

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2019

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Tazewell, Tennessee. Meeting was opened by Officer Doug Evans. Invocation led by Commissioner Zach Mullins. Pledge led by Officer Doug Evans.

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Mike Campbell called the meeting to order. County Clerk Karen Hurst called the roll by district. Commissioners present/absent as follows:

PRESENT:

District 1

Brent Clark
Whitt Shuford
Charlton Vass

District 2

Nathan Epperson
Juanita Honeycutt
Kim Large

District 3

Mike Campbell
Stacey Crawford
Nicholas Epperson

District 4

Zach Mullins
Anthony Rowe

District 5

Mitchell Cosby

District 6

Rosemary Barnett
Carolyn Brooks
Steve Mason

District 7

Steve Brogan
Sherry McCreary
Shawn Peters

District 8

David Mundy
Steve Murphy

District 9

James Hatmaker

21 commissioners present

Also present: Patricia Heck, Recorder

AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy– to approve agenda

SECOND: Commissioner Peters

Commissioner Hatmaker requested to add Don Oakley and Kim Bolton who will present an update concerning Blueway Trail; this listed as item 7A under New Business.

Commissioner Mason requested that an update be given concerning the Senior Citizens vans; this listed as item 7B under New Business.

Commissioner Shuford requested to add Finance Committee for discussion; this listed as item 7C under New Business.

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Commissioner McCreary requested to add resolution concerning housing rehabilitation for low income residents; this listed as item 7D under New Business.

Commissioner Honeycutt requested to add update concerning Change Claiborne activities; this listed as item 7E under New Business.

Vote on agenda as amended / Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Clark

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS

MOTION: Commissioner Rowe – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Nathan Epperson

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #5 – NOTARIES

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

Motion carried by aye vote

Approved:

Sheri Lynn Frost

Jennifer M. Nunn

AGENDA ITEM #6 – NOTARY BONDS

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Large

Approved:

Priscilla Bush

sureties: Eula Bundren and Hollis Bush

Motion carried by aye vote



OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – RES. 2018-081 – COUNTY ROAD ADDITION (Hummingbird Hill)

MOTION: Commissioner Brogan – to approve (as 3rd and final reading)

SECOND: Commissioner Vass

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for, 0 against / Motion carried

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-081

WHEREAS, Guy Evans and Gary Powers own property with residences in the 7th District in Claiborne County.

WHEREAS, they would like to have the road to their residences become a county road.

WHEREAS, they were told by Claiborne County Road Superintendent, Ronnie Pittman, to have one of their commissioners to bring it in front of the Claiborne County Commission.

WHEREAS, they would like to have the road named Hummingbird Hill.


WHEREAS, after consulting with 911 there is no road named Hummingbird Hill in Claiborne County.

THEREFORE, we ask the road to be accepted as a county road.

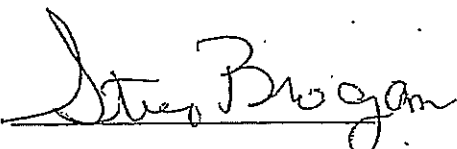
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee assembled in session on the 19th day of November 2018, that such resolution is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

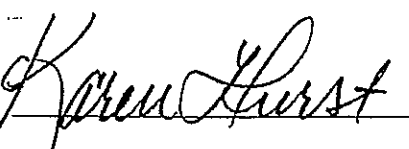
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COUNTY MAYOR



SPONSOR



COUNTY COURT CLERK

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ITEM #2 – RES. 2018-085 – COUNTY ROAD ADDITION (Jeffers Lane)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve (as 3rd and final reading)

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for, 0 against / Motion carried

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-085

WHEREAS, the property owner on Jeffers Lane, a private road that is .10 mile in length, with a gravel surface, located in the Eighth District of Claiborne County, wants to be added to the county road list and be a county maintained road. This roadway is owned by Michael Hensley, but there are three families that have residents that access their property, with a right of way of ingress and egress, that use this roadway, and

WHEREAS, the Road Superintendent and the 911 Director has approved this, and this resolution requires three readings to become a county road, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 19th day of November that such resolution is approved.

BE IT FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of November 2018.

Ronnie Pittman, Road Superintendent

Joe Brooks, Mayor

David Mundy
Sponsor

ATTEST:

Karen Hurst
Karen Hurst, County Court Clerk

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ITEM #3 – RES. 2018-099 – COUNTY ROAD ADDITION – (Baylor Lane)

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve (as 2nd reading)

SECOND: Commissioner Rowe

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2018-099

WHEREAS, the property owner on Baylor Lane, a private road that is approximately one-half mile, with a gravel surface, located in the 4th District of Claiborne County, requests that Baylor Lane be added to the county road list and be a county maintained road. This property is owned by Charlotte Ramsey, and is access to two (2) residences and a cemetery, and

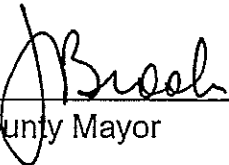
WHEREAS, the Road Superintendent has approved for Baylor Lane to be changed to a county road through required three readings, and

WHEREAS, Baylor Lane would be maintained as a county road only to the cemetery which would be approximately 4/10 of one mile, and so,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 17th day of December, 2018, that this resolution be approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED and APPROVED this 17th day of December, 2018.



County Mayor

/s/ Zach Mullins and Anthony Rowe
Co-Sponsors

ATTEST:



County Clerk

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NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – RES. 2019-001 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Peters – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Nicholas Epperson

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried

Resolution as follows:

**Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION-2019-001**

January 10, 2019

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received an additional \$29,000 dollars in BEP funds, and

WHEREAS, these dollars need to be entered into the **General Purpose Budget**, and

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session February 25, 2019 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by increasing the following line items.

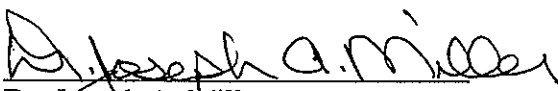
REVENUE

INCREASE

Account Code No.		
46511	Basic Education Program	\$29,000

EXPENDITURES


Account Code No.		
72320/299	Other Benefits	\$29,000


Dr. Joseph A. Miller
Claiborne County Schools Director

Shawn Peters

Commission Sponsor


Angena Tucker
School Finance Director

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ITEM #2 – RES. 2019-002 – SENIOR CITIZENS – (van repair)

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Barnett

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried
Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-002

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Center of Claiborne County has ownership of a 2000 Dodge van, and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is in need of repairs necessary to insure safe operation of vehicle, and

WHEREAS, an estimate has been obtained to show the approximate costs of those repairs,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Claiborne County Commission meeting in regular session on the 28th day of January, 2019, approve the amount of \$369.24 for the repairs of this vehicle and that same be paid from undesignated fund balance.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly passed and approved this 28th day of January, 2019.



COUNTY MAYOR

Carolyn Brooks and Steve Mason
CO-SPONSORS

ATTEST:


COUNTY CLERK

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ITEM #3 – RES. 2019-003 – COUNTY ROAD LIST

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mason

(Discussion followed)

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-003

COUNTY ROAD LIST

WHEREAS, it is required by State law, that the Claiborne County Highway Department submit a road list to the Claiborne County Commission, for their approval each January.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Claiborne County, Tennessee assembled in regular session on this 28th day of January 2019, that the attached 2019 road list be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the approved Road List will take effect upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 28th day of January 2019.

Ronnie Pittman, Road Superintendent

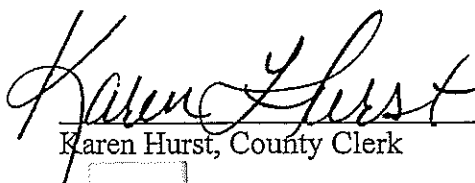
David Mundy
SPONSOR





Joseph Brooks, County Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Clerk

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ITEM #4 – RES. 2019-004 – SUPPORT FOR “STAND IN THE GAP” PROGRAMS

MOTION: Commissioner Honeycutt -- to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

Dan Spurlock with the Stand in the Gap coalition was introduced and addressed the commission on programs, initiatives and plans in addressing the drug problems within the county. The County Mayor then addressed the commission with concerns that these programs should be initiated with education.

Commissioner Honeycutt agreed to include that wording “through education” at the end of paragraph 4 and reading as follows: ***WHEREAS, a non-profit organization and initiative has been established under the name of “STAND IN THE GAP” in our county and is currently building programs and initiatives to help to combat the drug problems in our county through education.***

*Motion carried by aye vote.
Resolution as follows:*

RESOLUTION
2019-004

WHEREAS, Claiborne County has been identified as one of the counties in Tennessee that has a big drug problem that causes much suffering, loss of life due to overdose and the power of addiction continues to be an unaddressed problem and,

WHEREAS, Claiborne County experiences high numbers of individuals that are incarcerated in the county jail for drug related crimes and most families have been negatively affected by drug abuse and,

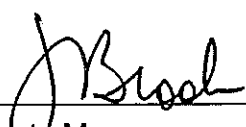
WHEREAS, there is much need for organizations and programs to address the drug addiction problem that exists in our county and,

WHEREAS, a non-profit organization and initiative has been established under the name of "STAND IN THE GAP" in our county and is currently building programs and initiatives to help to combat the drug problems in our county through education.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Claiborne County Commission in regular session January 28th, 2019, does hereby acknowledge strong support for all efforts and strategies to help combat the drug abuse and addiction problems in our county and surrounding counties in attempt to take back peaceful control of our county from the grip of drug abuse and return our county to a place of quality of life for our citizens and,

BE IS HEREBY ALSO RESOLVED that this resolution approved this day be documentation of the support of the county commission and the residents of Claiborne County.

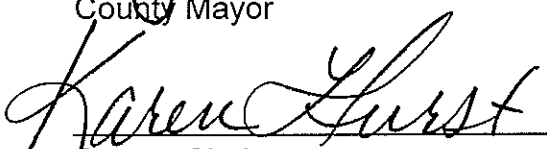
DULY APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.



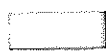
County Mayor

Juanita Honeycutt

SPONSOR



County Clerk



ITEM #5 - RES. 2019-005 – CHANGE SEATING ARRANGEMENT AT COMMISSION MEETINGS

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Hatmaker

(Discussion followed)

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford – to table resolution
SECOND: Commissioner Large

Following further discussion, Commissioner Mundy agreed to add the wording “or until a better solution is agreeable to all commissioners” in paragraph 3 and reading as follows:
“WHEREAS, beginning with the February, 2019 regular meeting of the Board, and all regular meetings thereafter, the seating arrangement for the Board shall be that of the August, 2018 meeting or until a better solution is agreeable to all commissioners.”

At this time, Commissioner Shuford withdrew his motion to table resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for, 0 against / Motion carried
Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION – 2019-005

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE SEATING ARRANGEMENT

WHEREAS, the seating arrangement of the Claiborne County Board of County Commissioners, constituted as the legislative branch of county government, has remained unchanged for many decades, perhaps even longer, and

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to determine the seating arrangement of its members while assembled in regular session, and

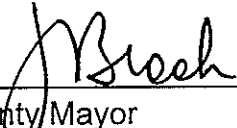
WHEREAS, beginning with the February, 2019 regular meeting of the Board, and all regular meetings thereafter, the seating arrangement for the Board shall be that of the August 2018 meeting or until a better solution is agreeable to all commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 28th day of January, 2019, that this resolution be APPROVED, as outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of January, 2019.

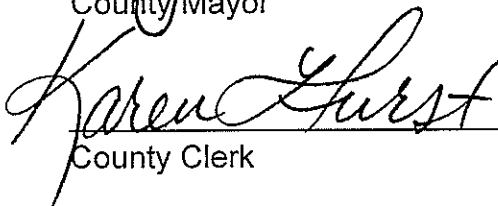
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County Mayor

David Mundy

SPONSOR



County Clerk



ITEM #6 - RES. 2019-006 – RESCINDING RESOLUTION LIMITING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SERVICE ON COMMITTEES

MOTION: Commissioner Vass – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Shuford

(Discussion followed)

ROLL CALL VOTE: 10 for, 11 against / Motion failed

FOR: Commissioners Shuford, Vass, Nathan Epperson, Large, Campbell, Nicholas Epperson, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Peters

AGAINST: Commissioners Clark, Honeycutt, Crawford, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan, McCreary, Mundy, Murphy, Hatmaker

ITEM #7 – RES. 2019-007 – BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION: Commissioner Peters – to approve the resolution with the following amendment: to allow commissioners serving on more than 2 committees/boards the opportunity to resign so they are in compliance with the resolution passed and approved by the commission at the December, 2018 meeting limiting service to no more than 2 committees/boards at a time.
SECOND: Commissioner Hatmaker

(Discussion followed)

MOTION TO AMEND: Commissioner Brogan – to appoint all 21 commissioners to the Budget Committee and abolish the Jail Committee and Building, Grounds and Personnel Committee
SECOND: Commissioner Clark

ROLL CALL VOTE (on motion to amend): 3 for, 18 against / Motion failed

FOR: Commissioners Clark, Shuford, Brogan

AGAINST: Commissioners Vass, Nathan Epperson, Honeycutt, Large, Campbell, Crawford, Nicholas Epperson, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, McCreary, Peters, Mundy, Murphy, Hatmaker

ROLL CALL VOTE (on original motion with amendment): 20 for; 1 against / Motion carried

FOR: Commissioners Clark, Shuford, Vass, Nathan Epperson, Honeycutt, Large, Campbell, Crawford, Nicholas Epperson, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett Brooks, Mason, McCreary, Peters, Mundy, Murphy, Hatmaker

AGAINST: Commissioner Brogan

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION – 2019-007

WHEREAS, the budgetary needs of the county need to be set as soon as possible, and,

WHEREAS, the budget committee sets the budget for the county, and

WHEREAS, the budget committee should be refreshed, and

WHEREAS, replacements are needed due to vacant positions existing from the outcome of the county general election of August, 2018, and so,

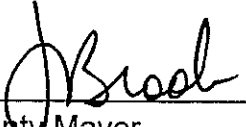
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the following commissioners be appointed to serve on the budget committee:

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| Charlton Vass (1) | Kim Walker-Large (2) | Mike Campbell (3) |
| Anthony Rowe (4) | Mitchell Cosby (5) | Steve Mason (6) |
| Shawn Peters (7) | David Mundy (8) | James Hatmaker (9) |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that commissioners serving on more that 2 committees/boards be allowed the opportunity to resign so they are in compliance with the resolution passed and approved by the commission at the December, 2018 meeting limiting service to no more than 2 committees/board at a time.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

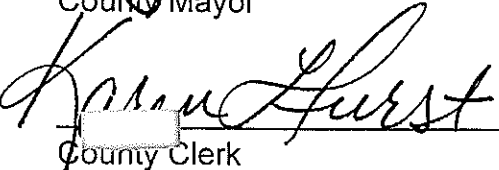
PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of January, 2019.



County Mayor

Shawn Peters

SPONSOR



County Clerk



ITEM #7A – BLUEWAY TRAIL FOR POWELL RIVER (update)

Update given by members of Tourism Committee (Don Oakley and Kim Bolton) of activities/fundraisers implemented to improve access to the Powell River. Information also given as to grants obtained and improvements made to the Blueway Trail.

ITEM #7B – SENIOR CITIZENS VANS

Commissioner Mason requested an update on the status on the purchase of vans for the senior citizens. The County Mayor advised commission he was with the understanding that, due to a change in directors of the Economic and Community Development Board, the paperwork to apply for the grant failed to be submitted. Mayor Brooks verified that the paperwork has been submitted and now waiting on the state to deposit the funds so the vans can be purchased.

ITEM #7C – FINANCE COMMITTEE (update)

Commissioner Shuford informed commission that the Finance Committee had met earlier and appointed Angelia Tucker as the new Finance Director for Claiborne County.

ITEM #7D – RES. 2019-008 – HOUSING REHABILITATION FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Honeycutt

Motion carried by aye vote

Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-008

RESOLUTION
BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION
OF
CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, Claiborne County recognizes the need for housing rehabilitation for low income residents within the County; and

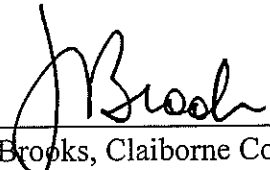
WHEREAS, the County desires to provide these services to their residents, including residents of the municipalities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Commission understands that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allows for assistance through the HOME program, administered by the Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), to provide housing rehabilitation for low income persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Claiborne County Commission does hereby authorize the County Mayor to file an Application for 2019 HOME funds with THDA in the amount of \$500,000. There is no county funds match requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Claiborne County Commission does hereby authorize the County Mayor to sign any and all documents, contracts, assurances, and forms of compliance necessary to effectuate the completion and submittal of the application and that Tennessee's Community Assistance Corporation administers this grant application and grant funds on behalf of the County.

This Resolution was duly considered and adopted by the County Commission, in and for Claiborne County, Tennessee, this the 28th day of January 2019.

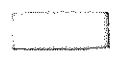
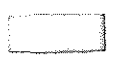


Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

Sherry McCreary, County Commissioner

Attest:


Karen Hurst, County Clerk



ITEM #7E – CHANGE CLAIBORNE (update)

Commissioner Honeycutt informed commission of activities and classes now being offered by Change Claiborne, including classes to reverse diabetes, PAL support group, 5K run, smoking cessation classes, children's fishing rodeo and other programs.

ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Honeycutt

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned

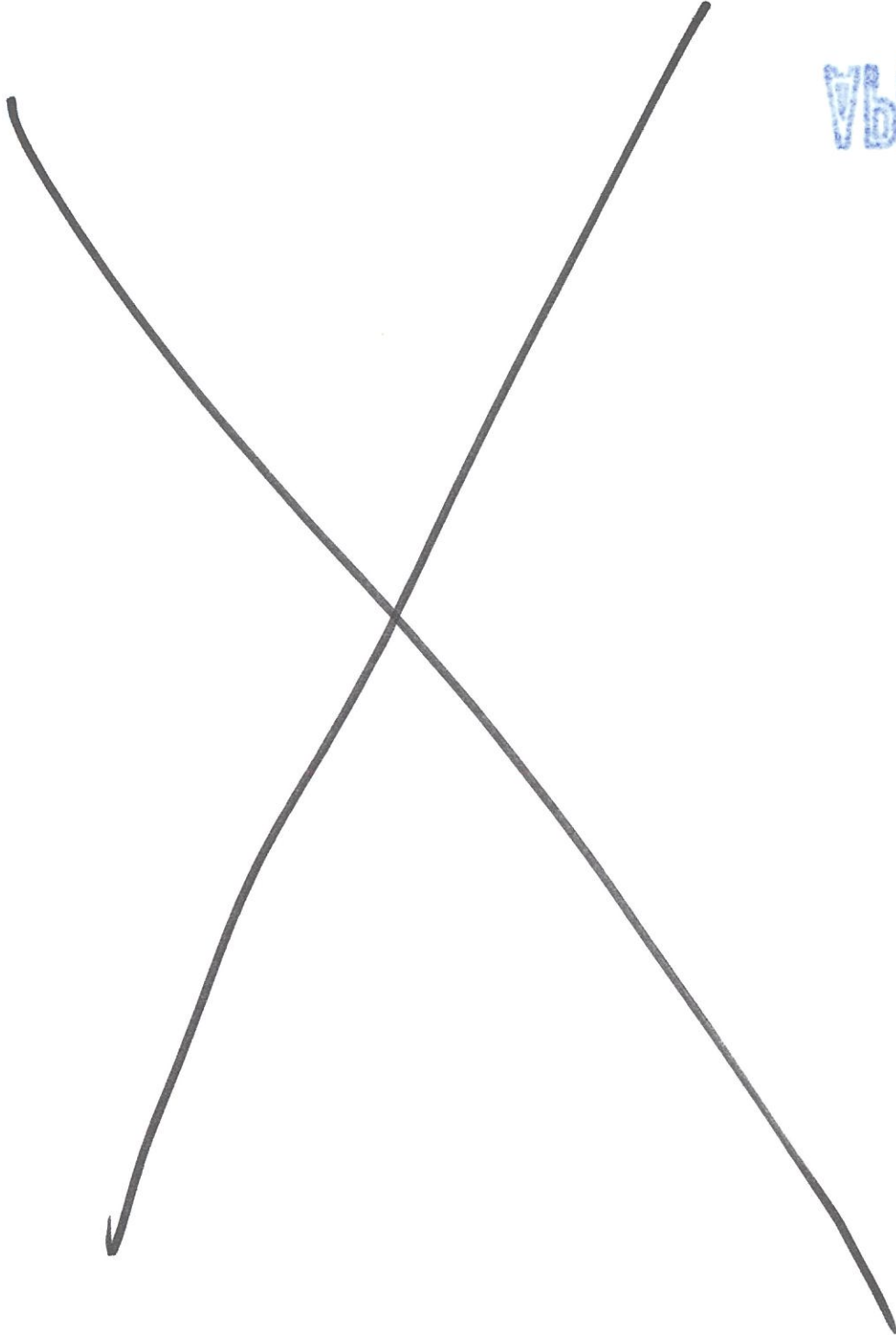
*Karen Hurst
Co. Clerk*

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