

**ORDERS—Mason County Commission, W. Va.**

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**AUG 28 2025**

CASTO &amp; HARRIS, INC., SPENCER, WV RE-ORDER NO. 7393D-99

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MASON COUNTY met in the Commission room of the courthouse on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in regular session. Present were Rick Handley, President; Sam Nibert, Commissioner; Chris Johnson, Commissioner; Diana Cromley, Clerk; and Jason Bechtle, Administrator.

Rick Handley called the meeting to order. Diana Cromley gave the opening prayer and Missy Deem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Missy Deem, Regent with the Colonel Charles Lewis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, appeared before the Commission in support of Constitution Week.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved a Proclamation, a copy of which is attached, declaring September 17 through September 23, 2025 as Constitution Week in Mason County and encouraging the ringing of bells at 4:00 p.m. on September 17, 2025 to symbolize unity, freedom and the spirit of the Constitution.

Chief Deputy Chris Zerkle appeared before the Commission with a request for funding for bullet proof vests. He will get an estimate for the cost by next Thursday.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved Estate Appointments, Affidavits for Small Estates, Orders Appointing Fiduciary Commissioners, Waivers of Final Settlement, 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 Johnson 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.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of Adrian Monroc to a per diem C3 IFT Paramedic position with the EMS effective September 1, 2025.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the new hire of Jeremy Bryant as the Emergency Services Director effective September 1, 2025.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of Matt Gregg as Emergency Manager (aka Director of Office of Emergency Management) effective September 1, 2025.

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Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of Matt Shell as 911 Director.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of Ashley Bowen to a per diem Dispatch position with the 911 Center effective September 1, 2025.

The Commission discussed hiring a part-time maintenance employee. Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved posting the job.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the work base hires of the following student interns: Talan Pearson and Shelby Roush.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of April Hart as Secretary/Receptionist with the Prosecuting Attorney's office effective September 1, 2025, and approved moving Lori Byus to the position vacated by Katelyn Hart.

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

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

The Commission was advised that the exterior cleaning project is complete and the contractor will move on to the remaining phases of the project.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the submission of a grant application by the Mason County Day Report Center.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved moving the October 16 Commission meeting to October 9, canceling the October 30 meeting, moving the November 13 meeting to November 6, cancelling the November 27 meeting, moving the December 11 meeting to December 4 and cancelling the December 25, 2025 meeting.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the donation of \$2,250 to fund seminars on mental health, bullying and nicotine at the elementary schools and the three high schools.

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# Proclamation



WHEREAS, September 17, 2025, marks the 238th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention in 1787; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution stands as the supreme law of the land, securing the blessings of liberty, justice, and the rule of law for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to commemorate this enduring document, which continues to guide our nation and safeguard our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of the American Revolution have long championed the celebration of Constitution Week and incorporated the **Bells Across America** campaign to honor the moment when the Constitution was signed and the bells of Philadelphia rang in jubilation; and

WHEREAS, Americans are encouraged across the nation to pause and ring a bell at **4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 17**, symbolizing unity, freedom, and the spirit of the Constitution;


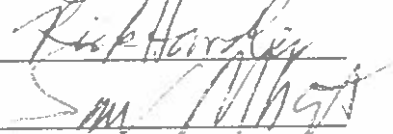
NOW, THEREFORE, as Regent of the Charles Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, it is humbly requested that the Mason County Commission, do hereby proclaim the week of **September 17 through September 23, 2025**, as

## **CONSTITUTION WEEK in Mason County, West Virginia**

Urging all citizens to reflect on the significance and importance of the Constitution, to study its history and principles, recommit to upholding the value it represents, and to celebrate the freedoms it guarantees. Let us come together to honor the legacy of our Founding Fathers and participate in the symbolic ringing of bells.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of Mason County to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

### **MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

  
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Sam M. Hays

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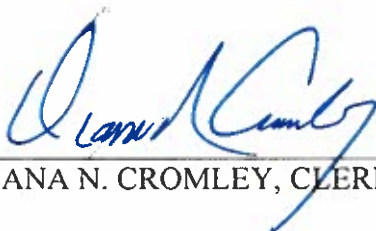
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Upon motion by Handley and unanimous agreement, this meeting was adjourned.

  
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RICK HANDLEY, PRESIDENT

  
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SAM NIBERT, COMMISSIONER

  
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CHRIS JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER

  
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DIANA N. CROMLEY, CLERK