WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular session of the County Commission, held for the County of Mercer, at the Courthouse thereof, on Tuesday, June 11, 2019,

Present:	Gene Buckner,	President
Present:	Greg Puckett,	Commissioner
Present:	Bill Archer,	Commissioner

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Amber Fullen to serve as Deputy Clerk for the Circuit Clerk's Office.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Lauren Dishner to serve as Temporary Part-Time Secretary for the Prosecutor's Office.

RE: OATH – GLENWOOD RECREATION PARK

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Employment and Oath of Office for Barry Cline to serve as Temporary Part-Time Worker for Glenwood Recreation Park.

RE: OATH – MERCER COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table the Employment and Oath of Office for Donny Thompson to serve as Full-Time Maintenance Worker.

RE: DAYTON MEADOWS RECOGNITION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Commending Resolution Honoring Dayton Meadows, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran for flag display at Flat Top.

DAYTON MEADOWS RECOGNITION

Whereas, citizens of Mercer County and surrounding areas have a long-standing tradition of defending freedom in the United States and embracing the ideals the nation's founding fathers embraced in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the US Constitution; and

Whereas, area residents participated with the Virginia Militia during the French & Indian War, fought in the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War. During the American Civil War, area residents fought on both sides of the bitter conflict. However, in 1898, citizens united together to fight in the Spanish-American War. That united patriotism remained intact during World Wars I and II and the Korean War. During the Vietnam War, US citizens were conflicted about the war, but after a bitter decade, patriotic citizens awakened to the selfless valor, dedication and honor possessed by the soldiers, sailors, airmen & women and Marines who served and sacrificed in the Southeast Asian jungles. That terrible lesson helped US citizens regain an attitude of respect and appreciation for all those involved in the Global War on Terrorism; and

Whereas, the American Flag has undergone challenges through the years – both foreign and domestic-- but freedom-loving people worldwide see the US flag as a symbol of freedom. Three years ago, Mercer County resident Dayton Meadows hoisted a 20 X 30-foot American flag on an 80-foot flagpole at his residence near I-77 at Flat Top, Mercer County, WV. Retired Marine Master Sgt. Meadows was honored when Cpl. Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams, USMC retired, a Medal of Honor recipient, participated in the flag dedication in August 2016; and

Whereas, Master Sgt. Meadows is working on a new project to erect a 135-foot flagpole and to raise a 20 X 36-foot garrison flag sometime next year. Prior to and from the time of its dedication, Master Sgt. Meadows and his comrade patriots have raised funds from donations by likeminded patriots to keep Old Glory flying on Flat Top.

Now, therefore, the Mercer County Commission expresses its heartfelt appreciation for Master Sgt. Meadows' demonstration of patriotism through the display of the "Freedom Flag," and urges Mercer County residents to continue their tradition of honoring the spirit of freedom that the American flag embodies in this county, state, nation and the world.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION:

/s/ Gene Buckner
Gene Buckner, President

/s/ Greg Puckett
Greg Puckett, Commissioner

/s/ Bill Archer
Bill Archer, Commissioner

RE: PROCLAMATION HONORING THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a Proclamation Honoring the United States Marine Corps Detachment 957.

PROCLAMATION HONORING
MARINE CORPS DETACHMENT 957

Whereas, the Department of West Virginia and Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957 of the US Marine Corps League based in Princeton, West Virginia will jointly host the 2019 Mid-East Division Marine Corps League Conference on June 22, 2019. The Division is made up of Marines from North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia; and,

Whereas, the Division's activities will be based at the Day's Inn in Princeton where the Marine Corps League will conduct a special flag-raising ceremony on June 22, 2019 at 8 a.m. Commandant Bruce Rakfeldt of the Mid-East Division Marine Corps League will conduct meetings through the day culminating with a banquet Saturday evening, June 22, 2019, where West Virginia native Hershel Woodrow "Woody" Williams will serve as the keynote speaker. Corporal Williams served with the US Marine Corps during World War II and received the Medal of Honor for his valor during the Battle of Iwo Jima in February 1945; and

Whereas, while freedom-loving Americans remember the sacrifices that Marines made during World War II, the Corps has enjoyed the reputation of being an elite fighting force throughout the history of the United States. As the "Marine Corps Hymn" proudly proclaims, Marines have fought "for right and freedom, and to keep" their honor clean through most of US history; and,

Whereas, Marines point with pride to service against the Barbary Pirates and the capture of Derne in 1805, the capture and occupation of Mexico City and the Castle of Chapultepec in 1847 during the Mexican War, the Allied forces in World War I honor the "Devil Dog" Marines who turned the tide of the Great War in June of 1918, in the Battle of Belleau Wood in France; and

Whereas, members of the Marine Corps League continue to serve communities throughout the Mid-East Division and beyond through programs aimed at helping underprivileged children through the annual "Toys for Tots" program as well as posting colors for public events, serving on honor guard burial details for fallen comrades and much more.

Now, therefore the Mercer County Commission proclaims June 22, 2019 "Mountaineer Marine Detachment 957 Marine Corps League Day" in Mercer County and welcomes participants at the Mid-East Division Marine Corps League Annual Meeting to Mercer County. Thank you for your service.

Dated this 11th day of June 2019.

Mercer County Commission:

/s/ Gene Buckner
Gene Buckner, President

/s/ Greg Puckett
Greg Puckett, Commissioner

/s/ Bill Archer
Bill Archer, Commissioner

RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS – SECOND READINGS – CITY OF BLUEFIELD ANNEXATION

This day Marie Blackwell, City Ambassador filling in for Colin Cline, City Attorney for the City of Bluefield held public hearings for the Second Reading of the Petition of the City of Bluefield, West Virginia to Annex City Owned Property and a portion of U.S. Route 52 into the City of Bluefield by Minor Boundary Adjustment and a Petition of the City of Bluefield, West Virginia to Annex Certain City Owned Property into the City of Bluefield by Minor Boundary Adjustment. Third and Final Reading will be July 9, 2019.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – FIRST READING – ABANDONMENT OF ROADWAY

This day Phillip Ball, Attorney held a public hearing for the First Reading of the Petition of Paul M. Lawrence, Jr., Michael Streeby, and Deborah Streeby for Abandonment of a Roadway. The property is located at the terminus of Country Side Road in Beaver Pond District. Second reading will be July 9, 2019.

RE: TOWN OF BRAMWELL – REQUEST FOR BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

This day Louise Stoker, Mayor for the Town of Bramwell appeared before the County Commission to discuss a request for a Boundary Adjustment for the Town of Bramwell.

RE: APPROVAL – GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVISION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve Budget Revision No. 6 for FY 2018/2019 in the amount of $239,129 for the General Fund.

RE: ESTATE – JERRY L. CHAMBERS – DECEASED

BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: JERRY L. CHAMBERS, DECEASED.

O-R-D-E-R

On the 11th day of June, 2019, before the Mercer County Commission, came the matter of the Estate of Jerry L. Chambers, upon motion of Malcolm B. Chambers, former Administrator, requesting that the estate be reopened for the purpose of administering newly found funds, and that he be allowed to serve without bond.

After discussion and review of this matter by the Commission, upon proper motion and second, and it appearing proper to do so, the Commission **ORDERS** that the estate of Jerry L. Chambers shall be reopened and that Malcolm B. Chambers be allowed to qualify as Administrator without bond.

All of which was accordingly **ADJUDGED** and **ORDERED.** The Clerk of this Commission is **DIRECTED** to take whatever actions he deems necessary to effectuate this Order**.**

Dated this the 11th day of June, 2019.

ENTER:

/s/A. Gene Buckner
A. GENE BUCKNER, PRESIDENT
MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

ATTEST:

/s/Verlin T. Moye
VERLIN T. MOYE, CLERK
MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – BRAMWELL THEATRE CORPORATION

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Bramwell Theatre Corporation. Funding in the amount of $1,500 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund for Smoke on the Mountain Play.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – BLUEFIELD SHRINE CLUB

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Bluefield Shrine Club. Funding in the amount of $2,000 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund for the Shrine-Blue Gray Horse Show.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Gene Buckner, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Mercer County Technical Education Center. Funding in the amount of $1,000 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund for the Project STRIVE Program. Bill Archer is a STRIVE Board member and recused from voting.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – MERCER COUNTY FAIR

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Mercer County Fair, Inc. Funding in the amount of $1,500 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – TOWN OF BRAMWELL

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve a funding request from Town of Bramwell. Funding in the amount of $1,000 will be taken from the Video Lottery fund for 4th of July Fireworks.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – PRINCETON RESCUE SQUAD

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to table a funding request from Princeton Rescue Squad for the Education, Emergency Shelter, and Community Center until July.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – LEWIS GLASSER PLLC

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve an invoice from Lewis Glasser PLLC for delinquent tax collections. Funding in the amount of $12,500 will be taken from the Budget Stabilization fund.

RE: FUNDING REQUEST – RALEIGH TILE

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to approve an estimate from Raleigh Tile, Inc. Funding in the amount of $19,256.32 will be taken from the Financial Stabilization Fund for flooring in the Circuit Clerk's office.

RE: DISCUSSION – U.S. CELLULAR

This day Jason Weisenberger, Business Account Sales Executive for U.S. Cellular appeared before the County Commission to present information on vehicular routers for the Sheriff's Department.

RE: FIREWORKS ORDINANCE UPDATE

This day on motion of Greg Puckett, Commissioner, seconded by Bill Archer, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to move the Fireworks Ordinance discussion with Tommy Bailey, Sheriff and Joe Parks, Chief Deputy to executive session.

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT – SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to send a letter to Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center in support of the Quick Response Team (QRT).

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

This day on motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to go into executive session. On motion of Bill Archer, Commissioner, seconded by Greg Puckett, Commissioner, the Commission voted unanimously to come out of executive session and go back into regular session. No votes were taken during the executive session.

This day the following accounts were presented against the County of Mercer, and the Commission having examined each and all of them, doth allow payment from the different accounts, check numbers listed below:

GENERAL COUNTY	- Check #71784-71962	
Void #71304, 71790, 71796, 71797, 71798, 71799, 71959, 71960		
COAL SEVERANCE	- Check #3605-3607	
DOG FUND	- Check #629	
JUSTICE FINES	- Check #5335	
HOME CONFINEMENT	- Check #2429-2436	
HOTEL MOTEL	- Check #3887-3893	
K-9 FUND	- Check #1513	
COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT	- Check #777-779	
COURTHOUSE ANNEX	- Check #1579-1590	
VIDEO LOTTERY	- Check #1344-1363	
MCDRC FEES	- Check #4995-5025	
ASSESSOR REAPPRAISAL	- Check #6241-6260	
FINANCIAL STABILIZATION	- Check #1031	
DRUG FORFEITURE	- Check #217-218	Void #217-218
SHERIFF DRUG FUND	- Check #1080	
TEEN COURT	- Check #212	
HMPG FEMA BUYOUT	- Check #1015	
RECYCLING GRANT	- Check #1025-1026	
ANIMAL SHELTER EST. DONATION	- Check #1022-1029	
DEPUTY SHERIFF RETIREMENT	- Check #268	

It is ordered that this Commission be and is hereby adjourned until Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

_____PRESIDENT