

**BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION
PROBABLE CAUSE REVIEW BOARD**

In Re:

ERIC L. HODGES,

Complaint No. VCRB 2015-116

**Former Wayne County Assessor,
Respondent.**

PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER


On this date, the Probable Cause Review Board, having investigated and considered the allegations set forth in VCRB 2015-116, unanimously finds that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent Eric L. Hodges violated the provisions of the Ethics Act as follows:

Count One: Respondent Hodges used a credit card ("P-card") provided to him under the State of West Virginia's Local Government Purchasing Program to make multiple personal purchases which were not for the benefit of the Wayne County Assessor's Office in violation of W.Va. Code § 6B-2-5(b)(1).

Count Two: Respondent Hodges used a second credit card, a Chase Business Capital credit card provided to him by the Wayne County Assessor's Office, to make multiple personal purchases that were not for the benefit of the Wayne County Assessor's Office in violation of W.Va. Code § 6B-2-5(b)(1). Respondent was one of the cardholders in the office designated to make purchases for the Assessor's Office.

In accordance with W.Va. Code § 6B-2-4(f), the Commission staff is hereby **ORDERED** to prepare a Statement of Charges and to schedule this matter for a public hearing to determine the truth or falsity of the charges.

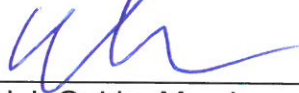
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