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United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of West Virginia			
Case number (If known):	Chapter <u>11</u>		Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 201 Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy 4/16

If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals,* is available.

1.	Debtor's name	Daily Gazette Company	
2.	All other names debtor used in the last 8 years Include any assumed names, trade names, and <i>doing business</i> <i>as</i> names		
3.	Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)	<u>5 5 - 0 1 5 4 4 8 0</u>	
4.	Debtor's address	Principal place of business 1001 Virginia Street East Charleston, WV 25301	Mailing address, if different from principal place of business Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business
5.	Debtor's website (URL)		
6.	Type of debtor	 Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LI Partnership (excluding LLP) Other. Specify:	
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De	btor Daily Gazette Company	Case number (if known)
7.	Describe debtor's business	 A. <i>Check one:</i> Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A)) Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B)) Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44)) Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A)) Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6)) Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3)) None of the above
		 B. Check all that apply: Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501) Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3) Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11)) C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <u>http://www.naics.com/search/</u>. <u>5</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u> <u>1</u>
8.	Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?	Check one: Chapter 7 Chapter 9 Chapter 11. Check all that apply: Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,566,050 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that). The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B). A plan is being filed with this petition. Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b). The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form. The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.
9.	Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years? If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.	Image: No Image: When the text of the text of tex of text of text of tex of tex of text of text of tex
10	Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor? List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.	 No See Attached 201 Question 10 Continuation Yes. Debtor Relationship District When Case number, if known

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11. Why is the case filed in this district?	Check all that apply:		
	Debtor has had its domic immediately preceding th district.	ile, principal place of business, or princ e date of this petition or for a longer pa	cipal assets in this district for 180 days art of such 180 days than in any other
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	A bankruptcy case conce	erning debtor's affiliate, general partner	, or partnership is pending in this district.
12. Does the debtor own or have	X No		
possession of any real	Yes. Answer below for each of the second	ach property that needs immediate atte	ntion. Attach additional sheets if needed.
property or personal property that needs immediate attention?	Why does the prop	perty need immediate attention? (Ch	eck all that apply.)
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Statistical and adminis	trative information		
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Request for Relief, D	eclaration, and Signatures		
		atement in connection with a bankrupto 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 35	
17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor		ef in accordance with the chapter of tit	le 11, United States Code, specified in this
	I have been authorized	to file this petition on behalf of the deb	tor.
	I have examined the info correct.	ormation in this petition and have a rea	asonable belief that the information is true and
	I declare under penalty of po	erjury that the foregoing is true and cor	rect.
	Executed on <u>01/30/2018</u> MM / DD / Y	í YYYY	
	/s/ Norman W. Shum	ate III Norma	an W. Shumate III
	Signature of authorized repr		name
	Title Authorized Signate	ry	
18. Signature of attorney	/s/ Joe M. Supple Signature of attorney for de	Date	<u>01/30/2018</u> MM / DD / YYYY
	Joe M. Supple Supple Law Office, PLLC 801 Viand St. Point Pleasant, WV 25550		
	304.675.6249		ble@supplelaw.net
	Contact phone 8013	Ēmail add WV	ress
	Bar number	State	
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Debtor Daily Gazette Company

Schedule 201

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor? Continuation Page

Debtor	Relationship	District	Date Filed	Case number
Daily Gazette Holding Company, LLC	Affiliate	Southern District of West Virginia		
Charleston Newspapers Holdings, L.P.	Affiliate	Southern District of West Virginia		
Daily Gazette Publishing Company, LLC	Affiliate	Southern District of West Virginia		
Charleston Newspapers	Affiliate	Southern District of West Virginia		
G-M Properties, Inc.	Affiliate	Southern District of West Virginia		

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Resolutions of the Board of Directors of Daily Gazette Company

(JANUARY 29, 2018)

The undersigned, being 100% of the board of directors ("<u>Board</u>") of Daily Gazette Company, following a meeting of the Board, does hereby consent to the adoption of the following resolutions, which resolutions shall be deemed to be adopted as of the date set forth above and to have the same force and effect as if such resolutions were adopted by the Board at a duly convened meeting held for such purpose.

WHEREAS, the Board is informed and believes that the aggregate amount of the debts exceed by a significant margin the fair salable value of the following entities and their assets: (a) Daily Gazette Company ("DGC"); (b) Daily Gazette Holding Company, LLC ("Gazette Holding"); (c) Charleston Newspapers Holdings, L.P. ("CNH"); (d) Daily Gazette Publishing Company LLC ("Gazette Publishing"); (e) Charleston Newspapers; and (f) G-M Properties, Inc. ("G-M" and together with Gazette Holding, CNH and Charleston Newspapers, the "Subsidiaries");

WHEREAS, liquidity challenges have made it difficult for DGC and its Subsidiaries to pay their debts as they become due without additional cash infusions from United Bank;

WHEREAS, DGC and its Subsidiaries presently owe United Bank in excess of \$15.6 million and United Bank has requested that DGC and its Subsidiaries sell substantially all of their assets pursuant to a going-concern sale;

WHEREAS, DGC and its Subsidiaries owe termination liability to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation in the \$12 million range;

WHEREAS, an arbitration award was entered and confirmed in favor of Medianews Group, Inc. and Charleston Publishing Company against DGC and Gazette Holding for approximately \$3.8 million;

WHEREAS, the Board is informed and believes that a sale of DGC and its Subsidiaries through a chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding will maximize the value of the business enterprise for the benefit of all stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of DGC and its Subsidiaries and all of their respective stakeholders, including shareholders, directors, officers, employees, secured and unsecured creditors, vendors, and subscribers, and also the community at large and a reading public benefited by DGC's century-old tradition of journalistic excellence, to: (a) file voluntary petitions for relief (the "Bankruptcy Cases") under Chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.* (the "Bankruptcy Code"); (b) enter into that certain Asset Purchase Agreement by and among DGC and the Subsidiaries and Wheeling Newspapers, Inc., which shall be subject to higher and better offers in the Bankruptcy Cases (the "Stalking Horse APA"); (c) enter into that certain Post-Petition Loan and Security Agreement by and among the Debtors and United Bank, pursuant to which DGC and its Subsidiaries shall be provided sufficient access to cash and liquidity to ensure that they can operate in the ordinary course of business pending sale transaction in the Bankruptcy Cases (the "Post-Petition Loan").

<u>Agreement</u>"); and (d) adopt and implement that certain Charleston Newspapers Key Employee Incentive Plan to ensure that Charleston Newspapers' key management personnel continue to work at an optimal level during the Bankruptcy Cases pending a sale transaction (the "<u>KEIP</u>");

WHEREAS, DGC is the sole member of Gazette Holding;

WHEREAS, Gazette Holding is the sole general partner of CNH;

WHEREAS, CNH is the sole member of Gazette Publishing and manages the affairs of Charleston Newspapers, a West Virginia unincorporated joint venture;

WHEREAS, Charleston Newspapers is the sole shareholder of G-M;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that that the Board, on behalf of DGC itself and as the sole member of Gazette Holding, and Gazette Holding as the general partner of CNH, and CNH as the sole member of Gazette Publishing, and Charleston Newspapers as the sole shareholder of G-M, deems it advisable and in the best interests of DGC and its Subsidiaries to: (a) file the Bankruptcy Cases in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of West Virginia (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"); (b) enter into the Stalking Horse APA; (c) enter into the Post-Petition Loan Agreement; and (d) adopt and implement the KEIP; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Elizabeth E. Chilton, President of DGC, Philip T. Smith, Secretary of DGC, and Norman W. Shumate III, the President of Charleston Newspapers and Vice President of DGC (collectively, "<u>Authorized Officers</u>") be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed, on behalf of and in the name of DGC and the Subsidiaries, to execute and verify bankruptcy petitions to commence the Bankruptcy Cases in the Bankruptcy Court at such time as the Authorized Officer executing such petitions on behalf of DGC and the Subsidiaries shall determine; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized to execute all petitions, schedules, motions, lists, applications, pleadings, and other papers, and in that connection, to employ and retain all assistance by legal counsel, financial consultants, accountants, or other professionals, and to take any and all action which they deem necessary and proper in the Bankruptcy Cases with a view to the successful prosecution of such Bankruptcy Cases; and it is further

RESOLVED, that DGC and the Subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be, and hereby are, authorized, as they deem necessary, to (a) conduct, manage, and supervise a sale of DGC and the Subsidiaries and all of their respective assets, (b) borrow funds in such amounts, from such lenders and on such terms as may be approved by any one or more of the Authorized Officers as reasonably necessary for the continuing conduct of the affairs of DGC and the Subsidiaries, and (c) grant security interests in and liens upon all or substantially all of DGC's and/or the Subsidiaries' assets as may be deemed reasonably necessary by any one or more of the Authorized Officers in connection with such borrowings or in connection with obtaining financing and/or authority to use cash collateral, or otherwise; and it is further

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RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers shall be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver for and on behalf of DGC and the Subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, agreements, instruments, and any and all other documents necessary or appropriate to facilitate the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED, that (a) the engagement of the law firms of Perkins Coie LLP ("<u>Perkins</u> <u>Coie</u>") and Supple Law Office ("<u>Supple Law</u>") as co-counsel for DGC and the Subsidiaries in connection with the Bankruptcy Cases is hereby adopted and approved and (b) the previously approved engagement of Perkins Coie as DGC's and the Subsidiaries' legal counsel in connection with the potential restructuring of the Company is hereby ratified, acknowledged and affirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that DGC's engagement of Phil Murray and the firm Dirks, Van Essen & Murray as consultant and broker in connection with the marketing and proposed sale of DGC's and the Subsidiaries' assets pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Letter Agreement dated as of September 26, 2017 is hereby ratified, acknowledged and affirmed; and it is further

RESOLVED, that each of the lawful acts of the Board or any Authorized Officers taken prior to the date hereof in connection with the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, is hereby ratified, approved, adopted, and confirmed as if each such act had been presented and approved prior to being taken; and it is further

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Officers hereby is authorized to do or cause to be done all such acts or things, to pay all such fees and expenses, to make all such payments, and to sign and deliver, or cause to be signed and delivered, all such documents, instruments, and certificates (including, without limitation, all notices and certificates required or permitted to be given or made), in the name and on behalf of DGC, the Subsidiaries, or otherwise, as such officer may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions and to perform the obligations of DGC and the Subsidiaries under the agreements and instruments referred to herein; and; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers hereby are authorized, empowered, and directed to certify and furnish such copies of these resolutions and such statements as to the incumbency of the Authorized Officers, under corporate seal if necessary, as may be requested, and any person receiving such certified copy is and shall be authorized to rely upon the contents thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that these resolutions may be executed by facsimile, telecopy or other reproduction, and such execution shall be considered valid, binding and effective for all purposes; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all actions taken by the Authorized Officers on behalf of DGC and the Subsidiaries in connection with the matters described in the foregoing resolutions are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

[Signature Page Follows]

Board Of Directors Of Daily Gazette Company

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Date: Jaeuran 29-2018

vicit By: Susan C. Shumate

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By: Philip T.

By: Robert L. Smith II

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Date: 1/29/2018

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United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of West Virginia
Case number (If known):

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Official Form 204 Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an *insider*, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

	Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	claim amount. If total claim amou	ecured claim ly unsecured, fill in claim is partially s nt and deduction ff to calculate uns	ecured, fill in for value of
					Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
1	Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Office of the General Counsel 1200 K Street NW, Suite 340 Washington, DC 20005	Marc S. Pfeuffer, GC 202-326-4020 Pfeuffer.Marc@pbgc.gov	Unfunded Benefit Liability				12,000,000.00
2	Charleston Publishing Company PO Box 2031 Charleston, WV 25327	c/o Steven L. Thomas 304-345-8900 sthomas@kaycasto.com	Litigation				3,795,000.00
3	MediaNews Group, Inc. 750 Ridder Park Dr. San Jose, CA 95190	Marshall Anstandig, GC 408-920-5784 manstandig@bayareanewsgroup.com	Litigation				3,795,000.00
4	Craig L. Selby 1419 Nottingham Road Charleston, WV 25314	Craig Selby	Retirement Supplement				4,981.85
5	Ezra H. Cochran 6664 S.E. 55th Street Okeechobee, FL 34974-2542		Retirement Supplement				71.00

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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In re:

Daily Gazette Company,

Debtor.

Chapter 11
Case No. _____

CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 1007(a)(1), 7007.1 AND LOCAL RULE 1007-1

Pursuant to Rules 1007(a)(1) and 7007.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure

("FRBP"), and Rule 1007-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of West

Virginia, Daily Gazette Company, a West Virginia corporation, represents:

1. There are no entities to report under FRBP 1007(a)(1) or 7007.1.

Daily Gazette Company further acknowledges its duty to file a supplemental statement

promptly upon any change in circumstances that renders this Corporate Ownership Statement inaccurate.

Dated: January 30, 2018

Daily Gazette Company

/s/ Norman W. Shumate III Norman W. Shumate III Its: Authorized Signatory Case 2:18-bk-20028 Doc 1 Filed 01/30/18 Entered 01/30/18 15:05:04 Desc Main Document Page 12 of 12

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Debtor Name Daily Gazette Comp	bany
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	Southern District of West Virginia
Case number (If known):	

Official Form 202 Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors 12/15

An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Declaration and signature

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- Schedule A/B: Assets–Real and Personal Property (Official Form 206A/B)
- Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 206D)
- Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 206E/F)
- Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 206G)
- Schedule H: Codebtors (Official Form 206H)
- Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals (Official Form 206Sum)
- Amended Schedule ____
- Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders (Official Form 204)
- Other document that requires a declaration Corporate Ownership Statement

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 01/30/2018

Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Norman W. Shumate III Printed name

Printed name

Authorized Signatory Position or relationship to debtor

Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors