

In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, West Virginia

Nancy Singleton Case,)	
Deborah A. McGee,)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
vs.))	Case No. CC-19-2019-P-136
)	
Corporation of Harpers Ferry,)	
Harwick Smith Johnson,)	
Charlotte Ward Thompson,)	
Christian Pechuekonis,)	
Marjorie Flinn Yost ET AL,)	
Defendants)	
)	

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND BRIEFING SCHEDULE

This matter comes on this 2nd day of October 2019, upon the Petitioner's appeal from the September 11, 2019 Order of the Harpers Ferry Election Contest Tribunal. WV Code 3-7-7 permits either the contestant or contestee the right of appeal to this Court within thirty days from entry of the final order in such proceeding. This appeal will be heard upon the original papers, evidence, depositions and records filed before and considered by the Harpers Ferry Election Contest Tribunal and will be decided upon the merits. "The orderly conduct of public offices requires that the determination of those who have been lawfully elected should be made as promptly as possible in order that they can assume their official duties unfettered by the prospect of lengthy litigation". *State ex rel. Underwood v. Silverstein* 278 S.E.2d 886, 167 W.Va. 121 (1981) and WV Code 3-1-45.

Petitioner has filed with his/her appeal an appendix which appears to

include a transcript of the hearing held by the Tribunal and exhibits considered at said hearing. The parties to this appeal are encouraged to agree on the contents of the appendix. Any objections to the contents of the appendix or supplement to the appendix should be filed no later than 15 days from the entry of this Order.

ACCORDINGLY, this matter will come on for oral arguments on October 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Any responsive pleadings shall be filed no later than October 22, 2019.

The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to all pro se parties by regular first class mail.

/s/ Debra McLaughlin
Circuit Court Judge
23rd Judicial Circuit

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