

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1995

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

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

On this date, the County Commission approved Exonerations for Joyce A. Garner - Vienna District (1995); Kenneth W. & Lynn A. Robinson (E.L. & T. Robinson Life Estate) - Union District (1995); and Kenneth W. & Lynx A. Robinson - Union District (1995).

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by Steven A. Grimm, seconded by Holmes R. Shaver and passed, did hereby AUTHORIZE Jean Grapes, in her official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to sign the Request for Reimbursement in regard to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Number 94-JJ-7-013. No expenditures were incurred by the County during the month of August, 1995. In addition to the Request for Reimbursement, the Monthly Progress Report and the Project Financial Report are being submitted to the Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Office, Charleston, West Virginia. All documentation pertaining to the said Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission stated that they would leave the investigation of alleged political favors that may have occurred in

the Assessor's Office to law enforcement agencies. Commissioner Grapes stated that if someone in the Assessor's Office asked for an exoneration because of a clerical error, when in fact there was no error, then the County Commission was misled. Commissioner Grapes stated that if employees knew of changes being made that were not clerical errors, they should have come to the County Commission or the Prosecuting Attorney.

On this date, the County Commission met with S.F. Greiner, Assessor of Wood County to discuss the taxing of undeveloped and developed lots in Wood County. All agreed the County Commission needs a written policy for assessment of undeveloped lots. County Commissioners stated that changes in procedure might impede development. Mr. Greiner stated that changes are needed to treat everyone fairly. They agreed that some definition for "improvement of land" needs to be put on record so that developers will know where they stand. Mary R. Rader, County Administrator, stated that more of a tax burden could spell financial hardship for some developers, those who have inherited land and decided to subdivide and sell it. Commissioner Shaver stated that many developers borrow money to do the developments and don't make money until it is sold. Commissioner Grapes asked what advantage it would be for builders to make improvements and comply with planning regulations when you're going to penalize them by putting it on a higher value, killing the incentive to build. Greiner stated that they are not going to put a high price on lots; we're just trying to make it fair for everyone. Commissioners and the Assessor agreed that they first need to make


sure all properties are in the same classification, depending on location. Mr. Greiner agreed to meet with Mary Rader to develop a written plan or policy to establish ground rules for the assessment of "undeveloped" and "developed" lots.

On this date, Dan Curry, Wood County Schools Superintendent asked the commission how the annual fee of \$800,000.00 from the Belleville Hydroelectric plant will be used. Commissioner Grapes stated that the money is being kept in an interest bearing account, outside the County budget earmarked solely for infrastructure projects, with the Wood County Schools being a part of that. Mrs. Grapes stated that she would like to see water line projects to the rural parts of the County completed, funding to set up the county's E-911 system and projects to help schools.

Having no scheduled appointments or further business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Approved:

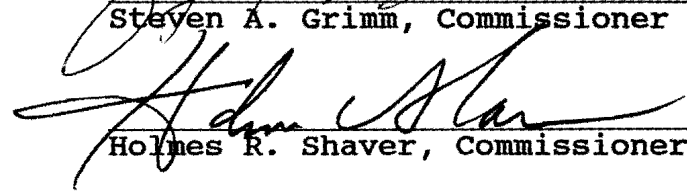
THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



Jean Grapes, President



Steven A. Grimm, Commissioner



Holmes R. Shaver, Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDERS SIGNED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1995

No.	20433	Wal-Mart	\$	33.18
	20454	Broadwaters Motorcar		45.83
	20455	Fore Timber Company		68.30
	20457	K-Mart		19.92
	20458	Parkersburg Office Supply		137.11
	20459	Parkersburg Office Supply		322.92
	20460	Parkersburg Office Supply		426.88
	20461	Sam's Club		571.48