

A G E N D A
PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Call to order by President and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Commissioners

Recognition of Public

Review of Bills

Assessor's Office

Tax Correction List – Ball Pre-Owned 2023 - Hall Clarence L & Barbara 2022 - Hall Clarence L & Barbara 2023 - McCrobie Donald W & Michelle 2022 - McGowan Harold C & Amy 2023 - Sager Waitman J 2023 - Warnick Cory D & Teresa E 2023

Apportionments – None

Recognition of Scheduled Appointments -

: 9:31 a.m. Susan Ringer – Farmers Market Update - Permission to use McGrew Property -
9:40 a.m. Angie Pase – Tucker Community Foundation – “Run For It” Funding Request
9:45 a.m. Connie Ervin – Budget Revisions

Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2024

Estate Settlements List – **February 7, 2024 thru February 9, 2024**
ESTATE NAME: **PATRICIA EVALEEN DAVIS**
ESTATE NAME: **PHILLIP S. HARDESTY**

Proceedings in Vacation/Clerk's Fiduciary Report – February 8, 2024 through February 14, 2024

Fiduciary Commissioner Report – None

Old Business – Consideration and/or action

New Business – Consideration and/or action

- A. Monitronics Contract Sheriff's Office NVR
- B. Opioid Settlement Funds
 - a. Advisory Board
 - b. CD Research
- C. Fire Protection Fund
- D. Courthouse Water Intrusion

OEM Central Garage Report – consideration and/or action -

County Administrator's Report – Consideration and/or action

- A. Right of Way Agreement for City of Kingwood
- B. Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.—Letter of Support
- C. Facilities Update
 - a. Sheriff's Office
 - b. Courthouse Chiller Project
- D. Budget Revisions
- E. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Personnel Matters- Consideration and/or action

Legal Matters- Consideration and/or action

Information

- A. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Commissioners' Comments

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF PRESTON, Ss:

The Preston County Commission met in Regular Session at 9:30 a.m., February 20, 2024 in the County Commission Meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Smith who invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Smith then declared the following Commissioners present: Samantha Stone, Hunter Thomas and Don Smith

Recognition of Public

Also, present was County Administrator Nate Raybeck and Assessor Connie Ervin.

The following persons registered their attendance during the meeting:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nicole Larew | Deanna Lively |
| Jacob Martin-WV News | Jennifer Graham-Dominion Post |
| Susan Ringer | Jesse Hale |
| Angie Pase | David Cooper |
| Roy Watkins | Kevin Likens |

No other persons registered before the meeting to address the commission.

Review of Bills

Commissioner Thomas moved to pay the bills that have been properly presented and reviewed. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Assessor’s Office – Consideration and/or action

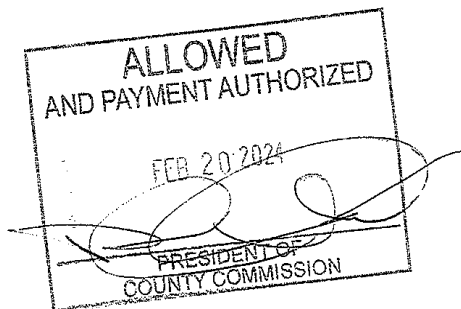
Tax Correction List –

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Tax Correction List as presented by the Assessor dtd February 20, 2024 in the amount of \$64,372.44. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

TAX CORRECTION LIST

February 20, 2024

| DIST | NAME | DESCRIPTION | REASON FOR EXONERATION | TICKET# | ACCT # | AMOUNT | YR | # |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|----------|----------|--------------|------|---|
| 17 | BALL PRE-OWNED | Personal Property | Accountant Error | 312534 | 00261517 | \$ 58,532.56 | 2023 | |
| 04 | HALL CLARENCE L & BARBARA | Personal Property | Taxpayer error - didn't own 16 & 17 Chev July 1, 2021 | 304813 | 01045880 | \$ 821.54 | 2022 | |
| 04 | HALL CLARENCE L & BARBARA | Personal Property | Taxpayer error - put wrong 17 Chev Silv on form | 304783 | 01045880 | \$ 583.96 | 2023 | |
| 11 | MCCROBIE DONALD W & MICHEL | Personal Property | Tax sys applied wrong amount for 19 Chev Silv | 80001825 | 00237986 | \$ 224.00 | 2022 | |
| 13 | MCGOWAN HAROLD C & AMY | Personal Property | Clerical error 19 Kia valued incorrectly | 80001661 | 00252543 | \$ 3,792.24 | 2023 | |
| 01 | SAGER WAITMAN J | Personal Property | Clerical error - MH double billed | 301058 | 00228047 | \$ 79.40 | 2023 | |
| 01 | WARNICK CORY D & TERESA E | Personal Property | Taxpayer error - did not own 18 Ford Exp July 1, 2022 | 301346 | 00251884 | \$ 338.74 | 2023 | |



Connie R. Ervin

 Connie R. Ervin, ASSESSOR
 (submitted for the taxpayer by)

Jay Shay

 Jay Shay, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
 (received notice)

TOTAL: \$ 64,372.44

Apportionments –None

Recognition of Scheduled Appointments –

9:31 a.m. Susan Ringer – Farmers Market Update – Permission to use McGrew Property

Susan Ringer, Market Master, with the Preston Farmers Market, came before the commission with a request to use the McGrew House Property for the farmers market again this year and a request to expand the market dates to begin May 18th and run thru October 26th, with the exception of the Buckwheat Festival.

The commission requested a letter stating the intent and dates the market will run and proof of insurance. The request will be placed on a future agenda for approval.

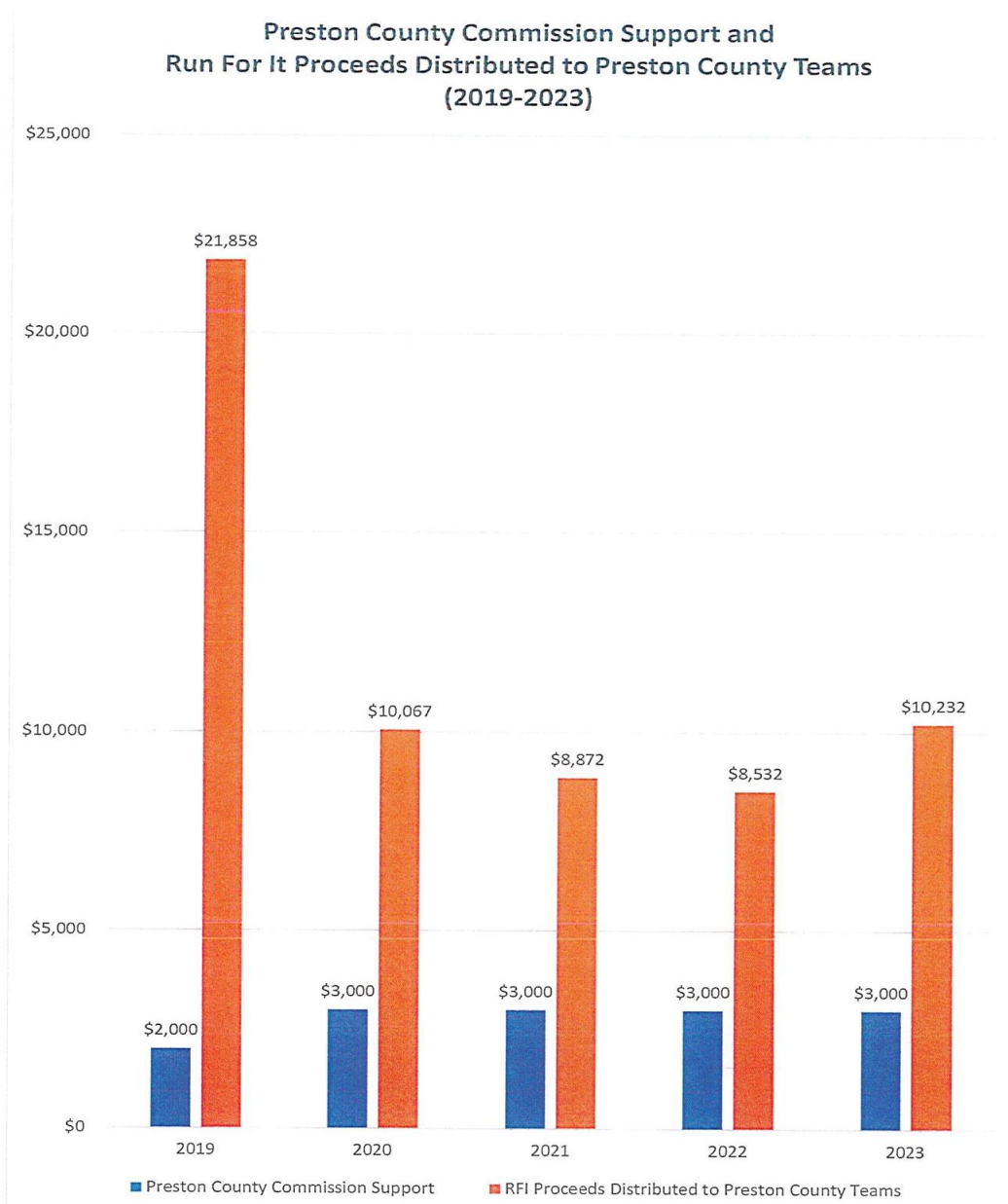
9:40 a.m. Angie Pase – Tucker Community Foundation – “Run For It” Funding Request

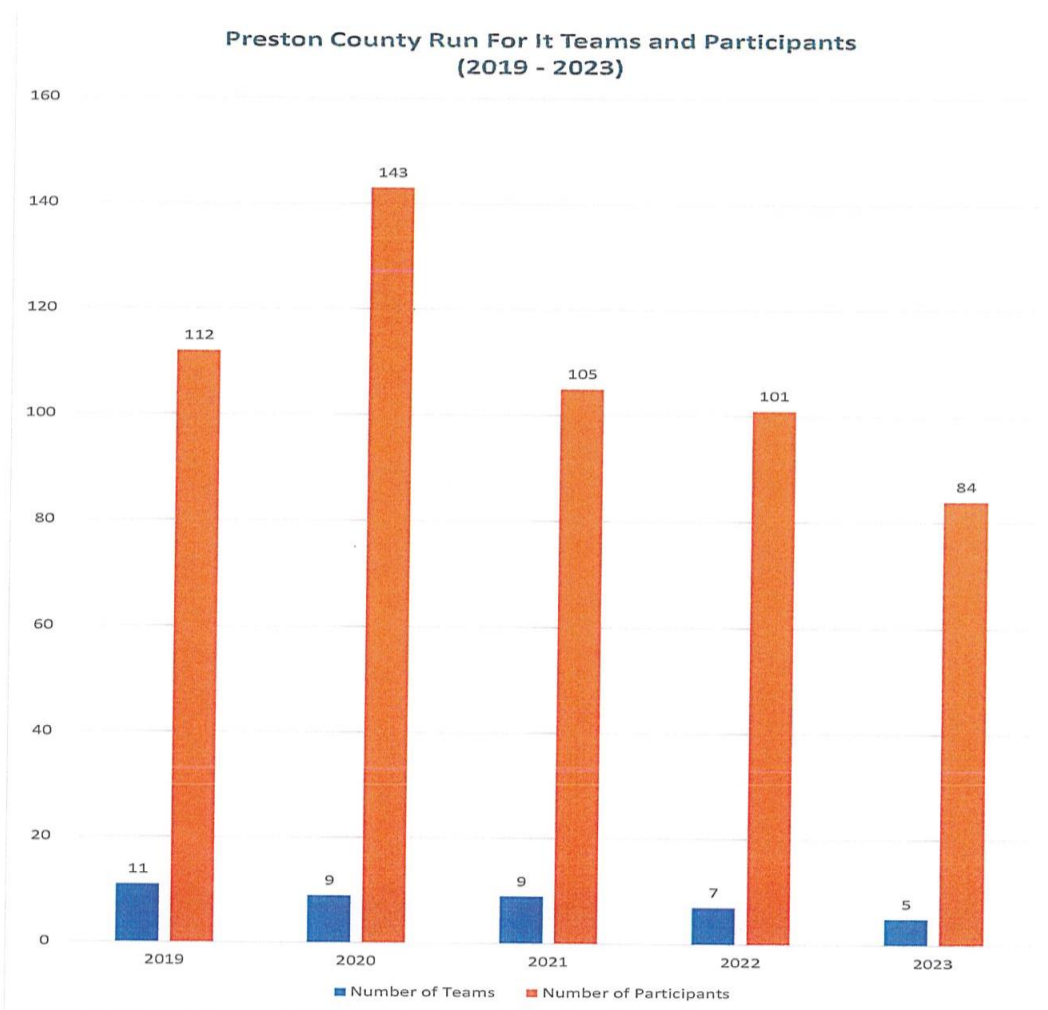
Angie Pase, Development Director and Coordinator for “Run For It” this year and Bradley Cooper presented information specific to how this program has impacted Preston County and how the foundation also helps represent Preston County outside of Run For It.

Today she again asks for a pledge of \$3,500 and for the commissioners to encourage any non-profit organizations in Preston County that needs to raise funds to register and participate.

She noted this year is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. For additional information see attached.

This request will be considered later during budget deliberations.





The following teams have taken part in Run For It over the past five (5) years, and we would like to recognize and congratulate them for their hard work and dedication in raising awareness and funds for so many non-profit, civic, and charitable organizations in Preston County:

- **After School Explorers** - After School Explorers increase academic success through after-school programs, community access to computers and libraries, and Little Learners. ASE partners with other organizations to offer Energy Express, Zero Robotics, and other enrichments.
- **Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.** - We are raising funds for urgent repairs to our historic buildings. Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.'s mission is to preserve the legacy of the nation's first New Deal Community, founded by Mrs. Roosevelt in 1934.
- **Aurora Area Historical Society** - To preserve Aurora's history for future generations.
- **Aurora Cross Country** –
- **Aurora School Runs** – To raise funds for meets, uniforms, and equipment. Currently, the coach funds the program out of their pocket for uniforms meets fees, and other expenses. We are working to expand our program, as our runners often go on to run for Preston, Garrett, and Tucker County High Schools. By building a stronger program, we also hope to benefit these schools.
- **Friends of the Cheat** - Friends of the Cheat (FOC) is a group that cleans up pollution, monitors stream health, develops rail trails and public river access, and advocates for a healthy environment in the Cheat River watershed.
- **Jacob's Ladder Joggers** - Jacob's Ladder at Brookside Farm is a residential recovery program for men with substance use disorder in Aurora, WV. Proceeds support treatment costs.
- **Kingwood Elementary School Stags** - We need creative ways to support our behavior plan. Funds will buy supplies and rewards for STAG STOMP: Show Respect, Take Responsibility, Overcome Problems, Motivate to Learn, and Prepare for Success.
- **Preston County Humane Society** - Preston County Humane Society is a non-profit volunteer organization. We aim to reduce stray and unwanted animals via the Spay and Neuter Program. We offer financial assistance for these procedures and sponsor "KIND NEWS" subscriptions for elementary classrooms to teach compassion towards animals.
- **Preston County Parks and Recreation** - Our mission is to provide lifelong recreational opportunities for Preston County's citizens and visitors. We also help local communities improve health and wellness for future generations.
- **Preston Community Fund Runners** – To encourage donations and raise funds for the Tucker Community Foundation's Preston Community Fund.
- **Preston Taylor Health Center** –
- **Queens for Awareness** - Proceeds will benefit the Reedsville VFD and the Preston County Search and Recovery Team for equipment, training, or other expenses.

- **Rowlesburg Runners** – Rowlesburg Revitalization Committee, Inc. aims to rejuvenate and add to the economic, historical, cultural, artistic, and educational life of the Rowlesburg, West Virginia community.
- **The Aurora Project** - We are a small arts organization in Preston County offering workshops and artist residencies in Aurora, WV.

How Does the Tucker Community Foundation Represent Preston County?

- The Foundation manages several endowed funds that specifically serve Preston County:
 - Preston Community Fund
 - Greater Rowlesburg Community Fund
 - The Aurora Project Fund
 - Terra Alta Economic Development Corporation Fund
 - After School Explorers Fund
 - U.S. Army JROTC Fund
 - Kingwood Elementary School Fund
 - Arvin Harsh Community Educational Improvement Fund
 - Mindy Pierce Historical Preservation Fund
 - Preston High School American Legion Scholarship
 - Knights of Pythias Brown Lodge #32
- Unrestricted funds and other endowed funds of the Tucker Community Foundation serve multi-county areas, providing additional funds for Preston County:
 - Fred T. Busk Fund (unrestricted)
 - Carl Delsignore Fund (unrestricted)
 - Citizens Bank of West Virginia Fund (unrestricted)
 - Director's General Fund (unrestricted)
 - Robert W. and Sarah M. Minear Fund (unrestricted)
 - Mountain Valley Bank, N.A. (unrestricted)
 - H. Dailey and Belva Shaffer Martin Fund (unrestricted)
 - Uncle Sam's Birthday Party Fund (unrestricted)
 - Joyce Colbert Veterinary Scholarship Fund (serves Preston, Tucker, and Garrett)
 - Crimson Shamrock Fund (serves Preston, Tucker, and Garrett)
 - P.L. and Elizabeth Cook Milikint Scholarship Fund (serves Preston and Tucker)
 - Myers Scholarship Fund (serves Tucker and Preston)
- As a result of the last five (5) scholarship cycles (2019-2023), the Tucker Community Foundation awarded 27 scholarships totaling \$72,450 to Preston County Students.
- As a result of the last five (5) grant cycles (2019-2023), the Tucker Community Foundation awarded 26 grants totaling \$27,050 to Preston County non-profit, civic, and charitable organizations.

The following entities have been awarded grants from the Tucker Community Foundation over the past five (5) years (2019-2023):

- Centenary Bridge Collection
- Literacy Volunteers of Monongalia and Preston Counties (amount awarded split among Monongalia and Preston)
- Main Street Kingwood
- Catholic Charities West Virginia
- Preston County Development Authority
- Maxime's Global Cuisine
- Preston Community Arts Center
- CASA of Monongalia and Preston Counties (amount awarded split among Monongalia and Preston)
- Aurora Middle School
- Preston County Victim Advocate
- Head, Heart, Hands, and Health of Preston County, Inc.
- Terra Alta/East Preston School
- Century Transportation Museum
- Appalachian Expeditions (amount awarded split among Preston, Randolph, Tucker, and Garrett)
- Preston County Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Terra Alta
- Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.
- Tucker County Community Corrections (amount awarded split among Tucker and Preston)

How Can the Preston County Commission Help?

- Please encourage individuals and teams to take part in Run For It and spread the word to your community's non-profit, civil, and charitable organizations. This event will provide an excellent opportunity for these organizations to raise critical funds and awareness for their causes.
- One way to increase participation in Run For It is by helping to recruit teams. If you know of any organizations that need to raise funds, such as those for the arts, animal welfare, charities, churches, challenged athletes, community improvement projects, cultural organizations, educational activities, emergency services, environmental causes, historic preservation, hospital and medical programs, libraries and literacy programs, parks and recreation, senior citizen programs, or youth organizations, please encourage them to participate.

Questions?

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. If there are any Preston County teams or organizations that need more information about Run For It, please get in touch with us.

David "Coop" Cooper
CEO/Executive Director

TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-2930
coop@tuckerfoundation.net

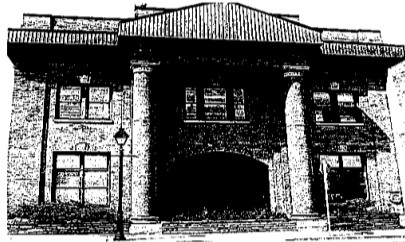
Angie Pase
Development Director

TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 491
Parsons, WV 26287
(304) 478-2930
angie@tuckerfoundation.net

9:45 a.m. Connie Ervin – Budget Revisions

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the budget revision as presented by Assessor Connie Ervin. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioner Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.



**Connie R. Ervin
Assessor
Preston County**

February 20, 2024

Mr. Don Smith, President
Preston County Commission
106 W. Main St., Court House
Kingwood, WV 26537

Dear Mr. Smith:

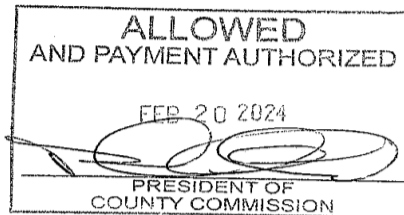
I respectfully submit the following budget revision:

| DECREASE: | | INCREASE: | |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 001-406-103----- | \$ 3,000.00 | 001-406-108----- | \$ 3,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3,000.00 | | \$ 3,000.00 |

This budget revision is to pay overtime for the employees who are working extra hours to enter data for 2024 certification. This is to make up for the gaps in staffing this year. This is not to affect our salary budget for next year.

Sincerely yours,

Connie R. Ervin
Connie R. Ervin
Assessor



**106 W. Main Street, Suite 101 Kingwood, WV 26537
Phone-(304) 329-1220 Fax (304) 329-1643**

Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2024

Commissioner Thomas moved to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2024. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Estate Settlements – February 7, 2024 thru February 9, 2024

Commissioner Thomas moved that the proceeding estate settlements and/or waivers thereof, having been filed for a period of ten (10) days prior to the commencements of this term and there being no exceptions or objections filed thereto, be approved and confirmed. (See attached.)

United States of America



State of West Virginia

County of Preston, ss:

Settlement List

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been submitted for settlement from 02/07/2024 thru 02/09/2024 in the Preston County Clerk's Office at 106 West Main Street, Suite 103, Kingwood, WV 26537-1131. For approval by the Preston County Commission on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

ESTATE NUMBER: **3475**
SETTLEMENT TYPE: Final Settlement
SETTLEMENT RECORDED: February 07, 2024
ESTATE NAME: **PATRICIA EVALEEN DAVIS**
EXECUTRIX: SHELIA ANN WAYBRIGHT

ESTATE NUMBER: **4592**
SETTLEMENT TYPE: Affidavit and Waiver of Final Settlement
SETTLEMENT RECORDED: February 09, 2024
ESTATE NAME: **PHILLIP S. HARDESTY**
EXECUTOR: EDWARD L. HARDESTY

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 02/14/2024.

Linda Huggins

Clerk of the Preston County Commission

By: *Ashley Cole*
Ashley Cole, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Proceedings in Vacation – February 8, 2024 through February 14, 2024

Under **New Business** Commissioner Stone moved to dispense with the reading in open court of the Proceedings of the Clerk of this Commission, had in vacation on February 8, 2024 thru February 14, 2024 inclusive, and to approve and confirm the same as presented by the County Clerk, there having been no exception or objections filed thereto. (See attachment.)

United States of America



State of West Virginia

County of Preston, ss.

Clerk's Fiduciary Report

Estates from Thursday, February 8, 2024, through Wednesday, February 14, 2024

The County Commission of Preston County 20th this day of February, 2024 proceeded to examine the report of the Clerk of the Commission of the Fiduciary and Probate matters had before her during the vacation of the Commission, and it appearing to the Commission that all of the proceedings had therefore ordered that the said report and matters thereto contained be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed. Said report is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

On, Thursday, February 8, 2024, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

The last will and testament of **ELLEN GRACE WHITE**, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record.

WILLIAM EVERETT WHITE, who was named in the last will and testament of **ELLEN GRACE WHITE**, deceased, as **EXECUTRIX** thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

On, Friday, February 9, 2024, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

The last will and testament of **DAVID C. FISCHER**, deceased, was proved by the affidavit of the attesting witnesses and the same was admitted to probate and record. And a Small Estate Testate Affidavit was filed.

JESSICA J. FISCHER, was named as **SUCCESSOR** thereof, qualified as such. No bond was required.

More than 30 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, **SHEILA B. BROWN** was appointed and qualified as **ADMINISTRATRIX** of the estate of **DANITA BRITTON**, deceased. Bond was 25,000.00.

On, Monday, February 12, 2024, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

The said estate of **S. MADELINE GRAHAM AKA SARAH MADELINE GRAHAM**, deceased was referred to **WOODROW E. TURNER**, a **FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER** for the Preston County Commission, for settlement thereof.

More than 30 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, **CECIL STRAWSER** was appointed and qualified as **ADMINISTRATOR** of the estate of **LOUELLA FERN STRAWSER**, deceased. Bond was 5,000.00.

On, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:

More than 30 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, **DAVID E. RUNNER** was appointed and qualified as **ADMINISTRATOR** of the estate of **HARRISON RUNNER**, deceased. Bond was 10,000.00.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 02/14/2024.

Linda Higgins

Clerk of the Preston County Commission

By: *Ashley Cole*
Ashley Cole, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Fiduciary Commissioner Report – None

Old Business- Consideration and/or action -

New Business – Consideration and/or action

A. Monitronics Contract Sheriff’s Office NVR

Commissioner Stone moved to approve the contract between the Preston County Commission and Monitronics International Inc. for the System Modification Authorization authorizing the President to sign in the amount of \$3,231.12. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

SYSTEM MODIFICATION AUTHORIZATION

BH Security, LLC (f/k/a Monitronics International, Inc.) (the "Company"), 1661 Old Philadelphia Pike, Suite A Lancaster, PA 17602. Call 877-877-0345.

DATE 2/14/2024 CUSTOMER # 83360 CONTRACT # 23269 JOB/Work Order #
SITE NAME: Preston County Sheriff Department
SITE ADDRESS: 103 W Main St Kingwood, WV 26537
BILLING NAME: Preston County Commission
BILLING ADDRESS: 106 W Main St Ste 202 Kingwood, WV 26537

You are hereby authorized to perform the following specifically described system modification:

- Checked boxes for Sale, Lease, Equipment Sale Only, and Repair Service T & M. Unchecked boxes for Install, Lease, and Inspection Service.

Estimated Installation Start Date 2/14/2024 Estimated Installation Completion Date 2/29/2024

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR ABOVE MODIFICATION: \$ 3,231.12 plus applicable sales tax. Customer P.O.#

Installation Fee: (a) \$ 3,231.12 Upon Signing this Agreement Deposit Amount: \$ 0.00
(b) \$ 0.00 Additional Per Month for the service(s) listed below;

The Customer agrees to pay the Company the above charges. This System Modification Authorization modifies the original agreement between the Company and the Customer (the "Agreement"). All of the terms and conditions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect, except to the extent specifically modified by this System Modification Authorization.

Customer-Provided Equipment. In order to provide installation or repair service, Company may require the use of certain tools or equipment (such as lifts, tow motors, bucket trucks, scaffolding, etc.). It is Company's standard practice to secure the tools and equipment required to complete each installation or repair service, which may include renting tools or equipment, to the extent necessary. Customer is responsible for all costs associated with procuring and renting such equipment as set forth in a Statement of Work. Customer may request that Company use any tool or equipment of Customer ("Customer-Provided Equipment"), however, Company is in no way obligated to use any Customer-Provided Equipment. In the event Company agrees to use any Customer-Provided Equipment, Customer shall be solely responsible for providing the Customer-Provided Equipment as agreed between Customer and Company. Customer represents and warrants that any Customer-Provided Equipment is in good working order, up to date on all required maintenance, can be safely operated, and is current on any and all required inspections. Customer further represents the Customer-Provided Equipment will be made available to Company, without restriction, at the time and place as agreed between Customer and Company. Company has no responsibility for the condition or repair of any Customer-Provided Equipment and is not responsible or liable for any loss, impairment, or condition of the Customer-Provided Equipment. Should Company determine, in its sole and exclusive discretion, that any Customer-Provided Equipment is unsafe, unavailable, or otherwise not appropriate for or able to fulfill the necessary function, Company may immediately halt the installation or repair service and require Customer to reschedule to a later date. In addition to all fees and charges associated with the originally-scheduled appointment, Customer will be responsible for any additional fees or charges incurred as a result of rescheduling.

CUSTOMER SHALL INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS COMPANY, ITS REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND AFFILIATES FROM ANY AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, ACTIONS PROCEEDINGS, LOSSES, PENALTIES, DAMAGES, COSTS AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH COMPANY'S USE OF ANY CUSTOMER-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT. The foregoing indemnification is in addition to and shall not limit any other indemnification set forth in the Agreement.

CUSTOMER UNDERSTANDS THAT COMPANY SHALL PERFORM THE WORK AND/OR SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED BY CUSTOMER AS OUTLINED HEREIN. IT IS CUSTOMER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMPTLY NOTIFY COMPANY OF ANY CHANGES OR UPDATES IN THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY CONDITION, INFORMATION, OR OTHER CHANGE TO CUSTOMER'S SYSTEM, SITE, OR CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH MAY HAVE AN EFFECT ON COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE OF THE MONITORING SERVICES. ANY CHANGES OR UPDATES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY WHEN REDUCED TO WRITING AND SIGNED BY BOTH PARTIES.

Date 2/20/24 Customer's Signature [Signature]

Sales Representative: Frank Danko Date 2/14/2024

Authorized Company Representative: [Signature]

BH Security, LLC, P.O. Box 814530, Dallas, TX 75381; License information available at https://brinkshome.com/about-us/licensing or by calling 800.628.6093. AL: 009, Complaints against licensees may be directed to the Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure, 7956 Vaughn Rd., Montgomery 36116, (334) 264-9388; AR: CMPY-0002746 Regulated by: Dept. of Arkansas State Police, 1 State Police Plaza Dr., Little Rock, AR: 72209, 501-618-8600; CA: ACO7788 Alarm Company Operators are licensed and regulated by the Bureau of Security & Investigative Services, Dept. of Consumer Affairs, Sacramento, CA 95814; CT: HIC.0670644; DE: PAL-0372 / CSRSL-0068; FL: EG13000628; GA: LVA206124, LVU406647; IA: AS-3419, AS-3420, C122255; IL: 127.000918; MD: 22PLU-SS15250; MI: 3601301095, 8002000134; NC: Licensed by the Alarm Systems Licensing Board of the State of North Carolina, 3101 Industrial Drive Suite 104 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609, BPN 008691P1M, SP.FALV.36167; NJ: 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey 07102, Burg & Fire Business license 34BF006700; NY: 12000330683 Licensed by NYS Dept. of State; OR: 7055; PA: Pennsylvania Home Improvement Contractor Registration Number: PA133664; RI: 2311; SC: BAC.13690, FAC.13659; TN: 448; TX: ACR-1937157, B07727, TX Dept of Public Safety Regulatory Services Division 5806 Guadalupe Street Austin TX 78752; UT: 297872-6501; VA: 11-15156, 2705179325 Class A Contractor Classification ESC and FAS; WA: BRINKHS823L, BRINKHS820KS; WV: WV060670, pg. 1

B. Opioid Settlement Funds

a. Advisory Board

There was discussion of having a well-rounded board and who could be on the Advisory Board. Commissioner Thomas suggested member/s from the DHHR, FRN, Board of Education, Sheriff’s Department, Probation Office, Preston Memorial Hospital, Health Department and Health Right and a couple of At-large positions open to community members, with the committee consisting of perhaps 9 members.

b. CD Research

Commissioner Stone is working on gathering CD rates from local banks for the above-mentioned funds.

C. Fire Protection Fund

Nichole Larew stated she has a letter ready to be approved at the Thursday fire department meeting.

D. Courthouse Water Intrusion

Commissioner Thomas discussed the courthouse ground floor water intrusion problem, a problem that has been an issue for several years, which has become increasingly worse. He said it was not only a cosmetic issue but was also causing major damage to the courthouse foundation and has caused unhealthy working conditions for the employees.

He asked to begin conversation with the engineers from The Mills Group to research and find a solution to fix the problem. Administrator Raybeck noted a dated rough quote is already available to address the exterior problem.

There was also discussion of a water intrusion issue in the basement of the Sheriff's Office that needs attention as well.

OEM Central Garage Report – consideration and/or action - None

County Coordinator's Report-Consideration and/or action

President Smith recognized Nate Raybeck with the County Coordinator's Report.

A. Right of Way Agreement for City of Kingwood

This Right of Way and Perpetual Easement is to erect, construct, install and lay a line of pipe, manholes and other devises for public sewage system. The Prosecuting Attorney has reviewed the document and signed off on the proposal. The agreement includes a map of the proposed location of the sewer line.

No action was taken. Tabled to old business for next week.

B. Arthurdale Heritage, Inc. – Letter of Support

Commissioner Stone made a motion to authorize the President to sign the Letter of Support for the Arthurdale Heritage Inc. application to the 2024 Saving Historic Places grant program to restore and rehabilitate the Arthurdale Elementary School with the intent of creating a daycare facility for both children and senior citizens in Preston County. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas, and Smith voting yes. Motion carried. (See attached.)

PRESTON COUNTY COMMISSION

Don Smith, President
Hunter Thomas, Commissioner
Samantha Stone, Commissioner

February 20, 2024

Preservation Alliance of West Virginia
421 Davis Avenue, #4
Elkins, WV 26241

Dear Preservation Alliance Staff,

Please consider this correspondence as a Letter of Support for Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.'s application to the 2024 Saving Historic Places grant program to restore and rehabilitate the Arthurdale Elementary School.

As a heritage tourism site, Arthurdale Heritage has worked to preserve and restore more than a dozen structures in Arthurdale while providing opportunities for visitors and residents alike to learn about Arthurdale's unique history in fun and engaging ways. Recently, Arthurdale Heritage turned their attention to stabilizing the historic Arthurdale school buildings. Now they are ready to begin full rehabilitation of the Elementary School with the intent to create an affordable daycare facility for both children and seniors in Preston County.

As the Preston County Commission, we see firsthand the vital role historic structures can play in our communities. Schools were historically the center of many communities, and today we have many vacant school buildings around our county that are ripe for rehabilitation and revitalization. Additionally, there is a distinct need for affordable daycare options in our county, both for children and seniors. By funding this project, not only will this important cultural resource be preserved, but it will provide the space for a vital service in this rural community.

We appreciate your consideration of this funding request. Thank you for your ongoing support of West Virginia's historic resources.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Smith
President, Preston County Commission



- C. Facilities Update
 - a. Sheriff's Office
 - Final item on Panhandles list is a walk thru from the fire marshal
 - All other work is for county maintenance personnel to do
 - Final billing – need a certificate of completion to release additional funding
 - b. Courthouse Chiller Project

Courthouse chiller has been removed and H.E. Neumann is installing the new one now with a completion time expected to be the end of the week.
- D. Budget Revisions-

See 9:45 a.m. Recognition of Scheduled Appointments above with Connie Ervin.
- E. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Personnel Matters – Consideration and/or action

At 10:21 a.m., Commissioner Thomas moved to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Thomas, Stone and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

Those in attendance for the session were: Nate Raybeck, Samantha Stone, Don Smith, Hunter Thomas, and Kevin Likens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40 a.m., Kevin Likens came out of Executive Session.

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Stone moved to come out of Executive Session and reenter Open Session. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Stone, Thomas and Smith voting yes. Motion carried.

President Smith advised that no action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

Legal Matters - Consideration and/or action

Information

- A. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Commissioners Comments

At 10:45 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Commission, President Smith declared the Regular Session adjourned.

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