

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001

PRESENT: ROBERT K. TEBAY, PRESIDENT
K.D. MERRITT, COMMISSIONER

ABSENT: RICK MODESITT, COMMISSIONER

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

The County Commission approved an Erroneous Assessment Application in regard to personal property for Karla A. Thomas – Clay District (1999).

At 10:00 A.M., the County Commission held a public hearing in regard to the Annexation of Property by Minor Boundary Adjustment, Tygart District. Joseph T. Santer, Attorney for the City of Parkersburg was present and Donna Davis, Planning Director for the City of Parkersburg. In view of the findings of fact made herein, this Commission accordingly concluded that the Petition herein is in proper form; that the area proposed to be annexed is a proper subject for annexation by minor boundary adjustment and therefore, it is ORDERED that the following described property, formerly situate in Tygart District, be and the same are, hereby annexed, by minor boundary adjustment, to the petitioner herein and, accordingly, the corporate limits of the City of Parkersburg, be and the same are hereby changed by virtue of such annexation. A copy of the Final Order is attached to these minutes and shall be made a part thereof.

At 10:30 A.M., the County Commission met with John Carr, Little Kanawha RC&D Coordinator, Marvin Kerr, Natural Resource and Conservation Service and Bob Grant, Little

Kanawha RC&D. Mr. Carr updated the Commission on projects they have in progress and asking for financial assistance.

At 11:00 A.M., the County Commission met with Jim Kinnett from the Parkersburg/Wood County Area Development Corporation to discuss receiving an increase in their budget. Mr. Kinnett described projects they wish to do in the upcoming year.

At 1:30 P.M., the County Commission went to the County Cemetery with Dr. Bitterbaum and Dave Cunningham, WVU-P.

At 3:00 P.M., the County Commission met with Mayors, Police Chiefs, and others to discuss the regional jail.

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed, placed Doug Hess, representing the Media, in nomination for reappointment to the Wood County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Said nomination is pursuant to an Order appearing in Order book 51, at Page 433 and bears the date of April 1, 1991, which deals with the procedure policy for appointments to Boards and Authorities. The term will expire December 31, 2002. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission met with Shaun Graham, President of the Wood County Deputy Sheriff's Association. Sgt. Graham discussed equitable pay scale for deputies.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed, reappointed Larry Stephens, Ambulance Service at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital and Dwane Weekley, Ambulance Service at St. Joseph's Hospital, to the Wood County Local Emergency Planning Committee. Said reappointments are pursuant to an Order appearing in Order book 51, at Page 433, which bears the date of April 1, 1991, and deals with the procedure policy for

appointments to Boards and Authorities. Their terms will expire December 31, 2002. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of a check from the State of West Virginia in the amount of twelve thousand four hundred fifty-five dollars and thirty-one cents (\$12,455.31), of which the amount of four thousand nine hundred ninety-four dollars and sixty-six cents (\$4,994.66) represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of December, 2000 in regard to the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Number 99-A-D-008; of which the amount of five thousand eight hundred forty-three dollars and forty-five cents (\$5,843.45) represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of December, 2000, in regard to the Victims Assistance Formula Grant Number A-D-017; and of which the amount of one thousand six hundred seventeen dollars and twenty cents (\$1,617.20) which represents reimbursement to Wood County for expenses incurred during the month of January, 2001, in regard to the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program Grant Number 99-VA-011. Receipt of the aforementioned check is pursuant to an ORDER appearing in Order Book 64, at Page 408 and bearing the date of January 18, 2001, at which time the Request for Reimbursement was EXECUTED by Robert K. Tebay, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission; an ORDER appearing in Order Book 64, at Page 408 and bearing the date of January 18, 2001, at which time the Request For Reimbursement was EXECUTED by Robert K. Tebay, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission; and an ORDER appearing in Order Book 64, at Page 429 and bearing the date of February 15, 2001, at which time the Request For Reimbursement was EXECUTED by Robert K. Tebay, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission.

Documentation pertaining to the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

The County Commission of Wood County was in receipt of the On-Site Program Review in regard to the Combating Underage Drinking Program Grant Number 98-UD-005. The aforementioned Program Review was completed on February 16, 2001 by the Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor with the Division of Criminal Justice Services, Charleston, West Virginia. The Compliance Monitor found that there were no findings or recommendations to report, Wood County was in compliance with Grant requirements. Documentation pertaining to the Combating Underage Drinking Program Grant is on file in the Office of the County Administrator. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

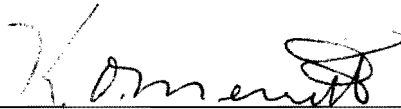
The County Commission of Wood County, in regular session, upon a motion made by Robert K. Tebay, seconded by K.D. Merritt and passed, ORDERED that the Order, found in Order book 64, at Page 457, bearing the date of March 15, 2001 be amended. Said Order calls for the County Commission to meet in Special Sessions on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, Wednesday, March 21, 2001 and Friday, March 23, 2001 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; however, **on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, they will be in Special Session from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M.** Said Special Sessions are being held for the preparation of the budget for the fiscal year 2001/2002 as required by Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 10 of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended. An Order was prepared regarding this matter.

Approved:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY



Robert K. Tebay, President



K. D. Merritt, Commissioner

PURCHASE ORDERS APPROVED ON MARCH 19, 2001

26611	Sherwin-Williams Paint	103.64
26573	Casto & Harris	1471.00
26605	Lowe's	73.04
26609	Mr. Vacuum Cleaner	38.56
26613	Parks Hardware	2.49
26615	Xerox Corporation	408.00
26619	Safety Kleen	131.14
26621	Legal Dimension	39.00
26625	Broadwaters Motorcar	7.98
26639	PAMS	90.11
26629	Radio Shack	7.99
26635	Parkersburg Paint	665.80
26617	Lowe's	18.38
27562	Alltel	380.00
27534	Signs & More in 24	15.00
27654	HobartSales	72.00
27576	Parkersburg Printing	320.00
27588	Washington State Comm. College	414.99
27594	Mahone Tire	1390.80
27598	Family Carpet One	231.00
27618	Kramer's Photo Supply	34.73
27646	Broadwaters Motorcar	19.98
27650	Kramer's Photo Supply	31.78
27662	Astorg Motor	468.27
27664	Parks Hardware & Supply	7.16
27668	Broadwaters Motorcar	35.38
27674	Parkersburg Office Supply	49.44
27622	Viking Office Products	287.33

To listen to these meetings, please refer to Tape 69.

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Wood *News* officials 3-20-01 making jail plans

By JEFFREY SAULTON
Staff Writer

Although Wood County may have to operate its jail for only one month next fiscal year, concerns remain over its cost to the county and cities.

In a meeting attended by area mayors, chiefs of police and the Wood County Commission Monday, the costs of transportation to the new facility in Doddridge County and for a holding facility were discussed.

Commission President Robert Tebay said the county wants to use the county correctional center as a 24- to 48-hour holding facility.

"We hope the state will authorize at least 24 hours," Tebay said. "It won't be cheap and we will need people to run it.

"It's been a nightmare to budget; we have no experience with a holding facility."

Most of the discussion centered on transporting Wood County inmates to the new North Central Regional Jail located off U.S. 50 in Doddridge County.

Sheriff Steve Greiner said it is a 90-mile round trip and will tie up an officer for two to three hours.

"We've been thinking about a holding facility for the county and then charging the cities 34 1/2 cents per mile per prisoner," Greiner said.

Chief Tax Deputy Mark Rhodes said based on 2000 figures the annual cost to Parkersburg would be \$33,000. For Vienna the cost would be \$4,300 and \$560 for Williamstown.

Greiner said the actual figure could be lower or higher.

Bringing all county prisoners to one point and transporting them at once would be more efficient than having each inmate going to Doddridge County, Tebay said.

"We should pool this," he said. "If we don't Route 50 is going to be covered with police cars with everybody running out there."

Under the plan, an arrested person who does not make bail or bond in magistrate court would be held at the holding facility. After a number of prisoners are at the holding facility, they will be transported to Doddridge County.

Operating a holding facility could cost as much as \$1.5 million, Tebay said.

Tom Dent, chief of police in Parkersburg, said the county needs to look at alternative sentences such as home confinement.

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Tebay said the county has home confinement and it is money coming from the county. Greiner said he thought the county could have enough money on home confinement to keep two corrections officers busy. Officials should look at a work program using home confinement for prisoners, Greiner said.

Wood County to operate its jail, the cost would be \$51 a day, Rhodes said. At the Doddridge County jail, the county will pay \$43.25 per day.

Ry Deem, chief of police in Ma, asked who would be responsible for a nighttime arrest if a prisoner had to be held two days to wait for a magistrate.

Greiner said it would be the county's responsibility and it would be able to charge the prisoner a confinement fee as all counties do now. The purpose for the meeting,

Greiner said, was to iron out potential problems with a holding facility so the county will not be unprepared for the new jail. He said he has requested a new test date to create a pool of potential corrections officers for the holding facility and to make the transports.

Some, but not all, corrections officers currently employed will be working at the new regional facility. When they transfer to the new facility, they lose their rank and the corresponding pay rate.

Commissioner Ken Merritt said many of the officers do not want to see their jobs move so far away and take a pay cut.

"When they go to the regional jail, they have to start at the bottom again," he said.

Greiner said the jail is in good shape to be a holding facility.

"We have the rules and regulations from the state for holding facilities," he said. "I don't think

we'll see any drastic changes needed there."

The state allows for holding facilities to be 24 to 72 hours and Wood County is seeking a 48-hour facility, Greiner said.

Tebay said further hearings for inmates will not require transportation back and forth because video conferencing will be used from the regional jail.

"We've been told we'll have video conferencing before we will have the jail," he said.

There may be a way for the county to recover money to help with costs. Rhodes said the county has \$1.4 million in delinquent personal property tax dating back to 1996.

If the cities could help with attorney fees, Rhodes said, the county could take legal action to collect the taxes.

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Groups lobby for money

By JEFFREY SAULTON
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Two agencies seeking funding from the Wood County Commission in fiscal 2002 made their cases to the commission Monday morning.

John Carr, coordinator of Little Kanawha Resource Conservation and Development, updated the commission on some projects the agency has in progress. The group is asking the commission for any financial help it can provide.

He said the largest project is the lake reconstruction project at the Interstate Fair Exposition grounds near Mineral Wells. He said the funding for the lake so far is \$2,000 each from LKRC&D, the fair board and the soil conservation district.

Marvin Kerr, environmental engineer with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, said an army reserve unit will be working on the site April 8 and 9. Depending on what they can accomplish, he said they may be able to hire a private contractor to construct the dam.

Carr and Kerr also spoke about a proposed lawn and garden show. Kerr said the show will not take place until 2002 because of the amount of planning needed. He said their model for the show is one staged in Huntington every year.

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At the show the public would be able to see the newest garden and lawn care equipment plus short seminars on various topics such as tree pruning and care, wildflower identification and attracting birds. Currently, he said, they are working on establishing some local business community support.

At Mountwood Park, an effort is under way to restore the natural course of Mud Lick. Carr said there have been some problems with stream bank erosion, and the project would help to correct some of those.

Jim Kinnett, president and CEO of the Area Roundtable asked the commission to consider increasing its annual support from \$15,000 to \$30,000 to allow them to add an extra person to the staff. He said county support has been at the same level for the past seven years. Kinnett said at this time the staff includes him and an administrative assistant. With the addition, he would concentrate on industrial development projects and the other would work on community development.

Over the past few years he said Wood County has been at the top of the list of areas using West Virginia Economic Development Authority loans. WVEDA loan may only be used for plants, training, land and equipment. If the amount is less than \$500,000 he said the interest is 5 percent and if the loan is between \$500,000 and \$2 million, the rate is slightly below the prime rate.

Overall he said the loan may cover only 45 percent of a project. He said 80 percent of the effort has been to local existing businesses.

Kinnett said one project under way is the construction of a port on the Little Kanawha at the former FMC site that could be used by local plants for the import and export of more materials and goods. He said the area would be a foreign trade zone that would allow various plants bring in more bulk materials and could increase jobs. In addition to the main port, other plants could become sub-zones.

Parkersburg, Kinnett said, was the first designated foreign trade zone in West Virginia, but the only active zone is in Charleston. He said there is also a sub-zone there for the Toyota engine and transmission plant in Putnam County.

Deputies petition for pay increase

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By JEFFREY SAULTON
Staff Writer

Over the past 11 years, Wood County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Shawn Graham has seen many deputies leave because of low pay compared to other sheriff's departments and the state police.

Graham, who is the president of the Wood County Deputy Sheriff's Association, said the group has petitioned the Wood County Commission for a new and more equitable pay scale.

On Thursday, Graham presented the commission with a petition signed by 20 of the department's 34 deputies. In the petition, they ask for the adoption of the Classification and Promotion Plan, a pay scale where probationary deputies are paid \$27,000 annually and then advance to a base pay of \$30,000 after one year.

Under the current pay scale, a probationary deputy is paid \$1,941 a month and after six months, he or she receives \$2,018.64 a month. After one year, the pay increases to \$2,076.87, or \$24,922.44 annually.

Every two years, deputies advance to the next higher pay scale; those with more than 20 years experience reach \$2,639.76 a month.

Graham said under the current scale, it is possible for a deputy to earn more than a sergeant or lieutenant. For example, a deputy with 18 years experience can earn more than a sergeant with 16 years and a lieutenant with 10 years experience.

Under state code, deputies are to be paid longevity pay, which is \$5 per month per year of service. If a deputy has one year of service, the longevity pay is \$60; after two years, it increases another \$60 to \$120, up to \$960 after 16 years.

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In the proposed system, the base pay will be \$30,000 annually for the first 10 years along with the longevity pay. After 10 years, they will receive \$2,500 above the base pay plus the longevity pay.

At the sergeant level, the above-base amount increases to \$5,000 and as a lieutenant, the above-base pay rate is \$7,500. Captains receive an additional \$10,000 above base annually.

In Wood County, the longevity is figured on what Lt. Terry Miller called an "outdated system that was drawn up years ago." It does not follow state code, Miller said.

He said the system uses a multiplier for every two years of service.

Sheriff Steve Greiner has based his 2001-2002 budget request for law enforcement on a Classification and Promotion Plan the association and the Wood County Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Commission have endorsed.

Greiner said the plan makes a complicated system less complicated. He said it is further complicated by having deputies who receive pay increases based on their service in the middle of the fiscal year.

"It's more simple and more fair with seniority and rank," the sheriff

said.

Greiner said he is not sure when the system now in use was implemented, but it was in use during his previous terms as the sheriff.

While he has no indication if the county commission will approve or reject the proposed budget, he said he knows the commission is willing to look at the proposal.

Compared to other law enforcement agencies, Graham said Wood County lags behind in pay.

Figures from the West Virginia State Police show a trooper starts at \$23,720 annually while in training and \$28,558 after training. In their second year, the annual pay is \$29,012.

A sergeant with four to five years of service starts at \$40,124 annually and a second lieutenant starts at \$44,300.

Base pay increases with every three years of service for the state police.

For 2001 in Washington County, Ohio, a sheriff's deputy starts at \$12.40 an hour and can earn \$17.22 with four years of service.

Sergeants earn up to \$17.92 per hour and lieutenants earn up to \$19.51 an hour.

In the petition, Graham said the

state uniform crime report shows the Wood County Sheriff's Department handles more cases than the local state police detachment and does it for less pay.

In 1998, the last year for which numbers are available, the sheriff's department answered 189 domestic violence calls compared to 19 for the state police. The sheriff's department made 54 arrests compared to six by the state police.

In cases involving murder, negli-

gent homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, auto theft and larceny, the sheriff's department answered 663 calls resulting in 57 arrests, while the state police answered 61 calls and made one arrest.

The deputy sheriff's association is scheduled to meet with the Wood County Commission at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

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IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: **Annexation of Property by
Minor Boundary Adjustment
Tygart District, Wood
County, West Virginia**

FINAL ORDER

This 19th day of March, 2001, pursuant to the Order entered herein on the 22nd day of February, 2001, this proceeding came on for hearing before the County Commission of Wood County, West Virginia; and this day came Petitioner, The City of Parkersburg, a municipal corporation, by Joseph T. Santer, its City Attorney.

In view of the findings of fact made herein on the 19th day of March, 2001, this Commission accordingly concludes that the Petition herein is in proper form; that the area proposed to be annexed is a proper subject for annexation by minor boundary adjustment, and therefore, it is

ORDERED that the following described property, formerly situate in District of Tygart, Wood County, West Virginia, be, and the same are, hereby annexed, by minor boundary adjustment, to the petitioner herein and, accordingly, the corporate limits of the City of Parkersburg be, and the same are, hereby changed by virtue of such annexation, to include said property described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the existing Corporation Line of the City of Parkersburg, said point being in the easterly right-of-way line of West Virginia Route 14 and at the northwesterly corner of a tract of land described in a deed to C & F Development Associates, L.L.C., a West Virginia Limited Liability Company, dated October 25, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 1019, Page 181, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Wood County, West Virginia; Thence, leaving the existing corporation line, in an easterly direction, with the northerly line of the said C & F Development tract, to the northeasterly corner of the said tract, said point being in the westerly line of Rosewood Estates, 2nd Addition, as shown in Plat Book 21, Page 18, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Wood County, West Virginia; Thence, with the easterly line of the said C & F Development tract, in a southerly direction, to the northeasterly corner of the tract

designated as "Parcel C, Tract 2" in the aforementioned deed to C & F Development, said point also being the southwesterly corner of the aforementioned Rosewood Estates 2nd Addition; Thence, with the easterly, southerly, and westerly lines of the said "Parcel C, Tract 2", in a southerly, westerly, and northerly direction to the northwesterly corner of the said "Parcel C, Tract 2", said point being in the southerly line of a tract of land described in a deed to John M. Wells and Faye E. Wells, husband and wife, dated May 12, 1980, and recorded in Deed Book 738, Page 502, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Wood County, West Virginia; Thence, with the southerly, easterly, and northerly lines of the said Wells tract, in an easterly, northerly, and westerly direction, to the northwesterly corner of the said Wells tract, said point being in the easterly right-of-way line of West Virginia Route 14; Thence, with the easterly line of West Virginia Route 14, in a northerly direction, to the southwesterly corner of Lot 10 of the Goff Allotment, revised and amended, as shown in Plat Book 5, Page 77, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Wood County, West Virginia; Thence, with the southerly line of the said Lot 10 of the Goff Allotment, in an easterly direction, to the southeasterly corner of the said Lot 10; Thence, with the easterly line of the said Lot 10 and Lot 9 of the Goff Allotment, in a northerly direction, to the northeasterly corner of the said Lot 9 of the Goff Allotment; Thence, with the northerly line of the said Lot 9 of the Goff Allotment, in a westerly direction, to the northwesterly corner of the said Lot 9, said point being in the easterly line of West Virginia Route 14; Thence, with the easterly line of West Virginia Route 14, in a northerly direction, to the beginning, containing 9.16 acres, as shown on the attached plat, which is made a part of this description.

This description was written by Tom M. Henderson, LLS No. 718, and is based on instruments of record.

A plat of said property for the purposes of this Order of Annexation is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

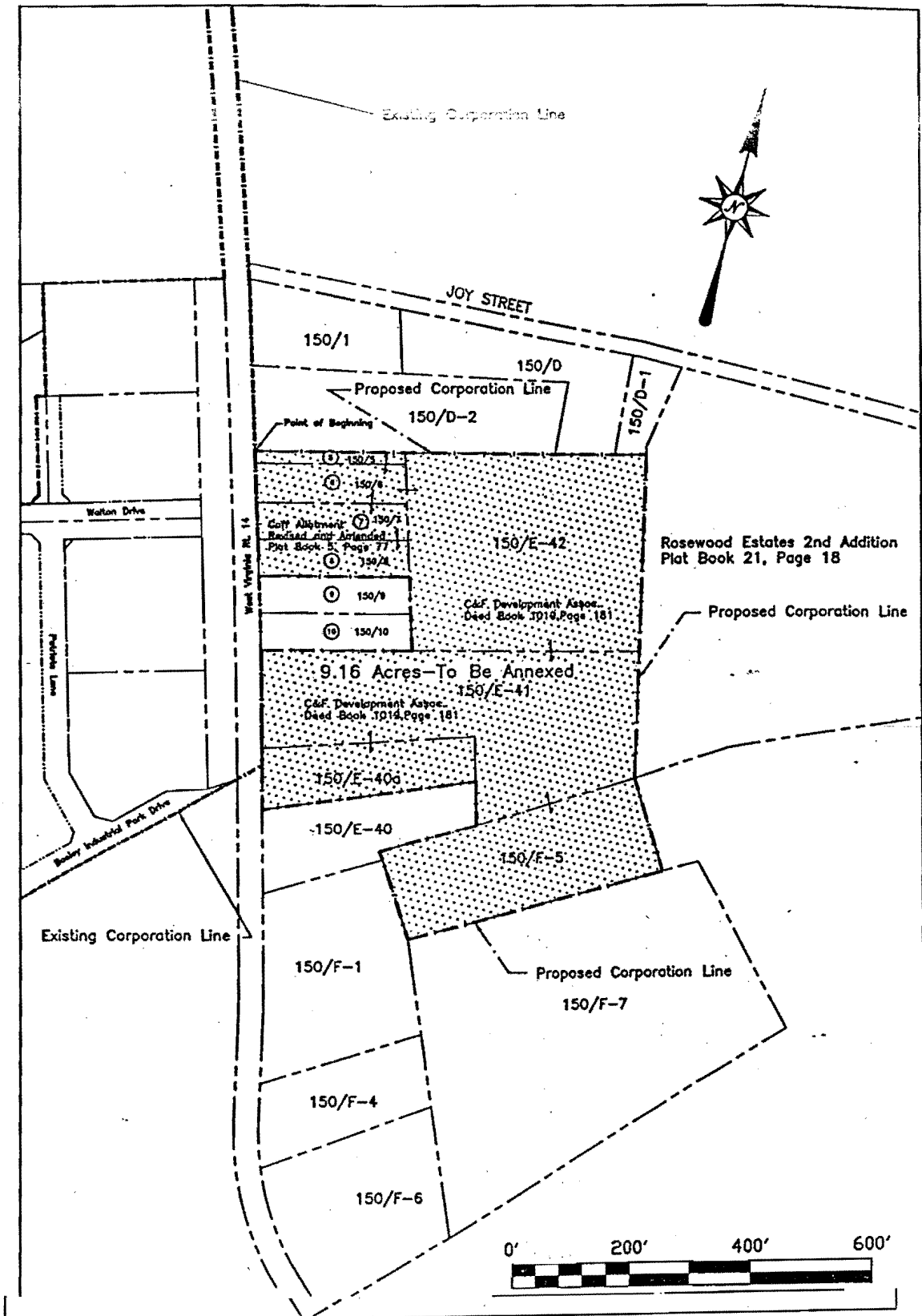
Dated this 19TH day of MARCH, 2001.

ENTER:

COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

By:


Its President



Plat of Proposed Annexation to the City of Parkersburg

Tygart District, Wood County, West Virginia
 Map 150, Parcels 5-8; E-42, E-41, F-5, E-40a
 Engineering Division, City of Parkersburg
 tmh 11/1/00
 1 inch=200 feet

Legend: 150/1=Tygart Dist.Map/Parcel