

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 5th day of February, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Randolph County Commission President, David Kesling and Commissioners Chris See and Chris Siler

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kesling

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner See moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on January 22, 2026, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Randolph County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman reported that the filing period ended on Saturday January 31, 2026 for the Primary Election. She said they had 11 candidates file for Board of Education and 4 candidates filed for County Commission. She said they had several candidates file for the different executive committees. She said anyone that has filed has until February 17th to withdraw. She said the Secretary of State's Office will send her Office a certified list of candidates for the Primary Election. She said that list will include everyone that filed at the County Clerk's Office and everyone that filed at the Secretary of State's Office. She said the drawing for order of names on the ballot will be held at the County Clerk's Office on February 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. and it is open to the public and the candidates.

Rhett Dusenberry from Congressman Moore's Office appeared before the Commission and said the Congressman sends his best and they are getting the preparations ready for community funding. He said they would also like to give a pat on the back to all the first responders and OEM/911 staff. He said they did a good job with the bad weather situation we recently had. He said the Congressman's Office likes to keep in contact with the OEM Offices and Mike Miller is very gracious and always replies back. He said he knows after 3 days straight they are tired but they deserve a pat on the back for doing a good job in Randolph County and surrounding counties.

Kenny Watson with Randolph County Court Security reported on activity for the month of January, 2026. He said they scanned 1,378 people and seized 116 knives, 3 guns and 2 pepper sprays. He said there were 33 inmates transferred into their custody. He said they served papers on 111 people. He said they are running really well and they have a full crew. He thanked the Commission and Sheriff for getting the help they needed to make it a full crew.

OEM/911 Director, Mike Miller appeared before the Commission. He said as for the storm, Randolph County got lucky. He said there were only a few power outages and we were very fortunate. He said they have reached out to Country Road Leasing about the items he discussed at the last meeting and they are working on that. He said they are still working on writing grants for Towers which is a lot of paperwork to do, with no guarantee. He said he brought two gentlemen with him from Tyler Technologies and they would like to speak to the Commission about the CAD Software.

John Derby and Colby Fox appeared before the Commission from Tyler Technologies. They did a power point presentation. Mr. Derby spoke first and said the current CAD software the 911 Center has was signed on with Tyler Technologies in 2016. He said it went live in August 2019 so it's at least 8 years old. He said it is running on Microsoft 2016 and beginning in January 2027 there will be no more updates for it. He said most of these systems have a 5 to 7 year lifespan. He said they have 2 options and the first option is to replicate what they have now and the second option is to do a cloud hosted operation. He said Tyler Technologies would be responsible for building the servers, maintaining them and doing updates when needed. This would be Amazon GovCloud and Tyler Technologies monitors everything and they watch out for threats or anything out of the ordinary. Mr. Fox gave the Commission a proposal

and said the team is dedicated into moving them into a cloud based operation. He said to duplicate the CAD Software today would be around \$66,000.00. He said to increase to the cloud based operation it would be \$141,000.00. He said that would include licensing fees. He said the travel fees and set up fees would be a one time thing. Commissioner Siler asked if the first year is going to cost the County \$260,000.00? Mr. Fox said yes. Commissioner Siler said he knows we have to do upgrades and updates every year so how much will that cost? The answer was \$75,000.00 approximately. Mr. Fox and Mr. Derby said these costs do not cover the actual computers or equipment on the desks. This is just for the software. Commissioner Kesling said to get a cost of the computers and everything that is needed and then they will get with Country Roads Leasing to see if they can do it that way. Mike Miller said they can drop down to 5 stations instead of 7. Commissioner Kesling said to get the numbers to the Commission by next meeting so they can get the ball rolling on this.

Kurt Gainer from Randolph County EMS gave an end of year report for 2025. He said they had a total of 7,952 calls for service. He said they received the new ambulance yesterday and they are at full staff but they have 2 ambulances out that are being repaired.

Commissioner Siler gave a report on behalf of the Randolph County Humane Officer. He said this report covers November 20, 2025 thru February 4, 2026. He said there were 90 total calls with 28 in the City of Elkins and 62 in the County. He said 20 animals were taken to the shelter.

Commissioner Kesling reported that the elevator in the main courthouse has been repaired.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the next County Commission meeting will be held on Thursday February 19, 2026 at 1:30 at this location. He announced that the Board of Review and Equalization will end on February 19, 2026. He also announced that the bid opening for the window project will be held on February 19, 2026 at noon.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF NEW HIRE FOR COURT SECURITY

Sheriff Robert R. Elbon Jr. appeared before the Commission. He said the last gentleman that they approved to be hired declined the position after the place he was working gave him a raise. He said he would like to request to hire Zachary Cole Judy as a full time Court Security Officer. He said this is a benefited position and will require a 90 day probationary period. He said Mr. Judy began employment on February 2, 2026 with a starting pay of \$14.36 per hour and after the 90 day probationary period his pay will be adjusted to \$15.12 per hour. Commissioner Siler moved to ratify the hiring of Zachary Cole Judy, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION

Commissioner Kesling said this is something the Commission has to do with purchasing the Starlink. He said that is going to get paid for out of Country Road Leasing. He said the County paid some of that up front before the lease. He said now the County needs to get that money back out of the lease. The amount was \$16,809.00. He said this is so the County is not double paying and it is all coming out of the lease as it should. Commissioner See moved to approve the reimbursement resolution in the amount of \$16,809.00. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RUN FOR IT FUNDING REQUEST

Angie Pase, Development Director for the Tucker Community Foundation and the Rec Board Events Coordinator and David Cooper the Foundations CEO appeared before the Commission. She said the Randolph County Commission is not strangers to the foundation. She said the foundation was formed in 1989 in Tucker County and they have expanded their region to now include 10 counties which are Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Tucker, Upshur counties in WV as well as Garrett County, Maryland. She said the foundation supports Randolph County thru grants and

scholarships. She said in 2025 Randolph County received \$6,000 in grant funding for 3 programs. She said the first was Wonder and Grow Mindful Nature and Experience, Inc for the Randolph County outdoors program, Rotary Club of Elkins and the Elkins First United Methodist Church for their lunch with neighbors program. She said at the end of the year they had \$20,000.00 left and chose the Old Brick Playhouse to get \$5,000. She said they just welcomed two Randolph County residents to their board of directors which are Carol Schuler and Amanda Smith. She said they are very excited to have them. She said the Run for It program was created in 2007 to encourage healthy activities and to support non- profits across their ten County service area. She said since it started the program has raised over 3.6 million dollars through participant fees, sponsorships and awards. She said since 2013 the Randolph County Commission has pledged \$69,500.00 to Run for It and various local organizations have participated in the program since 2007 and been able to bring back \$595,290.00 to Randolph County. She said in 2025 the Randolph County Commission pledged \$6,000.00 helping to generate \$62,414.00 for local organizations here in Randolph County. She said there were 19 teams from Randolph County that participated in the event and those teams were made up of 236 runners and walkers. She said it was a very rainy day but they still came and worked hard for their organization. She said the 2026 campaign kicks off on April 1st and the race will be held in Davis, WV on Saturday September 26, 2026. She said they are requesting a \$6,000.00 pledge from the Randolph County Commission and they guarantee any money they pledge will go to support organizations and projects in Randolph County. Commissioner See said it is great project and it brings a lot of people into Randolph County and Tucker County and it helps a lot of people in the community. Commissioner Siler said he spent a lot of years starting the race and it was always well organized. He said they had a good time every year. Commissioner See said he has been there 3 or 4 times to give out awards for Randolph County. Commissioner See moved to approve the funding request from Run for It in the amount of \$6,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOFTWARE SYSTEMS CONTRACT

Commissioner Kesling said this is the IBM Maintenance Contract for the AS400 in the Sheriff's Office. He said the AS400 is also used by other offices. This is a one year contract in the amount of \$5,525.11. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the Software Systems contract for one year in the amount of \$5,525.11. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS APPROVAL OF TYGART VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Kesling said the Tygart Valley Volunteer Fire Department is working with Country Roads Leasing to purchase a pumper truck in the amount of \$359,000.00. He said in order for them to do that there has to be a Fire Service Agreement signed by the County Commission. Commissioner See moved to approve the agreement, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the (1) Final Settlement, as submitted.

Joyce Ann Taylor

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the State Grant for EMS in the amount of \$1.00. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision for a pass through grant for the Babe Ruth Concession Stand in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes – Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision to move money into several different lines to get through the end of the year in the amount of \$438,961.00. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes. Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS/INCREASE OF ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Siler 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:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the (6) fire fee adjustments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling said he wanted to say congratulations to Brooke Hinzman, who was the County Commissions previous Administrative Assistant, her husband was a delegate but now has been appointed as a Senator. Commissioner Kesling wanted to congratulate them both.

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: _____