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

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF MASON COUNTY met in the Commission meeting room of the courthouse on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in regular session. Present were Rick Handley, President; Sam Nibert, Commissioner; Chris Johnson, Commissioner; Diana Cromley, County Clerk; and Heidi Wood, Administrator.

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

Tyler Ohrn with Congressman Carol Miller's officer visited the Commission meeting on her behalf.

Hannah Taylor, a representative of The Hope Dealer Project, appeared before the Commission in support of a Proclamation to increase awareness and understanding of those with mental health and substance misuse disorders during National Recovery Month. Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission proclaimed September as "Mason County Goes Purple" month, a copy of which Proclamation is attached.

Representatives of the Friends of Tu-Endie-Wei State Park Foundation, Steve Browning, Bruce Adams and Risha McGill, appeared before the Commission in support of the Foundation. Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved a donation of \$1,000 to said Foundation,

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved Oaths, Estate Appointments, Affidavits for Small Estates, Orders Appointing Fiduciary Commissioners, Waivers of Final Settlement, Reports of Receipts and Disbursements and Commissioner's Reports of Claims and Final Settlement, along with 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.

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The Commission executed the Bills and Purchase Orders as required.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the following EMS hire: Arryn Stout to a full-time EMT position effective August 1, 2026.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the purchase of a door opener, in conformity with the Americans with Disability Act, for the Sheriff's Tax Office for \$7,400.00 from May Contracting, Inc.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved the hire of Pinnacle Consultants and MIRC Construction Services to perform the necessary remediation and repair work in the Magistrate's Office walkway and Sheriff's Department building.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved correspondence to the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the airport closure, a copy of which is attached.

Upon motion by Johnson and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved correspondence seeking local involvement to modify the application process regarding H.B.2014, a copy of which is attached.

Upon motion by Nibert and unanimous agreement, the Commission approved a Resolution to enter into an agreement between the Mason County Day Report Center and the Division of Administrative Services, a copy of which is attached.

EMS Director Jeff White, with Healthnet Aeromedical Services, Inc., updated the Commission on EMS matters.

A representative of Reds Rollen Garage discussed rotation issues they are experiencing with wrecker service calls.

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EMS employee spokespersons, Joseph Day, Garrett Braniff and Kelly Blaine, appeared before the Commission to discuss EMS pay and scheduling matters.

The Commission expressed condolences and recognized the passing of Bob Baird who served as a County Commissioner for 12 years.

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PROCLAMATION

"Mason County Goes Purple"

September 2026

WHEREAS National Recovery Month is observed each September to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders and to celebrate those in recovery for their strength and resilience; and

WHEREAS the color purple symbolizes the ongoing struggle faced by individuals, families, healthcare providers, and law enforcement in addressing the opioid and substance use crisis across our communities; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia Goes Purple®, founded by Tara Mayson, Founder and Executive Director of The Hope, Dealer Project, is a statewide movement dedicated to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and supporting individuals and families impacted by substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS Mason County Goes Purple promotes prevention, treatment, and recovery resources while emphasizing the vital role local agencies and community members play in addressing this public health crisis; and

WHEREAS Mason County Goes Purple encourages open dialogue, community engagement, and collective action to combat substance misuse and support recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Mason County Commission, in the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2026 as:

"MASON COUNTY GOES PURPLE"

and call upon the citizens of Mason County to observe this month through awareness, education, and community engagement.

We encourage all residents to:

- Wear purple
- Light homes and businesses with purple lights
- Display purple ribbons or signage
- Participate in recovery-focused events and initiatives

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 20 day of August, 2026.



President, Mason County Commission



Commissioner



Commissioner

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August 20, 2026

Federal Aviation Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation

RE: Mason County Airport, Mason County, West Virginia
Release of all Federal Obligations

Dear Mr. DiGiulian:

The purpose of this letter is to request from the Federal Aviation Administration (the "FAA") the full release of Mason County, West Virginia (the "County"), from all Federal Obligations to permanently close the Mason County Airport (the "Airport").

By letter dated May 13, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, the FAA conditionally released the County from all restrictions, conditions, and limitations on the use, encumbrance, conveyance, and closure of the Airport (the "Conditional Release"). The terms of the Conditional Release have been satisfied as follows:

1. All airworthy aircraft have been removed from the Airport;
2. A Notice to Airmen to facilitate the closure of the Airport was issued as agreed upon and approved by the FAA's Eastern Region Airports Division;
3. The Airport has been permanently physically closed in accordance with the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5340-1L, *Standards for Airport Markings*;
4. The Airport was sold for \$1,916,096.00 which exceeds the Fair Market Value of \$1,260,000 as established by the Review Appraisal (See Exhibit B - Deed from The County Commission of Mason County to the Mason County Development Authority dated July 30, 2026;
5. Funds in the aggregate amount of \$1,916,096, representing the Fair Market Value of the Airport of \$1,260,000 and the unamortized portion of AIP grants to the County in the amount of \$656,096, were transferred to the Jackson County Airport Account on

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6. July 30, 2026 (See Exhibit C – Receipt of Jackson County Airport Authority). There are no revenues from the Airport remaining in the Airport account; and
7. The County has completed an environmental assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended.

The County respectfully requests that, following confirmation by the FAA that the County has completed all necessary actions, the FAA provide the County with the formal airport release and airport closure letter.

In addition, we are requesting reimbursement for the necessary expenses incurred to maintain the airport in a safe and appropriate condition during this transition. These expenses include \$26,800.00 for the painting of the X's on the runway, \$7,195.00 for gate operator, and \$19,370.09 for Quonset Cleanup, for a total of \$53,335.09. As previously discussed, these costs were necessary to maintain the airport in a safe condition and are being submitted for reimbursement from the proceeds of the sale.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If the County can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our County Administrator, Heidi Wood, at 304.675.1110 or by email at hwood@masoncountywv.gov.

My best regards.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick L. Handley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "H".

Rick L. Handley
President

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July 28, 2026**Jim Butler**, West Virginia House of Delegates**Jonathan Pinson**, West Virginia House of Delegates**Amy Grady**, West Virginia State Senator**Eric Tarr**, West Virginia State Senator**Mr. Chris Morris**, Director, West Virginia Data Economy Office / Division of Economic Development**RE: Request to Amend H.B. 2014 to Establish a Local Siting Favorability Score for Housing and Farmland**

Dear Delegates Butler and Pinson, Senators Grady and Tarr, and Director Morris:

On behalf of the Mason County Commission, we respectfully request a vital, balanced amendment to the implementation rules and statutory language of House Bill 2014.

In West Virginia, and specifically here in Mason County, we pride ourselves on a fierce defense of private property rights and the freedom of landowners to use their property as they see fit. Ironically, this very independence and regulatory freedom is exactly what has made our state so incredibly appealing to the digital infrastructure industry. However, a dangerous structural gap now exists: under H.B. 2014, out-of-state technology developers can utilize our state's open regulatory environment to effectively strip away the property rights of neighboring West Virginians.

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As you are aware, under current West Virginia Division of Economic Development (WVDED) certification guidelines, developers are asked to outline a project's proximity to residential zones. However, this is treated as a self-reported disclosure by the applicant rather than an actionable tool for local governance. Siting a multi-thousand-acre industrial footprint or a dedicated microgrid power plant is a permanent land-use decision.

True property rights must cut both ways. While we respect a landowner's right to sell, a potential billion-dollar corporation should not have the unilateral ability to force an industrial complex onto a property line that permanently disrupts a neighboring family farm or an established residential neighborhood in Mason County.

To maintain an attractive environment for digital infrastructure developers while safeguarding West Virginia's existing communities, future residential growth, and agricultural heritage, we urge the Legislature and the West Virginia Data Economy Office to implement the following statutory changes:

- **Establish a Mandatory Siting Favorability Score:** Amend the West Virginia Division of Economic Development (WVDED) certification scorecard to include a formal, heavily weighted **Siting Favorability Score** assigned by the host County Commission based solely on physical location compatibility.
- **Require Binding Location Protections:** If the host County Commission issues an unfavorable siting resolution demonstrating that a proposed project physically encroaches upon existing residential areas, planned residential developments, or vital agricultural land, the Secretary of the West Virginia Division of Economic Development should deny certification for that specific parcel.
- **Preserve Existing State Operational Exemptions:** This amendment focuses exclusively on where a project may be located. It does not alter existing state-level exemptions related to building codes, operational lighting, or operational noise, thereby preserving the regulatory certainty necessary to attract continued technology sector investment.

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West Virginia and Mason County can successfully grow the digital economy without stripping locally elected officials of their fundamental responsibility to protect homes and generational agricultural land from incompatible industrial development. We respectfully ask for your leadership in sponsoring and supporting this amendment to ensure that data center site selection requires genuine, respectful local partnership.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. We look forward to working with you to ensure West Virginia remains both economically competitive and respectful of the communities that make our state unique.

Sincerely,

THE MASON COUNTY COMMISSION

A handwritten signature of Rick Handley in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Rick Handley
 Commission President

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Sam Nibert
 Commissioner

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Chris Johnson
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RESOLUTION

The Commission of Mason County met on 8/20/26 (date) with a quorum present and passed the following resolution.

Be it resolved that the Commission hereby authorizes Rick Handley, Commission President of the Mason County Commission to act on its behalf to enter into a contractual agreement with the Division of Administrative Services, Justice and Community Services to receive and administer grant funds pursuant to provisions of the Community Corrections Program.

Signed:



County Clerk or Authorizing Entity

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ESTATE APPOINTMENTS

LARRY JAMES BROWNING
CARL TERRY BUCK
CLINT DONALD FITCH
MARK GRIFFITH
MELISSA JACQUELINE HOFFMAN
DANNIE RAY HARBOUR
BARRY ALAN HARRIS
SHEILA CHRISTINE JORDAN
JACKIE ROGER LEE
CHARLES PLYMAL LONG – SMALL ESTATE
ARCHIE ELLWORTH MEADOWS
RYAN TODD MOORE – SMALL ESTATE
VALORIE KAY SMITH
CAMALA JO YESTER SIMPKINS
ANGELA SHIRLEY
ANTHONY RAY YESTER

AFFIDAVIT AND WAIVER OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

RONALD NORRIS BURDETTE
VIOLET GAY DOUGLAS
MARY ELIZABETH DOWELL
THOMAS KNOX FISHER
DAWN E GANDEE
PATSY ANN LIVINGSTON
FRANCES JOSEPHINE MACKNIGHT
KATHLEEN SUE MILLER
ANN PARKER
GORDON LEE PARKER
VERNON RAY ROUSH

REPORT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND DISTRIBUTION

BERNARD LEE LIVINGSTON
PAMELA ROSE RAYBURN

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING

DARLENA SUE PRICE
DELLA LOUEASE SAYRE

FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER ORDER

WILLIAM FREDERICK CRUMP

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Applications for Erroneous Assessment for Real Estate / Personal Property Received

Date: July 30, 2026

Name	Tax Year	Ticket #
1) CADLE WILLIAM & RITA	2026	21368
2) CADLE WILLIAM & RITA	2026	21369
3) SIMMONS BRADLEY & ELIZABETH	2025	10416
4) SIMMONS BRADLEY & ELIZABETH	2024	10415
5) SIMMONS BRADLEY & ELIZABETH	2023	10108
6) ARTHUR EVERETT	2026	4353
7) SIUTLER NICHOLAS (PATSY BARR)	2026	11812
8) MULLINEX DIANA	2026	20253
9) LEE WILLIAM DEAN	2026	491
10) LEE WILLIAM DEAN	2026	490
11) MAINES THURLIS JASON	2026	8141
12) CAVINS JAMES	2026	17750
13) MASON CO DEV AUTHORITY	2026	11658
14) MASON CO DEV AUTHORITY	2026	916406
15) MASON CO DEV AUTHORITY	2026	916404
16) TEMPLETON BENJAMIN & KIMBERLY	2026	17068
17) BECKNER FREDA	2026	15085
18) CHAPMAN HOLLY	2026	17756
19) NANCE TED & SHARON	2026	10085
20) PARROT BAY PROPERTIES LLC	2026	11678
21) PARROT BAY PROPERTIES LLC	2026	11676
22) PARROT BAY PROPERTIES LLC	2026	11677
23) HARRISON MICHAEL	2026	15796
24) HARRISON MICHAEL	2026	15801
25) HARRISON MICHAEL	2026	15802
26) THOMAS GLADYS	2026	7394
27) THOMAS ZACHARY	2026	7406
28) THOMAS GLADYS	2026	7395
29) THOMAS GLADYS	2026	7396
30) THOMAS ZACHARY	2026	7407
31) THOMAS REBECCA	2026	7397

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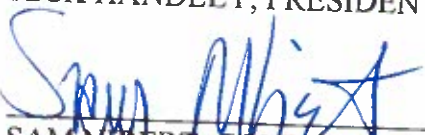
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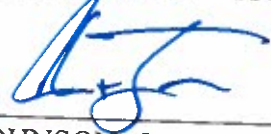
Upon motion by Handley and unanimous agreement, this meeting was adjourned.



RICK HANDLEY, PRESIDENT



SAM NIBERT, COMMISSIONER



CHRIS JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER



DIANA N. CROMLEY, CLERK