

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 Commission Annex, on the 20th day of November, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Siler

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on November 6, 2025, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

North Central Community Corrections Director, Erin Golden appeared before the Commission. She said there are currently 110 participants on the program and the program has saved the County \$649,510.56 in regional jail bills, so far this fiscal year.

911/OEM Director, Mike Miller appeared before the Commission. He reported that the heating is not working in the 911/OEM building and Casto Technical has been working on it. He said there are several things that need to be replaced or repaired but there is no money in his budget to do it. He said he needs the Commission to pay this bill and more to come. He said the two UPS units at the 911 Center still need batteries and one needs a power module that will cost about \$64,000.00. He said the electric went out today at the 911 Center but thankfully the phones still worked. He said if these UPS units are not taken care of the next time they could lose those phone lines. He said Pendleton County is building a new OEM Office and would like to purchase some of Randolph County's 911 consoles that have never been used. He said there are still several pieces of equipment at the 911 Center that will be at the end of life soon and will need to be replaced. He said they need money for that.

Commissioner Siler said they are trying to find the money to get the UPS units maintenance and batteries.

Randolph County Humane Officer, Ron Gooden appeared before the Commission. He gave a report on activity between October 16, 2025 thru November 19, 2025. He said he responded to 32 calls in the County and 22 in the City of Elkins. He said the intake at the shelter was 35 animals. He said 31 animals were seized from one residence from a tip that came in to the Sheriff's Office. He discussed a dog that has been getting loose and causing problems since December 2024. He said the dog is safe at the shelter now but it took a year to get her. He said she will eventually be adopted out to someone.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Siler announced that the next County Commission meeting will be held on Thursday December 4, 2025 at 1:30 at this location. He announced that the Courthouse complex will be closed on Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH PROCLAMATION (See attached copy)

Nancy Dotson appeared before the Commission. She said National Hospice Month is a necessary thing and they want to help people. She read the proclamation out loud. Commissioner Siler said they have a hard job and he has had to use it in his family and he appreciates all they do. Commissioner See said his daughter worked for hospice for a little while and she liked to help people but it was hard on her.

Commissioner See moved to approve the National Hospice and Palliative Care Month for November 2025 for Randolph County West Virginia, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUR TOWN JULY 4, 2026 CELEBRATION FUNDING REQUEST

Priscilla Gay, Our Town Treasurer appeared before the Commission. She said 2026 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year that Our Town, Inc. has been in charge of the fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. She said it takes at least \$10,000.00 for a good fireworks show. She said there are rising costs because of inflation and tariffs. She said they will have to purchase at least \$12,000.00 worth to be able to put on a good show. She said if they pay it by December 1<sup>st</sup> they get a discount. She said they had a really good crowd this year and are expecting an even bigger crowd in 2026. She said it coincides with America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. She said the City of Elkins gave them \$2,500.00 and she is asking the County Commission for \$6,500.00 and Our Town will put in the rest through fundraisers. Commissioner Siler said the Commission has come into some short falls throughout the year with the Hotel/Motel Tax. He said they already have Our Town in the budget for \$5,000.00 and they can't give them any more at this time. He said maybe later they could find more to give but right now they can only give them \$5,000.00. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request from Our Town, Inc. for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 in the amount of \$5,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON STARLINK

Randolph County Deputy Sheriff, Brian Roy appeared before the Commission. He gave the Commission a proposal of cost for Starlink. He said the proposal he gave them was for 20 units. He said Andy Teter used Starlink on a search and rescue they helped with and they could see it all. He said it would really help out the deputies in all of the dead zones in the County. He said Mingo County implemented this and are running APX portables off of it. He said once we purchase it it belongs to us. He said they make portable bags too if they needed to carry it with them such as a train up on a hill where you can't take a cruiser and have to walk to. Sheriff Elbon said they want to purchase 2 of the bags. Sheriff Elbon said he hopes the County has some Opioid money they can use for this. He said it's a safety thing. Commissioner See said the next Opioid meeting is set for December 18, 2025. Commissioner Siler said it's a great idea. He told Sheriff Elbon to put together a proposal with the bags and batteries and everything they need and see how long that price is good for and come back and they will see what they can do. He said communication has always been a problem.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF DONATION BOXES FOR WOODFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PLACED IN THE COURTHOUSE FACILITIES

Commissioner Siler said the Commission received a letter from Gregory Tingler, Esquire asking permission to set up food boxes at the Courthouse. He read the letter out loud. He said there are 2 boxes set up, one in the main Courthouse and one at the James Cain Annex building. Commissioner See moved to approve the ratification of donation boxes for food, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF ELKINS (See copy attached)

Commissioner Siler said the City of Elkins is requesting annexation of 3 parcels of land into the City of Elkins. He said the Prosecuting Attorney has reviewed it and everything is in order to proceed. Commissioner See moved to approve the annexation request for Tax Map 127 parcel 13.1 and Tax Map 127 parcel 12.4, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner See moved to approve the annexation request for Tax Map 126 parcel 14.6, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commissioner See moved to approve the (4) Final Settlements, as submitted.

Donald Lee Hinchman

Donna Sue McGee

Gary A. Schoonover

Jewell Rodney Ware

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS:

Commissioner See moved to approve an In- House budget revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,810.04 for the JAG Grant. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve a State budget revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,163.00 for HOFNOD. Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Kesling was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Siler moved to approve a State budget revision for the County Commission in the amount of \$243,399.00 for the wage increases. Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Kesling was absent. Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS/INCREASE OF ASSESSMENTS:

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

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

ZONING LETTERS: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



# Randolph County Commission



## Commissioners

David L. Kesling

Chris See

Christopher Siler

## **National Hospice and Palliative Care Month – November 2025**

### **“One Voice For Care”**

### **Official Proclamation**

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care are holistic, patient and family centered, provided by a team approach to treat the body, mind, and spirit. At the heart of all of this is meeting patients and families where they are living with serious, life-limiting illnesses.

WHEREAS, for more than 40 years, hospice and community-based palliative care providers have helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people.

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care empower people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite life-limiting illness.

WHEREAS, the interdisciplinary team model at the core of hospice and palliative care provision involves a wholistic approach to treatment, including expert medical care and symptom control, as well as attending to the patient's emotional, spiritual, and psycho-social needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling.

WHEREAS, over 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nation's hospice programs through the Medicare hospice benefit every year in the country;

WHEREAS, each year, if 80 percent, as opposed to the current 50 percent, of decedent Medicare beneficiaries used hospice for 24 months, nearly \$2 billion, could be saved by the Medicare program annually.

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

WHEREAS, WV Caring, formally known as, Hospice Care Corporation, has faithfully served WV for more than 40 years in Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Randolph County does hereby proclaim November 2025 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care

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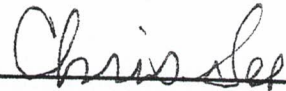
at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and education.



David Kesling, President



Cris Siler, Commissioner



Chris See, Commissioner

**IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**ORDER OF ANNEXATION**

**A certificate of the governing body of the municipality of the City of Elkins with this day filed, showing that annexation has been made, in the manner required by law, to the corporate limits thereof, and that by such annexation the said corporate limits are as follows:**

All that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate in Leadsville District, Randolph County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

**FIRST PARCEL**

**BEING** a 2.775 acre tract, or parcel, of land together with all easements, right of ways, exceptions and appurtenances, which is a part of the lands of Richard R. and Judith L. Ware (Deed Book 520-Page 226, Tax Map 127-Parcel 13, Leadsville District) located in The City of Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia, which said parcel is situated on a ridge top approximately 200 feet easterly of the existing McQuain Street Water Storage Tank, City of Elkins (Deed Book 257-Page 195, Tax Map 14-Parcel 42.1, Elkins Corp District), and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING (P.O.B.)** at a 48-inch black oak found with angle iron witness found at N 23° 37' 08" E a distance of 5.42 feet and a rebar with a yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech Group" found at S 46° 39' 01" E 3.39 feet, said black oak being the common corner between Douglas Coal Company (Deed Book 273-Page 258, Tax Map 14-Parcel 14, Elkins Corp. District), the City of Elkins (High Street Water Tank Site, Elkins Corp. District, Tax Map 14-Parcel 15) and Richard R. and Judith L. Ware (Deed Book 520-Page 226, Leadsville District, Tax Map 127-Parcel 13); Thence with the division line between said Douglas Coal Company and Richard R. and Judith L. Ware,

**N 13° 12' 46" E a distance of 149.72 feet** to a 5/8-inch x 30-inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech Group" set from which a 36-inch white oak witness bears N 67° 17' 14" W a distance of 8.61 feet, and said rebar marking a common corner to said Douglas Coal Company, Richard Ware and Cequel III Comm. II LLC (Deed Book 494-Page 230, Elkins Corp. District, Tax Map 14-Parcel 42.); Thence with the division line between said Ware, and Cequel,

**N 13° 05' 49" E a distance of 308.19 feet** to 5/8-inch x 30-inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech Group" set; Thence continuing with said division line,

**N 45° 45' 28" E** passing a rebar found in fence line at 152.56 feet and continuing 166.39 feet, in all **a distance of 318.95 feet**, to 16-inch locust in a fence line in the division line between said Ware, and Laurence B. and Kathleen P. McArthur (Deed Book 368-Page 186, Elkins Corp.



District, Tax Map 127-Parcel 12.2); Thence leaving said division line and running through the lands of said Ware for the following five (5) calls,

**S 04° 22' 04" E a distance of 165.88 feet** to a 5/8-inch x 30-inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech Group" set; Thence,

**S 21° 15' 11" W a distance of 502.18 feet** to a 5/8-inch x 30-inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech Group" set; Thence,

**S 24° 43' 52" W a distance of 421.48 feet** to a 1 inch (inside diameter) metal pipe found at a common corner to said Ware and The City of Elkins (Water Tank Site); Thence,

**N 15° 39' 34" E a distance of 328.47 feet** to a 1 inch (inside diameter) metal pipe found at a common corner to said Ware and The City of Elkins (Water Tank Site); Thence,

**N 67° 20' 37" W a distance of 81.79 feet** to the POINT OF BEGINNING (P.O.B.) and containing 120,888.2 square feet, or 2.775 acres.

And being the same property conveyed by Richard R. Ware and Judith L. Ware by deed dated May 23, 2014, to the City of Elkins and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Randolph County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 566 at page 29. Said parcel is also identified in Leadsville District on Tax Map 127, Parcel 13.1.

## **SECOND PARCEL**

**BEING** a 0.363 acre tract, or parcel, of land together with all easements, right of ways, exceptions and appurtenances, which is a part of the lands of Steve Kimbrew (Deed Book 505-Page 797, Tax Map 127-Parcel 12.3, Leadsville District) located in The City of Elkins, Randolph County, West Virginia, which said parcel is situated on a ridge top approximately 200 feet northeast of the existing McQuain Street Water Storage Tank, City of Elkins (Deed Book 257-Page 195, Tax Map 14-Parcel 42.1, Elkins Corp District), and being more particularly described as follows:

**BEGINNING (P.O.B.)** at a rebar found in a fence-line being a common corner between Steve Kimbrew (Deed Book 505-Page 797, Tax Map 127-Parcel 12.3, Leadsville District) and Cequel III Comm. II LLC (Deed Book 494-Page 230 Tax Map 14, Parcel 42, Elkins Corp. District) and also being in a westerly line of Richard R. and Judith L. Ware (Deed Book 520-Page 226, Tax Map 127-Parcel 13, Leadsville District) and from which a 5/8-inch x 30-inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech Group" set bears S 45° 45' 28" W a distance of 152.56 feet; Thence with division line between Cequel III Comm. II LLC. and Steve Kimbrew,

**N 48° 08' 48" W a distance of 190.45 feet** to a 5/8-inch x 30-inch rebar with yellow cap stamped "Chapman Tech. Group" set in said division line and from which a rebar found in the same division line bears N 48° 08' 48" W a distance of 518.93 feet to rebar found; Thence leaving said division line and running through the lands of said Kimbrew,

**S 87° 35' 26" E a distance of 261.29** to a 16-inch locust in a fence line from which a rebar found bears N 27° 15' 50" E a distance of 493.98 feet and being a common corner to said McArthur and Ware; Thence with the common line,


**S 45° 45' 28" W a distance of 166.39** feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING (P.O.B.) containing 0.363 acres, 15,807.3 square feet.


And being the same property conveyed by Steve Kimbrew by deed dated September 18, 2014 to the City of Elkins and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the Commission of Randolph County, West Virginia in Deed Book 568 at page 16. Said parcel is also identified in Leadsville District on Tax Map 127, Parcel 12.4.

**IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED** that such annexation to said corporate limits be, and the same is, hereby approved and confirmed, and that the Clerk is directed to deliver to the said governing body a certified copy of this order as soon as practicable after the rising of this court.

After the date of such order, the corporate limits of the municipality shall be set forth therein.

ENTERED this 20 day of NOV, 2025.

  
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David Kesling, Commissioner

  
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Christopher Siler, Commissioner

  
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**IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF RANDOLPH COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**ORDER OF ANNEXATION**

**A certificate of the governing body of the municipality of the City of Elkins with this day filed, showing that annexation has been made, in the manner required by law, to the corporate limits thereof, and that by such annexation the said corporate limits are as follows:**

A tract of land, namely a 0.59 acre tract at the corner of Redbud Lane and Wilson Lane, Leadsville District, Tax Map 126, Parcel 14.6 and being more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate in Leadsville District, Randolph County, West Virginia, lying along the northeastern side of County Route 21, and to the east of County Route 21/5, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " iron rebar (with cap found), being in the northern right of way line of West Virginia County Route 250/12 and being a corner to Woodlands Development Group's 0.59 acre tract (573/147), and being in the line of Walter L. Schmidlen Jr.'s 85.702 acre tract (544/168;506/647), thence leaving said 0.59 acre tract and with the northern right of way line of said Route 250/12 and with said 85.702 acre tract

S 84 – 04 W 160.00 Feet to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron rebar (set with cap), being in the northern right of way line of said Route 250/12, thence leaving said Route 250/12 and entering said 85.702 acre tract with two (2) lines of partition

N 6 – 03 W 160.00 feet to a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " iron rebar (set with cap), thence

N 84 – 04 E 160.00 feet to a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " iron rebar (with cap found), being in the line of said 0.59 acre tract, thence with said 0.59 acre tract

S 6 -03 E 159.92 feet to the beginning containing 0.59 acres, or 25,587 square feet more or less as surveyed by Robert A. Kitzmiller, Professional Surveyor #635 of Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Being a part of an 85.702 acre tract which was conveyed by James A. and William G. Coberly, trustees to Walter L. Schmidlen and Susan Schmidlen by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of Randolph County, West Virginia in Deed Book 506 at Page 647 and by deed recorded in Deed Book 544 at Page 168. And further being a tract of land conveyed to Woodlands by Walter L. Schmidlen and Susan Schmidlen by deed recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 587 at Page 93.

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED that such annexation to said corporate limits be, and the same is, hereby approved and confirmed, and that the Clerk is directed to deliver to the said governing body a certified copy of this order as soon as practicable after the rising of this court.

After the date of such order, the corporate limits of the municipality shall be set forth therein.

ENTERED this 20 day of Nov, 2025.



David Kesling, Commissioner



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