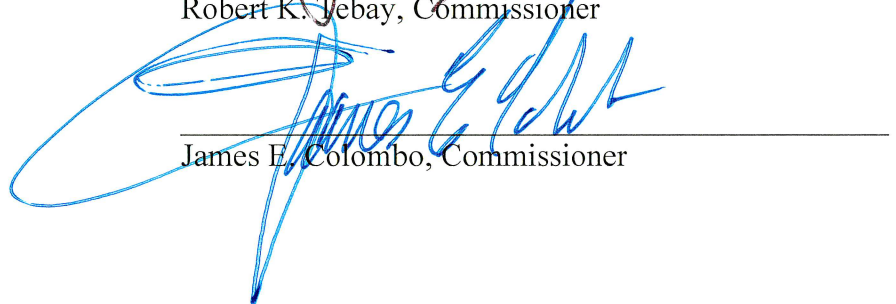
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David Blair Couch, President



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Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



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James E. Colombo, Commissioner

A/2840

Wood County  
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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: PATRICK LEFEBURE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR WOOD COUNTY, PRESENTED AN APPLICATION IN WHICH IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE GOVERNOR OF WV ISSUE A REQUISITION ON THE GOVERNOR OF OHIO FOR THE EXTRADITION OF JOSHUA SHAWN WILLIAMS.


**ORDER**


On this date, came Patrick Lefebure, Prosecuting Attorney for Wood County and presented unto the County Commission of Wood County, an Application in which it is requested that the Honorable James C. Justice, II, Governor of the State of West Virginia, issue a requisition on the Governor of the State of Ohio for the extradition of Joshua Shawn Williams, who stands charged with Two Counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, which offenses were committed in the County of Wood, in the State of West Virginia, on or about November, 2022 and July, 2023, and who is now a fugitive from justice of this State, and is now within the jurisdiction of the State of Ohio, in the County of Washington. The County Commission, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, authorized David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President, to sign the Application.

A copy of the said Application is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

  
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David Blair Couch, President

  
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Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner

  
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James E. Colombo, Commissioner

**APPLICATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

To the Honorable Jim Justice:

**GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA**

I have the honor to request that you issue a requisition to the Governor of the State of Ohio for the extradition of Joshua Shawn Williams who stands charged with:

Count One: West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i) Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver;

Count Two: West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i) Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver;

Count Three: West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i) and 60A-4-414(a) Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver; and

Complaint: West Virginia Code 61-5-17(f) Fleeing from an Officer with Reckless Indifference;

Complaint: West Virginia Code 61-11-8(1)(2) Attempt to Commit an Offense, but fails toor is prevented from Committing.

which offenses were committed in the County of Wood, of this State, in November 2022 and July 2023, and who is now a fugitive from justice of this State and, as I am informed, is now within the jurisdiction of the said State of Ohio, in the County of Washington. The date of birth of said Joshua Shawn Williams is 09/18/1984; social security number [REDACTED] a white male, 5'8", 140 pounds,

**I HEREBY CERTIFY:**

1. That the full name of the person for whom the requisition is asked, is Joshua Shawn Williams, who will be hereinafter referred to as said accused.

2. That said accused was personally and physically present in this State at the time of the commission of said crimes and to avoid arrest and prosecution, fled from the jurisdiction of this State.

3. That in my opinion, the ends of public justice require said accused to be brought to this State for trial at the public expense, and I believe I have sufficient evidence to secure the conviction of said accused of said crimes.


4. That this request is made in good faith and not for the purpose of collecting a debt or for any private purpose whatever, and if the requisition now applied for be granted, criminal proceedings shall not be used for any of said objects.

5. That no former application for a requisition for said accused, growing out of the same transaction, has been made.

I annex hereto a certified copy of the Indictment against him with an affidavit to the facts thereof by a person having actual knowledge thereof.

I respectfully recommend the Parkersburg Police Department, or their duly authorized agents, as a proper person to be appointed as agent to bring said accused to this State, and certify said proposed agent has no private interest in the arrest and bringing to this State said accused.

Respectfully submitted,



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Patrick O. Lefebure

Prosecuting Attorney, Wood County, West Virginia

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:**

I, JOE GONZALES, Clerk of the County Court of said County, do hereby certify that Patrick O. Lefebure, whose signature as Prosecuting Attorney is affixed to the accompanying application for requisition, was at the date thereof, the duly elected and qualified Prosecuting Attorney in and for said County, and that I am acquainted with his handwriting, and believe the signature to the accompanying application for requisition to be genuine.

Given under my hand and seal of the said Court, at Parkersburg, West Virginia, this

18<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2023.

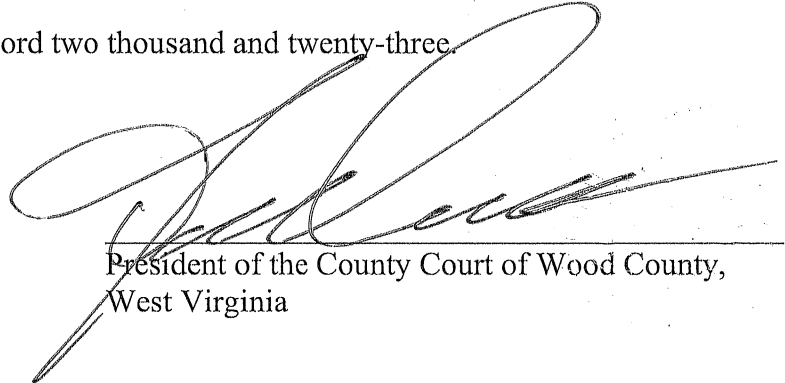


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Clerk of the County Court of Wood County,  
West Virginia

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:**

I, DAVID B. COUCH , President of the County Court of Wood County, in the State of West Virginia, do certify that JOE GONZALES, by whom the aforesaid record and certificate were made and given, and who in his own handwriting has thereunto subscribed his name and has thereto affixed the seal of the County Court in and for the County of Wood, in the State of West Virginia, was at the time of so doing, and now is, Clerk of said County Court in and for Wood County, to all whose acts as such full faith and credit are due and given, and that the said record and certificate are in due form and made by the proper officer.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 18<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.



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President of the County Court of Wood County,  
West Virginia

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:**

I, JOE GONZALES, Clerk of the County Court of Wood County, in the State of West Virginia, do hereby certify that DAVID B. COUCH, by whom the foregoing certificate was made and given, and who in his own proper handwriting has thereunto subscribed his name, was at the time of doing so, and now is, President of said County Court in and for the County of Wood, in the State of West Virginia, duly commissioned and qualified, to all whose acts as such full faith and credit are due and given as well in courts of judicature as elsewhere.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of County Court, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the County Court of Wood County,  
West Virginia

**AFFIDAVIT OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
WOOD COUNTY,**

I, PATRICK O. LEFEBURE, having been duly sworn, depose and say that I am the Prosecuting Attorney of the County aforesaid, that the person is charged by warrant (duly authenticated copies of which are attached hereto) with the crimes of:

West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i) Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver, Indictment Count One;


West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i) Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver, Indictment Count Two;

West Virginia Code 60A-4-401(a)(i); 60A-4-414(a) Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance With Intent to Deliver, Indictment Count Three;

West Virginia Code 61-5-17(f) Fleeing from an Officer with Reckless Indifference, Complaint; and

West Virginia Code 61-11-8(1)(2) Attempt to Commit an Offense, but fails to or is prevented from Committing, Complaint.

and that he is a fugitive from justice; and that the foregoing application to the Governor of West Virginia for a requisition for his extradition is made in good faith for the punishment of crime, and not for the purpose of collecting a debt or pecuniary mulct, or of removing him to a foreign jurisdiction with a view there to serve him with civil process.

  
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Patrick O. Lefebure,  
Wood County Prosecuting Attorney

Sworn to and subscribed before me in the County aforesaid, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2023

  
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County Clerk of Wood County, West Virginia

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia  
v.

Case No. 23-M54F-00335  
 Misdemeanor/  Felony

Joshua Shawn Williams  
Defendant (full name)  
1020 Swann St Apt 2  
Address  
Parkersburg, WV, 26101  
City, State & Zip Code

XXX-XX-1243      09 / 18 / 1984  
Social Security Number      Date of Birth  
F452195 WV  
Driver's License / Identification Number  
  
Phone Number(s)

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

[Mag. Ct. Criminal Procedure Rule 3.4; 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(33)]

I, the undersigned complainant, upon my oath or affirmation, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about 07 / 13 / 2023, in Wood County, West Virginia, in violation of *West Virginia Code* § (cite specific section, subsection, and/or subdivision, if applicable) 1)61-5-17(f) 2)61-11-8(1)(2)

the defendant did (state statutory language of the offense)

1) A person who intentionally flees or attempts to flee in a vehicle from a law-enforcement officer, probation officer, or parole officer acting in his or her official capacity after the officer has given a clear visual or audible signal directing the person to stop, and who operates the vehicle in a manner showing a reckless indifference.

I further state that this complaint is based upon the following facts:  Check if continued on attached sheet. On 07/13/2023 this officer was driving North on Lynn St approaching Grafton St in Parkersburg, Wood County, WV and observed a vehicle, Beige Nissan Sedan, driving west on Grafton at a higher rate of speed and run the stop sign at Grafton St and Lynn St. This officer observed the defendant, Joshua Williams, CONTINUED

(If this complaint involves misdemeanor assault/battery [West Virginia Code § 61-2-9] or misdemeanor domestic assault/battery [West Virginia Code § 61-2-28], check all that apply. The defendant:

- is/was the victim's spouse.       is/was living with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian.
- is/was a parent or guardian of the victim.       is a person who is like a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.
- has a child in common with the victim.       has none of the above connections to the victim.

Complainant (who appears before Magistrate):  
A. W. Davis  
Complainant (full name)  
1 Governement Square  
Address  
Parkersburg, WV 26102  
City, State & Zip Code  
(304) 424-8444      P2303585  
Phone Number(s)  
Patrolman First Class  
Office or Title, if any

On this complaint, sworn or affirmed before me and signed in my presence on this date by the complainant, the item(s) checked below apply:

- | Finding  | Issuance   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> No probable cause found         | <input type="checkbox"/> Summons issued            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probable cause found | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrant issued |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Warrantless arrest        |

7/14/23      A.C. Willes  
Date      Complainant Signature

July 14, 2023      Brenda K Marshall  
Date      Magistrate Signature



Case No. 23MS4F-00335

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (CONTINUATION PAGE)**

Statutory Language Continued: 2) Every person who attempts to commit an offense, but fails to commit or is prevented from committing it, shall, where it is not otherwise provided, be punished as follows: If the offense attempted be punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term less than life, such person shall be guilty of a felony. To Wit: 61-2-10b(b) Any person who maliciously shoots, stabs, cuts or wounds or by any means causes bodily injury with intent to maim, disfigure, disable or kill a government representative, health care worker, utility worker, emergency service personnel, correctional employee or law-enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity, and the person committing the malicious assault knows or has reason to know that the victim is acting in his or her official capacity is guilty of a felony.

Facts Continued: to be the sole occupant of the vehicle. This officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop using emergency lights at Grafton St and Swann St with the vehicle bearing WV registration 37C241. The defendant failed to stop and this officer initiated a pursuit using emergency lights and sirens with the vehicle traveling the wrong way (North) on Swann St. The vehicle fled from this officer through Parkersburg ultimately driving west on Route 47. While fleeing west on Route 47 at approximately 80 MPH in a 45 MPH zone the vehicle swerved toward Deputy Burns who was sitting stationary at Route 47 and River Road. The defendant braked hard causing the tires to lock up and swerved away at the last second and continued to flee Westbound on Route 47. The defendant was approaching 9140 Staunton Turnpike (Hillbilly Shack) in a sharp left turn. The defendant failed to navigate the turn and lost control and headed in the opposite direction (East). The defendant continued to flee on Route 47 East merging onto I77 North. The defendant fled on I77 North reaching speeds of 110 MPH in a 70 MPH where he was spiked by Ohio Highway Patrol at Exit 1 in Ohio. The defendant fled for approximately one more mile before he lost control crossing the median and striking the guard rail on the opposite side of the interstate. The defendant was then taken into custody by the Washington County Ohio Sheriff's office.

This officer respectfully requests a warrant on the defendant for 1)61-5-17(f) and 61-11-8(1)(2).

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

WARRANT FOR ARREST

State of West Virginia

v.

Case No(s). 23-M54F-00335

Joshua Shawn Williams  
1020 Swann Street Apt 2  
Parkersburg, WV 26101  
(304) 588-0396

To Any Law Enforcement Officer:

WHEREAS this court has found probable cause to believe that the defendant, Joshua Shawn Williams did commit an offense or offenses in this County on or about

13th day of July, 2023, previous to the issuance of this warrant 1 count(s) 61-05-17(f): Fleeing from officer; penalties; definitions. (Vehicle - Reckless Indifference)

13th day of July, 2023, previous to the issuance of this warrant 1 count(s) 61-11-8(1)(2): Attempt to commit an offense, but fails to or is prevented from committing

against the peace and dignity of the State.

Therefore, you are commanded in the name of the State of West Virginia to apprehend the above-named defendant and bring that person before any magistrate in this County, to be dealt with in relation to the charge(s) according to law.

This arrest warrant is to be executed in the following manner (*check one*):

- Forthwith
- Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday
- Other (*as specified*):

Given under my hand this

14th

day of

JULY

2023

Brenda K. Marshall, Magistrate

Executed by: \_\_\_\_\_

in \_\_\_\_\_

County, W. Va.,

on \_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

State of West Virginia,  
Wood County, to-wit:

Case No. 23-F-202

I, **CELESTE RIDGWAY**, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of copy of Indictment and Circuit Court Capias

in a cause still pending in said court wherein the State of West Virginia  
is plaintiff and Joshua Shawn Williams are defendant as fully as the same appears  
to me of record.

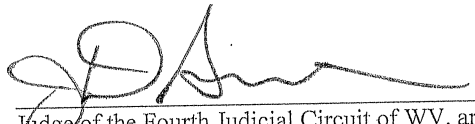
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, this 13 day of September, 2023, and in the 161st year of the State.

  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County, WV

State of West Virginia  
Wood County, to-wit:

I, **J.D. Beane**, a Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of West Virginia, and as such, a Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that Celeste Ridgway, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the said certificate, Clerk of the said Circuit Court, duly elected and legally qualified according to law; that her said signature is genuine; that all her official acts are entitled to full faith and credit, as well in Courts of Judicature as elsewhere; that the attestation of the said Celeste Ridgway to said certificate is in due form of law; and that the seal of the court annexed thereto was duly affixed by the said Celeste Ridgway, Clerk, as aforesaid.

Given under my hand this \_\_\_ day of September, 2023.

  
Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of WV, and as such  
Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia

State of West Virginia  
Wood County, to-wit:

I, **CELESTE RIDGWAY**, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, a court of record, do hereby certify that the Honorable **J.D. Beane** whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the said certificate, a Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of West Virginia, and as such, a Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, duly elected and legally qualified according to law; that his signature is genuine, and that all of his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit as well in courts of Judicature as elsewhere.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, and in the 161st year of the State.

  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County, WV

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CC-54-2023-F-202  
Wood County Circuit Clerk  
Celeste Ridgway

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. 23-F-202 (B)

JOSHUA SHAWN WILLIAMS and  
CHERISH LYNN SAMS,  
Defendant.

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

West Virginia Code: 60A-4-401(a)(i)  
Possession of a Controlled Substance  
With Intent to Deliver

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

That on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2022, in Wood County, West Virginia, **JOSHUA SHAWN WILLIAMS** and **CHERISH LYNN SAMS** committed the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver" by unlawfully, intentionally and feloniously possessing Methamphetamine, a Schedule II non-narcotic controlled substance, then and there having the intent to deliver said Methamphetamine to another person or persons, against the peace and dignity of the State.

FILED IN OPEN COURT

MAY 11 2023

CELESTE RIDGWAY  
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

Ind # 142

COUNT TWO

West Virginia Code: 60A-4-401(a)(i)  
Possession of a Controlled Substance  
With Intent to Deliver

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

That on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2022, in Wood County, West Virginia, JOSHUA SHAWN WILLIAMS and CHERISH LYNN SAMS committed the offense of "Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver" by unlawfully, intentionally, knowingly, and feloniously possessing Fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic controlled substance, either alone or in combination with another controlled substance, then and there having the intent to deliver said Fentanyl to another person or persons, against the peace and dignity of the State.

COUNT THREE

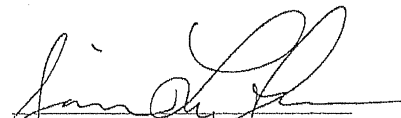
West Virginia Code: 60A-4-401(a)(i) & 60A-4-414(a)  
Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a  
Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

That on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2022, in Wood County, West Virginia, JOSHUA SHAWN WILLIAMS and CHERISH LYNN SAMS committed the offense of "Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver" by unlawfully, willfully, and feloniously conspiring to possess with the intent to deliver Methamphetamine, a Schedule II non-narcotic controlled substance, and/or Fentanyl, a Schedule II narcotic controlled substance, with one or more of the said JOSHUA SHAWN WILLIAMS and/or CHERISH LYNN SAMS performing any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, against the peace and dignity of the State.

A TRUE BILL:

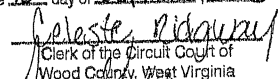
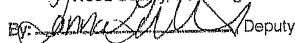
  
PATRICK O. LEFEBURE  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

  
GRAND JURY FOREMAN

Found upon the testimony of: C. Nangle

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
COUNTY OF WOOD, TO-WIT:

I, CELESTE RIDGWAY, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy as the same appears from the records of said Court. Given under my hand and seal of said Circuit Court, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

  
Celeste Ridgway  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
Wood County, West Virginia  
By:  Deputy

/s/ J.D. Beane  
Circuit Court Judge  
Ref. Code: 23Z9FC10X

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Wood County Circuit Clerk  
Celeste Ridgway

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia

Circuit Court Case No. 23-F-202

v.

Defendant: Joshua Shawn Williams

Magistrate Court Case No. 22MS4F 00548

Address: 1020 Swann Street  
Parkersburg WV 26101

DOB: 09/18/1984 DL No: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: XXX-XX-1243 Gender:  Male /  Female

Felony (pre-trial) /  Felony (convicted) /  Misdemeanor /  Civil Contempt /  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCUIT COURT CAPIAS

To Any Law Enforcement Officer:

This capias has been issued by J.D. BEANE, Judge of this Court, against the defendant who must answer to the charges(s) listed above brought against the defendant in this Court. The Sheriff of this county is ordered to list the defendant as a fugitive in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and to advise the NCIC when service has been executed. NCIC shall be notified on limitations of extradition. Any and all law enforcement are further ordered forthwith to arrest and incarcerate the defendant, if found in your jurisdiction, into the custody of the WV Division of Corrections until further order of this Court.

The Court finds that the defendant has been convicted of a felony offense and has allegedly committed/committed a violation which would, absent this sanctioned incarceration, require the defendant be sentenced to the custody of the WV Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (WVDCR). The cost of the incarceration shall be paid by the WVDCR, pursuant to:

- probation violation, *WV Code § 62-12-10(b)* /  home incarceration violation, *WV Code § 62-11B-9* /
- home incarceration parole violation, *WV Code § 62-11B-12*.

Bail has been set in the amount of \$ Revoked

The Circuit Clerk shall send certified copies of this order to the Sheriff of this County, and to the following:

Charge/Other: Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver; Possession of a Controlled Substance w/ Intent to Deliver; Conspiracy to Commit Possession of a Controlled Substance w/ Intent to Deliver

Entry Date: 08/31/2023

Circuit Judge

OR  
Circuit Clerk (by authorization)

Comments:

Received and executed by arresting the defendant named above on _____ Date _____ Time _____
WVDCR Location: _____
Arresting Officer _____ Law Enforcement Agency _____
*By the next judicial day, the arresting officer and/or regional jail housing the defendant shall notify the Judge and Prosecutor; and shall file a return with the Circuit Clerk that the defendant has been arrested and is in custody.

9/12/23 Capias Bailed to JWC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia      Circuit Court Case No. 23-F-202  
 v.      Magistrate Court Case No. 22 MS4F 00548  
 Defendant: Joshua Shawn Williams  
 Address: 1020 Swan Street      DOB: 09/18/1984      DL No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parkersburg WV 26101      SSN: XXX-XX-1243      Gender:  Male /  Female

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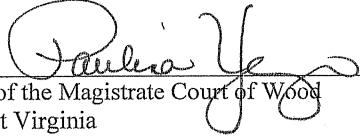
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State of West Virginia,

Wood County, to-wit:

I, Paulina Yearego, Magistrate Court Clerk of the Magistrate Court of Wood County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of **criminal complaint and warrant in cases 23-M54F-00335** in a cause now pending in said Court wherein the **State of West Virginia** was Plaintiff and **Joshua Shawn Williams** was Defendant as fully as the same appears to me of record in said Court. Given under my hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of **August, 2023** and in the 161<sup>st</sup> year of the State.

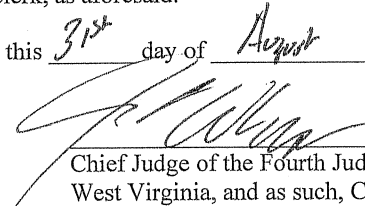
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Court Clerk of the Magistrate Court of Wood  
County, West Virginia

State of West Virginia,

Wood County, to-wit:

I, **Jason Wharton**, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of West Virginia, and as such, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, and by law being responsible for the supervision of the Magistrate Court of Wood County, West Virginia, do hereby certify that Paulina Yearego, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the said certificate, the Magistrate Court Clerk of the Magistrate Court of Wood County, West Virginia duly and legally appointed and qualified according to law; that the signature of the said Magistrate Court Clerk is her genuine signature; that the Magistrate Court is constitutional Court under the laws of the State of West Virginia; that the official acts of said Court and the Clerk thereof are entitled to full faith and credit, as well in Courts of Judicature as elsewhere; that the attestation of the said Paulina Yearego to said certificate is in due form of the law; and that the said signature was duly affixed according to law by the said Paulina Yearego, Magistrate Court Clerk, as aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023

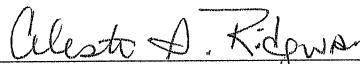
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of  
West Virginia, and as such, Chief Judge of  
Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia

State of West Virginia

Wood County, to-wit:

I, Celeste Ridgway, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, a Court of record, to hereby certify that the **Honorable Jason Wharton**, whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing of said certificate, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of West Virginia, and as such Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Wood County, West Virginia, duly elected and legally qualified according to law; that his signature is genuine, and that all of his official acts are entitled to full faith and credit as well in Courts of Judicature as elsewhere.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023, and in the 161<sup>st</sup> year of the State.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Wood County  
West Virginia

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED DAVID BLAIR COUCH TO SIGN THE REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT IN REGARD TO THE VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (VOCA) GRANT NUMBER 23-VA-080. SAID REQUEST IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,427.16.

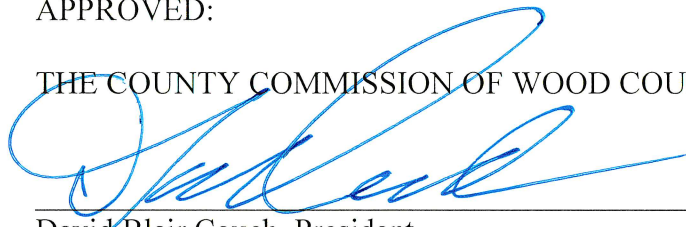
**ORDER**

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by David Blair Couch and made unanimous by James E. Colombo, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the Victims of Crime Assistance Grant Number 23-VA-080. The Request for Reimbursement is in the amount of eight thousand four hundred twenty-seven dollars and sixteen cents (\$8,427.16) for the month of August, 2023.

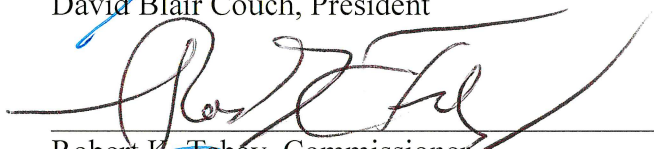
Documentation pertaining to the Victims of Crime Advocate Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

APPROVED:

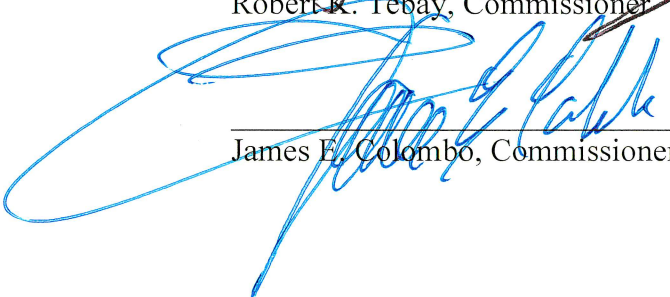
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED DAVID BLAIR COUCH TO SIGN THE PROGRESS REPORT IN REGARD TO THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT NUMBER 24-CC-29. SAID PROGRESS REPORT IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,617.44.

**ORDER**

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by James E. Colombo and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Progress Report in regard to the Community Corrections Grant Number 24-CC-29. The Request for Reimbursement is in the amount of twenty-three thousand six hundred seventeen dollars and forty-four cents (\$23,617.44) for the month of August, 2023. A Financial Recap Page, Project Financial Report, Time Sheets for the employees of the Wood County Day Report Center and the Monthly Progress Reports have been submitted.


Documentation pertaining to the Community Corrections Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator.

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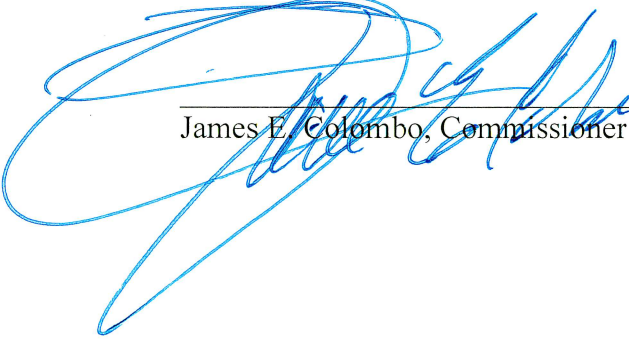
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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 APPLICATION FOR A JAG GRANT.

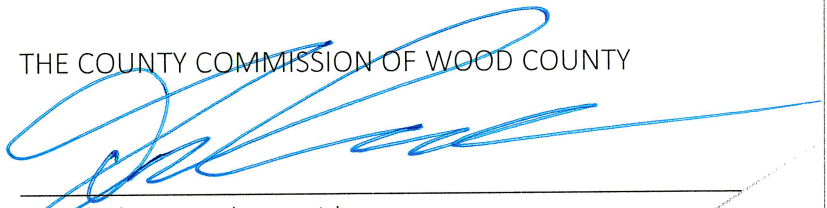
ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by James E. Colombo and made unanimous by Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE an Application for a Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant with the West Virginia Department of Justice. Said grant application is in the amount of twenty-eight thousand dollars and zero cents (\$28,000.00) and is for an Assistant Child Abuse/Sex Abuse/Domestic Prosecuting Attorney.

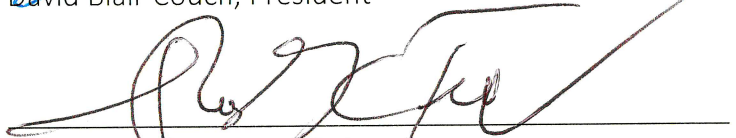
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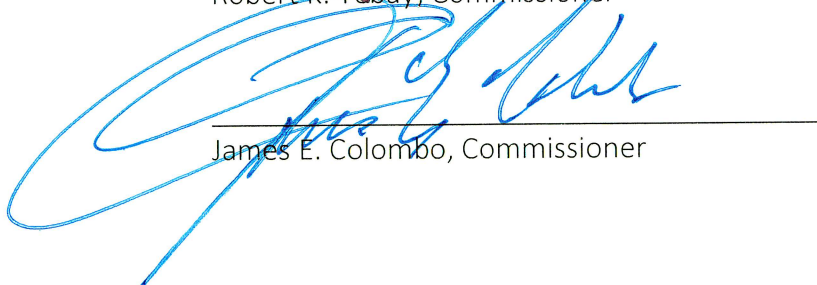
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



David Blair Couch, President



Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner



James E. Colombo, Commissioner

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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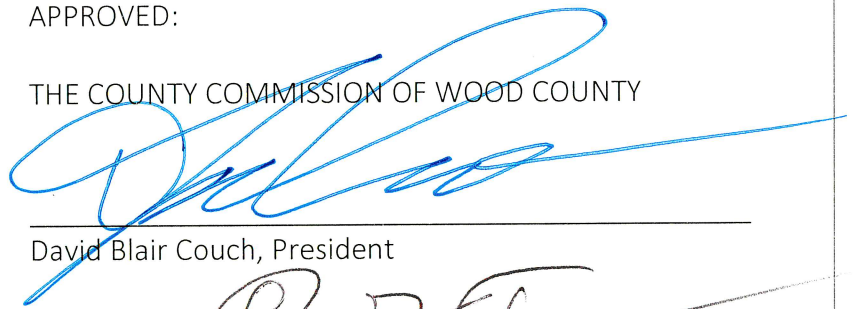
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Information relating to this grant is on file in the office of the County Administrator.

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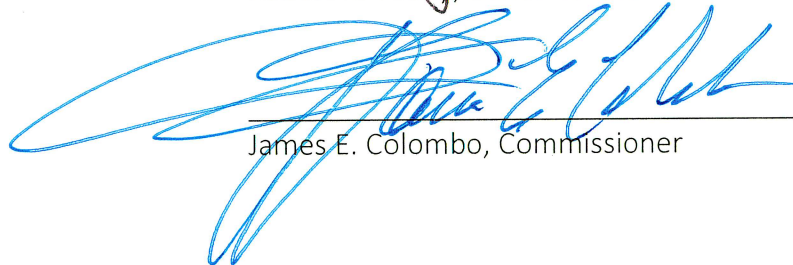
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



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