

CSF Meeting Minutes

12:00 April 21, 2026

Commission Annex (Old IGA)

Meeting called to order at 12:00

Attendance: Melinda Lott, Peggy Ross, Angela Barrickman, County Clerk Brenda Wiseman, Sheriff Rob Elbon, Commissioner Cris Siler, Commission President David Kesling, Court Security Officer Kenny Hamrick, Chief Court Security Officer Amanda Tomey, and Prosecuting Attorney Michael Parker.

Security concerns were voiced as follows:

Sheriff Rob Elbon –

Concerned about placement of the new holding cells, he wants them in the library area that isn't used; Judge Wilmoth wants them downstairs in a different area - Sheriff Elbon doesn't like the security issues associated with the logistics of this area.

Bring magnetometer to first floor from second floor circuit court. There is no scanning done at the main entrance of the courthouse building. If the magnetometer is moved to the first floor, everyone entering the courthouse would be scanned; as it is, people are only scanned if they want to enter the circuit courtroom only.

Employees nor Attorneys are currently scanned – Judge Wilfong voiced concerns about this as well and she will speak with Judge Wilmoth concerning this matter to see what his opinion is.

In reference to the latest Court Security Audit recommendations: three Court security officers monitor cameras at all times; they are part of the RCSO. The Sheriff's Office monitors all cameras.

Chief Magistrate –

Did not attend.

Prosecuting Attorney Michael Parker* -

Windows on the first level of his building need upgrades and locks.

Can see through the window tint at night.

*There is no courtroom in this building, so the CSF grant will not cover these expenses.

The latest Court Security Audit (2025) sent by Arthur Angus did not include this building.

Family Law Court –

Did not attend. The latest Court Security Audit (2025) indicated that there were windows with no locks on this building.

Circuit Court Judge David Wilmoth -

Did not attend.

Circuit Court Judge Jaymie Wilfong – attended via ZOOM -

“Space” is a big problem. Limited space and obstacles create limited response time from court security officers.

The jury room is located directly across from the holding cells; neither room is soundproof. A defendant will not be able to be in the holding cell while the jury is in the jury room because they can hear everything; another concern is that the defendant could cause a disturbance while the jury is in the jury room.

There is only one holding cell in this area; there is no way to separate the men and women inmates.

There is no restroom in the holding cell area; the inmates are currently using the jury room restroom.

Chief Court Security Officer Amanda Tomey -

Circuit Courtroom upstairs in the main courthouse building has a scanner, needs to be downstairs or put a key fob on side door. The building needs a single point of entry.

James Cain Building – security issues when other places drop off inmates – Huttonsville, Mt. Olive, Juvenile, etc. Court Security doesn't always know they're even here.

A walk through scanner is needed for Family Law Court – the one purchased for it was moved to the new Circuit Court room when we were required to add another circuit court judge.

Circuit Court scanner in the main courthouse building – the walk through scanner needs to be replaced -it is malfunctioning – the lights stay on continually.

Need more cameras – or move what we have – cannot see entrance to tax office, cannot see the back door where the garage is in the James Cain Annex where vehicles pull in (no room for more cameras, this is an issue that needs addressed), cannot see the High Street entrance where inmates enter the main courthouse building, and cannot see the main entrance of the main courthouse building.

Court Security Officers need radios – they have 12 people and only have about 8 radios; they will let us know the exact count.

One of the doors at the Clerk's office does not have a fob and it has a direct entrance from the lobby.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a special session of the County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the Commission Annex, on the 21st day of April, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

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

LAY THE LEVY FOR FY 2026/2027

Commissioner Kesling said the Levy Rate will remain the same. He said they are looking at possibly adjusting the Levy Rate next year, but as of now it will remain the same. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the Levy Rate for 2026/2027, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

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

Attest: _____