

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MASON COUNTY met in the Commission room of the courthouse on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in regular session. Present were Rick Handley, President; Sam Nibert, Commissioner; Chris Johnson, Commissioner; Diana Cromley, County Clerk; and Jason Bechtle, Administrator.

Rick Handley called the meeting to order. Diana Cromley gave the opening prayer, and Rick Handley led the pledge of allegiance.

The Commission recognized Diana Cromley as West Virginia Association of Counties' President and reviewed her article in The County Line, a copy of which is attached, regarding her recent attendance at conference in Washington, D.C. and the historic events and places she saw.

The Commission thanked its secretary, Kim Harbour, for preparing certificates.

Attorney Nic Dalton attended the meeting and enlightened the Commission regarding Section 61-10-15 of the WV Code.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved Estate Appointments, Affidavits for Small Estates, Orders Appointing Fiduciary Commissioners, Waivers of Final Settlements, Reports of Receipts and Disbursements, Commissioner's Reports of Claims and Final Settlement, and Applications for Corrections of Erroneous Assessments. Copies of which are attached hereto.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no omissions or corrections thereto.

The Commission executed the Bills and Purchase Orders as required.

The Commission discussed an Animal Shelter employee's recent injury wherein her tooth was damaged by an animal. Bechtle was asked to contact the WV State Auditor's office to see if the Commission can advance the money for the dental fees.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the State Tax Department's request for value changes. A copy of Assessor Aimee Duncan's letter is attached.

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CARTO & HARRIS, INC., SPENCER, WV RE-ORDER NO. 7393D-99

The Commission considered approving appointments to the Mason County Economic Development Authority Board.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission returned to regular session.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved a Resolution for a Local Economic Development Program Board, a copy of which is attached.

Upon motion by Johnson and majority agreement, the Commission dismantled the Mason County Economic Development Authority Board with the intention of resetting the Board over the next week. Handley voted against the motion inasmuch as he wanted to seek advice from the nominating committee regarding the list.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the release of requested documents for the Mason County Airport.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of the following persons to the EMS: Dakota Dunlap as a per diem paramedic, Madison Carpenter as a per diem paramedic, Cassidy Adkins as a per diem EMT, Adrianna Frush as a per diem EMT and Allison Oxley as a per diem driver.

The Commission was updated on courthouse maintenance matters.

The Commission was advised that a Broadband update would be forthcoming at the next Commission meeting.

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The Commission scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. to adopt Economic Development Authority Bylaws and to appoint an Economic Development Authority Board. EDA Bylaw and Board appointment matters and statutory requirements were discussed.

The Commission reviewed Fiduciary Commissioner Cary Supple's quarterly status report and amended report on the estates currently before her for settlement, copies of which are attached.

The County Line



January 2025 | West Virginia Association of Counties

The President's View

President Diana Cromley, County Clerk, Mason



Greetings from Washington, D.C.,

As I prepare this article, I am in our nation's capital at the National Council of County Association Executives (NCCAE) President's and Executive Director's Conference. The city is rebounding from the same snowstorm that has affected us in the Mountain State.

This conference has been filled with leadership training and many historic opportunities. After hearing from multiple officials across our nation about the issues facing their regions, we had the opportunity to visit some historic sites in the city.

A major event in our nation's history took place exactly when we were in D.C.: our 39th President, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter Jr., passed in his 100th year of life and was lying in repose in the Capitol for a 24-hour period. It was indeed a bitterly cold night to stand in a 3 1/2-hour line to enter the building, but we braved the elements and made "history" by viewing the casket inside the rotunda. Jon and I were elated to have been able to experience this event.

The next day, we were able to attend our meetings at the George Washington Library, located at historic Mt. Vernon, the home of our nation's first president. Dr. Peter Cressy, RADM, USN Ret., presented "The Washington Way: Character and Credibility in Leadership," combining historical lessons with a modern organizational model of character-based leadership, emphasizing how leaders of character and their organizations inherently gain greater trust and effectiveness.

Afterward, we were able to tour the library and museum and attend the Ceremonial Wreath Laying at George Washington's tomb. (This was the highlight of my husband's trip since he is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and participates in wreath-laying ceremonies for Revolutionary War patriots every year.)

As we embark on a new year with new leadership in our counties, state, and nation, I pray each one of us models our nation's first leader, George Washington, by being a leader with similar qualities he possessed: humility, integrity, courage, faith, and kindness, mingled with clear vision and selflessness.



Left to right: NACo President James Gore, Mason Co. Clerk & WVACO President Diana Cromley and WVACO Exec. Director Jonathan Adler

*"The love of my county will be the ruling influence of my conduct."
- Mason County Clerk Diana Cromley*

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AIMEE J. DUNCAN
MASON COUNTY ASSESSOR
200 SIXTH STREET
POINT PLEASANT, WV 25550

January 23, 2025

TO: MASON COUNTY COMMISSION

FROM: AIMEE DUNCAN
MASON COUNTY ASSESSOR

I am respectfully requesting permission to make changes in value for the 2025 tax year, if needed, during the month of February 2025. I am requesting your permission for the State Tax Department to make changes through February 28, 2025, if needed.



RICK HANDLEY



SAM NIBERT



CHRIS JOHNSON

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RICK L. HANDLEY, President
POINT PLEASANT, WV

DIANA N. CROMLEY, Clerk
POINT PLEASANT, WV



SAM D. NIBERT, Commissioner
GALLIPOLIS FERRY, WV

CHRIS A. JOHNSON, Commissioner
LETART, WV

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MASON COUNTY

COURTHOUSE - 200 SIXTH STREET SUITE 2
POINT PLEASANT, WEST VIRGINIA 25550

**WEST VIRGINIA
LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) PROGRAM RESOLUTION
OF PARTICIPATION**

WHEREAS the governing body of Mason County is interested in the economic wellbeing of its citizenry and the community at-large; and,

WHEREAS the governing body is prepared to support appropriate efforts within the community to become totally prepared to promote economic development; and,

WHEREAS the West Virginia Development Office offers a program that is specially designed to help West Virginia communities become better prepared for industrial and related economic development.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mason County Commission designates the Mason County Development Authority as the leading economic development organization in the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program requires the existence of formation of a Local Economic Development Organization, and this governing body designates the Mason County Development Authority as representing our community for the purpose of participation in this program.

THIS RESOLUTION IS IN FULL EFFECT UPON ITS ADOPTION THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

Rick L Handley, President

Chris Johnson, Commissioner

Sam Nibert, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Diana Cromley, County Clerk

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AMENDED December 2024 Report

Cary B. Supple

Fiduciary Commissioner

Estate	Date of Death	Atty/Acct	Fiduciary	Address	Phone	Publication Dates	Claims Deadline	Claims	Status
King, Paulette	10/14/18		Thomas King	8014 Royal Dr, Sanford, NC 27332	919-817-6482	6/4/2019	08/03/28	0	waiting on waiver signatures
Weigand, William H.	07/12/20		Corey Miller	200 Sixth Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550	304-675-1047	12/1/20 by clerk	01/30/21	0	waiting on 22 taxes, pymt
Hess, Kenneth	01/28/23		Kelli Hess	9284 Gunville Ridge Road, Leon, WV 25123	304-532-1720	7/7/23 by clerk	09/05/23	2	Dealing with claims
Bills, Keith Estie	02/14/24		Ch'oe Bills	2747 Blue Lick #6., Winfield, WV 25213	304-972-1630	5/7/24 by clerk	07/06/24	0	waiting for claims deadline
Hatfield, Joseph	02/25/24		Blake Patterson	19168 Ashton Upland Rd., Milton, WV 25541	304-617-1263	7/7/24 by clerk	08/31/24	0	waiting for accounting and payment
Mays, Kathleen	06/07/24		Margaret Atkinson	1334 Aspen Meadows Dr NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144	505-449-7175	10/1/24 by clerk	12/01/24	0	waiting for settlement holding deadline
Thompson, John E	08/05/24		John F. Thompson	3403 Jackson Ave., Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	336-880-3513	10/1/24 by clerk	12/01/24	0	waiting for accounting and payment
Lowe, Eddie	07/23/24		Tanya Handley	2103 Mount Vernon Ave., Pt. Pleasant, WV 25550	304-675-5290	12/3/24 by clerk	02/01/24	4	waiting for claims to be resolved

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Commission Meeting January 23, 2025

ESTATE APPOINTMENTS

MARGARET ANN BING
RONALD CLIFFORD BLUM
WILLIAM CARL BARGER
KENNETH EDMONDS
DELORIS JUANITA GIBBS
TILLMAN GRAVES III
BILLY FRANKLIN KING JR
FREDDIE ALLISON MARKS
PATSY ANN MCDERMITT
JAMES EDWARD RAINEY
DANIEL CALVIN SLAYTON
NAOMI GERTRUDE VAUGHAN

AFFIDAVIT FOR SMALL ESTATE

EARNEST MCCARTY

AFFIDAVIT AND WAIVER OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

HELEN ESTHERA SMITHSON
VIRGIL RAY QUEEN
CHARLES LOUIS STUTES JR

FINAL SETTLEMENT

LESLIE M WRAY

OATH OF OFFICE

VERNARD DALE HUMPHREYS
KENNADE A BLAIR
DANIELLE R EPLING.

APPLICATION FOR CORRECTION OF ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENT

WAMSLEY STACEY MCDERMITT	ACCT: 06187905
FORD BRENDON	ACCT: 22000586
STURGEON HARRY JR	ACCT: 99002864
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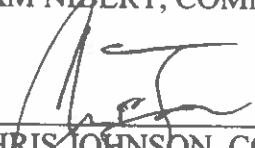
Upon motion by Handley and unanimous agreement, this meeting was adjourned.



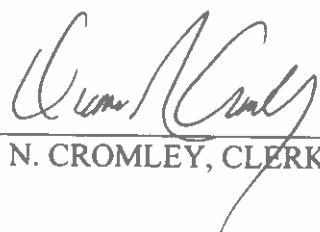
RICK HANDLEY, PRESIDENT



SAM NIBERT, COMMISSIONER



CHRIS JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER



DIANA N. CROMLEY, CLERK

