

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a regular session of the County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the Wees Annex, on the 5th day of June, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Randolph County Commission President David Kesling and Randolph County Commissioner, Chris See. Commissioner Chris Siler was absent

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kesling

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rhett Dusenberry from Congressman Moore's Office said the all the projects that have been submitted have been decided on.

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting held, regarding the estate of Arley Simmons, Jr., on May 15, 2025, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on May 15, 2025, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the next meeting of the County Commission will be held on June 18, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. They will also hold a special meeting on June 26, 2025 to pay all of the end of the year bills.

Commissioner Kesling announced that the Courthouse complex will be closed on June 19th and June 20th for Juneteenth and West Virginia Day. He said the next Opioid Committee meeting will be held on June 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kesling announced that the Almost Heaven swing is almost done at the 4-H Camp. Melinda Lott said the concrete is being poured today and there will be a ribbon cutting on June 12, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Camp Pioneer ponds. Commissioner Kesling said the ground breaking for the Rosie the Riveter statue will be on June 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kesling said today was the last day to submit any State Budget Revisions.

Commissioner Kesling said he wanted to let the elected officials know that all P-Card purchases through the month of June will come out of the new budget beginning July 1.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Kesling said the week of June 10 thru June 16, 2025 is National Men's Health Week. Commissioner See moved to approve the proclamation for Men's Health Week from June 10-16, 2025 in Randolph County. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR PART TIME MAINTENANCE POSITION

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission recently hired a part time maintenance worker but he found another job. He said the Commission looked again and decided on Allan Higgins for the position. Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Allan Higgins for a part-time maintenance position. This will be a non-benefited position and he will begin working on June 6, 2025 with a starting wage of

\$13.70 per hour. He will be placed on a 90- day probationary period. This position will be paid for out of the Courthouse wage line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR COURT SECURITY POSITION

Commissioner See moved to table this item. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CIVIL SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Brice Cogar, President of the Randolph County Deputy Sheriff's Association asking for J.W. Jones to be appointed as their representative on the Civil Service Board. Commissioner See moved to approve the appointment of J.W. Jones to serve as the representative for the Randolph County Deputy Sheriff's Association on the Civil Service Board. This will be a four- year appointment beginning on June 1, 2025 and ending May 30, 2029. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RANDOLPH COUNTY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Kesling said the County Commission received a letter from Kurt Gainer, Director of Randolph County EMS regarding some terms of board members that are due to expire in June. Commissioner See moved to re-appoint James Sayres, Jr. and Charles Shomo to the Randolph County Ambulance Authority Board for terms beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2028. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RUSSELL MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from the Russell Memorial Public Library. The letter states that Diane White is stepping down at the end of her current term which will be on June 30, 2025. They submitted three names for consideration. Commissioner See moved to appoint Kandi McAtee to the Russell Memorial Public Library board of directors. This appointment will be for a five-year appointment beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2030. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURES ON THE SPECIAL EVENT BEER PERMIT LETTER FOR THE WV WILD AND WONDERFUL CELTIC FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES INC.

Commissioner Kesling said the WV Wild and Wonderful Celtic Festival and Highland Games needed a no objection letter for a special event beer license that they are applying for. Commissioner See moved to approve the ratification of signature for the no objection letter for the special event beer license for the WV Wild and Wonderful Celtic and Highland Games, Inc. for June 20 & 21, 2025 at 4-HCON Camp Pioneer. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURES ON ZONING LETTERS FOR SBA COMMUNICATIONS CORP. AND WALMART/MULTIMEDIA ARCHITECTS

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Wal-Mart for a no zoning letter for their property because it is outside of the City limits. Commissioner See moved to ratify the signatures on the zoning letter for Wal-Mart. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE RANDOLPH COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Kesling said this is the second portion of the funds the Commission allocated to the Randolph County Development Authority. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request from the Randolph County Development Authority in the amount of \$20,000.00. He said \$1,878.00 will be taken out of account 429.230 to clean up that line and \$18,200.00 will come out of line 038. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FOR COALTON DAYS

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Mayor, Jim Rossi from the Town of Coalton asking for funding for the Coalton Days celebration. He said this is something the Commission

supports every year. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request from the Town of Coalton for the Coalton Days celebration in the amount of \$5,000.00 and that is to be taken out of the Courthouse Contractual line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE ELKINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Karrah Washington, Executive Director of the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce asking for allocation of funding. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request from the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$13,500.00 and that is to be taken out of the Courthouse Contractual line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the (9) Final Settlements, as submitted.

Gladys Cora Evans

Marion Delores Harless

Phoebe Carolyn H Johnkoski

Arnold Lloyd Kyle

George Andrew Licwov

Jesse Carroll Markley

John Thomas Pingley

Marcello Augusta Vache

James Donald White, Jr.

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (12)

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Commission office in the amount of \$33,000.00. This will be moved from courthouse equipment and courthouse postage into courthouse maintenance. This is for the statue restoration. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling said they applied for a grant to replace the windows in the main Courthouse. He said they received some funding but it won't pay for it all. He said they are going to start in the basement first and do it floor by floor as they get the funding. He said they are also working on a grant to replace the front steps and they would like to paint the lobby and up the stairs and replace some of the light fixtures.

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$7,500.00. This is being moved from Jail Wages to Jail Retirement and Jail Overtime. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's Office to increase Security OT in the amount of \$23,559.55. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the amount of \$3,500.00 to increase Contractual Services. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision in the amount of \$800.00 for the Dog Warden to increase Dog Warden Insurance line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Commission to increase other building maintenance line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Dog Warden in the amount of \$3,000.00 to increase Dog Warden wages, fica, medicare and retirement lines. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Commission Office to fund new part time position in the amount of \$4,250.00. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision in the amount of \$6,699.00 for GHSP Reimbursement which will be placed into DUI Wages, DUI Fica, DUI Medc and DUI Retirement. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Siler was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$7,465.48 for the AHIDTA OT Reimbursement which will be placed in Task Force OT line. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Siler was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision for the North Central Community Corrections Office in the amount of \$76,350.00 which will be placed into different line items to clean up the lines for the end of the year. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Siler was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision for Coal Severance Tax lines. This will be in the amount of \$66,259.00 and it will be taken out of Coal Severance and moved into the Community Development line. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Siler was absent. Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the division of property and erroneous assessments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the (2) fire fee adjustments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner See moved to pay the bills, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Commissioner See moved to adjourn the meeting. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Attest: _____