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Form BC 126
June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Official No. 1399

Date first licensed November 16, 1952

Call letters WERT-FM

Station location Van Wert, Ohio

Name of licensee WERT RADIO, INC.(AL 5-18-71 EFF: 6-30-71
x WERT, INC. (APLH & ASCA 2-8-67 EFF: 3-15-67)
xVAN WERT BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location SW corner U. S. 30 and Mendon Road, 0.5 mile east of city of Van Wert

Main studio location same

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BPH-3675 HAAT: 150' TPO: 1kw	5-17-62	98.9 CH.255	3.5 kw	Unl.	7-17 1-17-63
	Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station.				
BMPH-7349 (1)	9-14-62	Mod. of CP (BPH-3675) to change type transmitter(GATES FM-1C)			
BLH-2237 HAAT:150'	11-16-62	98.9mcs Ch.255	ERP:3.5kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	11-16-62 10-1-64
	Lic. to cover CP(BPH-3675, as mod.) which auth. a new FM Broadcast Station.				
BRH-1399	10-21-64	Renewal of License			10-21- 10-1-67
BSCA-586	3-15-65	Subsidiary Communications Authorization on approx. 67 kilocycles to 10-1-67.			
BPH-5589 HAAT: 150'	11-18-66	98.9mc. ch# 255	ERP: 3.5kw TPO: 1kw	Unl.	1-18-67 7-18-67
	CP to install new type ant.(Electronic-Research Inc.---, 4 sections);				
BAPLH-80 BASCA-253 EFF:	2-8-67 3-15-67	Voluntary assignment of lic.,CP, & SCA to WERT, INC.			
BTC-5344 EFF:	6-13-67 6-23-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Cote Incorporated and Raymond Kandel to 2588 Newport Corp.			
BLH-3618 HAAT:150'	6-30-67	98.9mc CH 255	ERP:3.5kw TPO:1kw	Unl.	6-30-67 10-1-67
	Lic to cover CP(BPH-5589) which auth a new type ant.				
BRH-1399	9-8-67	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-70
BPH-6585 HAAT: 130'	2-5-69	98.9mc. ch#255	ERP: 6.3kw TPO: 1kw	Unl.	10-5-69
	CP install new antenna(Andrew-1308-2A, 8 sects); chg. ERP; and HAAT;				
BLH-4464(L)	9-22-69	LICENSE TO COVER(BPH-6585) install new ant. CHG. ERP. and HAAT.			10-1-70
BRH-1399(S)	9-30-70	Renewal			10-1-73
BALH-1492	5-18-71	VOL. AL	EFF: 6-30-71		

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Off No. 1399

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed Nov. 16, 1962

Call letters WERT-FM

Station location

Name of licensee WERT RADIO, INC.

Transmitter location

Main studio location

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
EBSA	5-22-72				
BRH-1399	10-24-73	(LONG)	RENEWAL	OF LICENSE	10-1-76
BRH-1399(S)	10-18-76	Renewal	of License		10-1-79
BRH790525(S)	9-28-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1-82

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters new FM-WERT

Name VAN WERT BROADCASTING COMPANY
VAN WERT, OHIO (P.O. Kenneth E. Kunze, Box 487, Van Wert, Ohio)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-3675 Rec'd Filed	2-12-62 2-14-62 2-14-62	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 98.9mc CH 255 ERP 3.52kw Type Antenna- Jampro JA-4A (4 sections) HAAT 148 feet Type transmitter - Gates FM-1B TPO 1kw Transmitter location - S. W. Corner US 30 & Mendon Road; 0.5 mi. east of city Van Wert, Ohio (Same as AM) Studio location - Same as transmitter Eng. E. H. Munn, Jr., Coldwater, Mich.	GRANTED: (Cond'l: 302's)	5-17-62 WERT submit

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955 #2

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W E R T - FM

Name VAN WERT BROADCASTING COMPANY
VAN WERT, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMPH-7349 R & F	8-27-62 8-28-62	Mod. of CP (BPH-3675 which auth a new class B FM B/C station) to chg type trans (Gates-FM-1C). Atty: Robert F. Jones	GRANTED	9-14-62
BLH-2237 R & F	9-14-62 9-17-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-3675 as mod) which auth a new Class B FM B/C Station. Atty: Robert F. Jones	GRANTED	11-16-62
BRH-1399 Rec'd Filed	6-15-64 7-6-64 7-6-64	Renewal of license Atty. Robert F. Jones	GRANTED	10-21-64
BSCA-586 R&F	1-26-65 2-4-65	Request for subsidiary communications authorization on sub-carrier frequency of 67Kcs. Atty: Robert F. Jones	GRANTED	3-15-65

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121 # 3
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WERT-FM

Name VAN WERT BROADCASTING COMPANY
VAN WERT, OHIO

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-5589 R & F	10-10-66 10-17-66	Construction permit to install new type ant. (Electronic Research, Inc.---, 4 sections). Atty - Robert F. Jones Engr. Paul Dean Ford, West Terre Haute, Indiana	GRANTED	11-18-66
BAPLH-80 BASCA-253 R & F	12-6-66 12-14-66	Voluntary assignment of license, CP (BPH-5589) and SCA to WERT, INC. Atty - Harry Sells	GRANTED EFF:	2-8-67 3-15-67
BTC-5314 R & F (Form 316)	5-5-67 5-12-67	Voluntary transfer of control of lic. corp. from Cote Incorporated and Raymond Kandel to 2588 Newport Corp. Atty - Mallyck & Bernton	GRANTED EFF:	6-13-67 6-23-67

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

FORM BC-121 #4
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call Letters W E R T-FM

WERT, INC.
Name XVAN WERT BROADCASTING COMPANY
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-3618 R & F	3/8/67 3/14/67	Lic. to cover CP (BPH-5589) which auth. install new antenna. Atty: R. F. Jones	GRANTED	6-30-67
BRH-1399 R & F JUL 20 1967	6-23-67 6-29-67	Renewal of license. Atty: Mallyck & Bernton	GRANTED	9-8-67
BPH-6585 R & F #482286 $30 JAN 27 1969	1-2-69 1-7-69 1-7-69	CP to install new ant (Andrew-1308-2A, 8 sects); chg. ERP 6.32kw; and HAAT 128 feet. Atty s - Mallyck & Bernton Engr: Willis C. Beecher	GRANTED Cond'l	2-5-69 submit 302's for WERT.
BLH-4464 R & F #524211 $30 PT AMENDED: R&F SEP 12 1969	6/21/69 6/23/69 6/23/69 6/30/69 7/10/69	License (BPH-6585) install new ant.; chg. ERP; HAAT. Atty: E. Theodore Mallyck Re engr. data.	GRANTED	9-22-69

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98.9mc

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WERT-FM

WERT RADIO, INC.

Name WERT, INC.

VAN WERT, OHIO 45891

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1399 R & F $75 #613780 PN Recd. PRESS	6-26-70 7-6-70 " JUL 14 1970	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-30-70

3-2-71 Annual filing fee $12.00 deducted from $75.00 Renewal fee. Credit $63.00 to 1971.

BALH-1492 R & F FEE PD: $1000 #675623 CO E 049(also see AM) Pub.notice filed 4-13-71 APR 16 1971	3-25-71 3-26-71	Voluntary assignment of license to WERT RADIO, INC. Atty for assignor - Mallyck & Bernton for assignee - B.P. Cottone	GRANTED req. grant fee$5,000.00 grant fee includes WERT(AM) also. EFF: 6-30-71 Fee Paid:7-8-71 W511445 063	5-18-71

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98.9mhz.

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September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WERT-FM

Name WERT RADIO, INC.
Van Wert, Ohio

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1399 R & F P.N. PRESS	6-29-73 7-2-73 7-2-73 13 AUG 1973	Renewal of License	GRANTED	10-24-73
BRH-1399 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	5-28-76 6-1-76 " JUL 19 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 9-27-76 re: ascert. of comm. needs & programming	Granted	10-18-76
BRH 790525 UN PRESS JUL 2 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-28-79

About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.