

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1991

PRESENT: PRESIDENT STEVEN A. GRIMM
COMMISSIONER HOLMES R. SHAVER
COMMISSIONER JEAN GRAPES

On this date, the County Commission met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and correspondence.

At 9:00 A.M., the County Commission met with Robert Allender from the State Tax Department. Also present were Gene Knotts, Jeff Reed and R.K. Masch. Mr. Allender explained the procedure for Exonerations. Exonerations are to be granted when there is a clerical or human error in assessment. There is no time limit on how far back the Commission can go to exonerate property. The Prosecuting Attorney is to be notified of all Exonerations. If there is an increase of the property, the property owner must be notified. Exonerations are to be the first order of business for the Commission at their regular meetings. The State of West Virginia is now handling Industrial properties. Once money is in the County treasury, the taxpayer can only receive credit for future taxes or outstanding taxes, not a refund. The County Commission is never under an obligation to make exonerations. If there are classification questions regarding exonerations, they can only be reviewed with the consent of the Assessor. Classification cannot be changed during the middle of the year.

At 10:15 A.M., the County Commission met with Diana Joachim and Doug Herrington to discuss Diana's letter concerning the work that needs to be done on the computers. The Commission discussed each matter in the letter individually. Mr. Herrington agreed to check with most of the items and doing the work that he can. Mr. Herrington stated that there is nothing that he can do concerning the paper waste or the slowness of the system. NCR is going to be requested to come in and reevaluate the system. Mr. Herrington stated that

he will work with Mrs. Joachim on the matters listed in the letter. Mrs. Joachim stated there was a problem with delinquencies not showing up on the screens and with the computer not picking up delinquent taxes for those other than this years taxes. Mr. Herrington stated that the documentation is finished and that he just needs to check it. They will meet again on September 23, 1991 at 2:00 P.M.

At 11:00 A.M., the County Commission heard the case of Lenoria B. Jordan, alleged incompetent. Attorney Dave Palmer presented the case. Joe Brown was the Guardian Ad Litem. The Commission was in receipt of an affidavit from Dr. Vincent Mazzella stating that Ms. Jordan suffered from Organic Brain Syndrome and other diseases. Burdia Prather, daughter was sworn in. Ms. Prather stated that her mother is 88 years of age. Her husband, who Mrs. Jordan thinks is still alive, died 13 years ago. Ms. Prather stated that she reminded her mother yesterday of today's hearing. Ms. Prather stated that her mother will leave to go to Senior Citizens and then ends up somewhere else. She has had to be picked up all over Parkersburg several times. Ms. Prather stated that her mother picks up trash and keeps it in her home. She has not had total bowel control for about a year. The police has taken her to the Salvation Army and has called the family many times to pick up Ms. Jordan. Ms. Prather stated that she tries to get the trash out of her mother's house and does her laundry. She brings diapers, metal, etc. and puts them in her refrigerator, she brings in trash such as cups, plates and other trash which Ms. Prather tries to get out of the house. Ms. Jordan does not take baths or take her medicine. Ms. Prather was writing checks to pay for Ms. Jordan's bills but now Ms. Jordan will not sign the checks. The only income she has is her Social Security checks. Department of Human Resources told Ms. Prather that they will try to help. Donna Buckley, granddaughter of Ms. Jordan, was sworn in. She has also had to pick her up several times. She has also chased her with a broom. The family would like to put her in a Care Center. Upon a motion made by Holmes R. Shaver, seconded by Jean Grapes and made unanimous by Steven A. Grimm, the

County Commission declared Lenoria B. Jordan incompetent based on testimony and medical information they were provided. Upon a motion made by Holmes R. Shaver, seconded by Jean Grapes and made unanimous by Steven A. Grimm, the County Commission appointed Berdie Prather as Committee for Lenoria Jordan and her estate with a justification of surety bond of \$3,000.00. If the Commission receives evidence to the contrary, they will review this. Also made a part of the motion was that the family try to get Lenoria Jordan help at her home before putting her in a Care Center; this was added by Commissioner Grapes.

At 11:15 A.M., the County Commission met with Terry Tamburini and Dave Ashley to discuss the Application for the Governor's Community Partnership Program. Upon a motion made by Holmes R. Shaver, seconded by Jean Grapes and made unanimous by Steven A. Grimm, authorized Steven A. Grimm, in his official capacity as President to sign the Governor's Community Partnership Grant Application in regard to the Destination Greater Parkersburg Project. The Grant is requesting the amount of \$25,000.00. The Parkersburg/Wood County Visitors and Convention Bureau will be the Administering Agency. The Bureau has secured the \$66,483.00 in additional funds as required by the Grant Application. Said Project is to increase the visitation to the Wood County Area to improve investment and employment opportunities in the tourism and service sectors. The program is designed to be self-supporting after two years. The Application was prepared by Steve Nicely and Terry Tamburini. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

At 11:30 A.M., the County Commission met with Gene Harper to discuss back taxes. Gene Knotts was present. Mr. Knotts stated that his office had never put the structures on Mr. Harpers property on the books. Mr. Harper purchased the land on land contract and someone else paid the taxes. Mr. Knotts stated that it is partial error of the Assessor's office. The County Commission wish to have another meeting when they may have Jeff Reed, Prosecuting Attorney present.

At 11:45 A.M., James Wright was sworn in as a Correctional Officer.

On this date, the County Commission was in receipt of an Adjustment Notice in regard to Drug Control and System Improvement Grant No. 90-DC-059 from Melissa McPhail, Drug Control Specialist, from the Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Office. This Adjustment Notice extends the Grant period to August 31, 1991 and moves \$3,600.00 from the Other Category to the Equipment Category in the Approved Budget. This transfer will allow for the purchase of an electronic paging device and a three-in-one radio transmission system for the aircraft used by the Aerial Support Unit. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission authorized Steven A. Grimm to sign the Application for Certification under the Certified Local Government Program of the Historic Landmarks Commission. Said Certification would allow protection to historic structures from changes being made by an owner. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission was in receipt of a check in the amount of \$113,776.51 from the State of West Virginia representing reimbursement for expenses incurred in regard to the Small Cities Block Grant No. B88-DC-54-0001, Union-Williams PSD Waverly Sewer Project. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, the County Commission adopted a Resolution in reference to Budget Revision No. 6 in the General County Fund budget for the fiscal year 1991/1992. Said Request is being submitted to the Department of Tax and Revenue. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

On this date, Benny Stump was placed in nomination by the County Commission to fill a vacancy on the Wood County Recreation Commission. This vacancy occurs due to the fact that Jerry Burns' term has expired. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

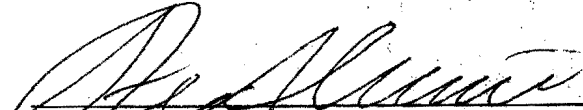
On this date, the County Commission authorized Steven A. Grimm to sign Drawdown Request No. 15 in regard to the Small Cities Block Grant No. B88-DC-54-0001, Union-Williams Public Service District Project. Said Request is in

the amount of \$110,686.85. This is for payment to Wesam Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$46,547.01 and to Hemlock Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$64,139.75. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Having no scheduled appointments or further business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY


Steven A. Grimm, President


Holmes R. Shaver, Commissioner


Jean Grapes, Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDERS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1991

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| No. 14937 | Universal Supply Co. | \$ 85.21 |
| 14950 | Parkersburg Lumber Co. | 4.44 |
| 14975 | Stuart Oil Co. | 1684.41 |
| 14980 | Grant's Rental & Sales | 78.00 |
| 14999 | Parkersburg Office Supply | 91.92 |