

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 28th day of May, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kesling

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on May 14, 2026, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the minutes from the Canvass of the election results meeting held on May 18, 2026, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Sheriff Elbon said they just signed off on the National Forest grant again which they have done for the past several years. He said he can now have the deputies patrol the national forest.

Robert Daman from the OEM/911 Center appeared before the Commission. He said there was flooding yesterday in the Montrose area and a few roads were impassable and a few houses were surrounded by water. He said they didn't get any major calls about the flooding. He said the new batteries were installed in the UPS units and now they are waiting for the crew to come in and complete the control module unit. He said during the storm last night there was a lightning strike at the 911 building and this morning he noticed the camera system was down and there was a smell as something was fried, electronic wise. He contacted the electronic specialties and is waiting for a call back from them, they are the ones that installed the system. He said they filled out an incident report with Melinda. He said they will keep them posted on it.

Rhett Dusenbury from Congressman Moore's office said thank you to the Clerk's Office for their assistance with the election. He said they are there to help OEM/911 in any way with the flooding and weather issues we are having.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced the next meeting will be Thursday June 4, 2026 at 1:30 pm at this location. He reminded all elected officials and department heads that all State budget revisions need to be submitted by the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CERTIFY THE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Commissioner Kesling said they have waited the time period for a recount and all other Counties have done that as well. He said we completed the Canvass and everything is good and final. Commissioner Siler moved to certify the May 12, 2026 Primary Election results, as submitted by the County Clerk's Office. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURE ON CY 2026 APPALACHIA HIDTA SUBAWARD AGREEMENT

Commissioner Kesling said this agreement had to signed and turned in before the meeting.  
Commissioner Siler moved to approve the ratification of signature on the CY 2026 Appalachia HIDTA Subaward agreement, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURE ON LETTER CONFIRMING THE SALE OF TWO FORD EXPEDITIONS

Commissioner Kesling said they are trying to get rid of some of the old vehicles from the Sheriff's Office. He said they put one on the auction site and they had someone win that bid and with that they were willing to take the other two. He said they were able to get rid of three old vehicles. He said he went ahead and signed the paperwork. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the ratification of signature for the sale of two ford expeditions, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY STROKE SMART PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Kesling said this will be tabled until next meeting.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ELKINS-RANDOLPH COUNTY TOURISM CONVENTION AND VISTIOR BUREAU'S FY 2026-2027 FUNDING REQUEST

Commissioner Kesling said he was approached about this by Anne Beardslee, Executive Director of the Elkins-Randolph County Tourism, CVB. He said they are asking for \$850.00 more per month for help with paying the salary of the new manager. He said that would bring the total to \$2,100.00 per month that the County would be giving them. He said this will come out of the Hotel/Motel line. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the Elkins-Randolph County Tourism CVB funding request for an additional \$850.00 per month, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OUT OF COUNTY EMERGENCY DISPATCH LETTER FOR WHIPPOORWILL PROPERTIES, LLC

Commissioner Kesling said this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

#### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CEQUEL III COMMUNICATIONS II, LLC (OPTIMUM) FRANCHISE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Commissioner Kesling said they received a letter from Optimum with three copies of the renewal agreement that needs signed by the Commission. This allows them to continue to do business in Randolph County. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the Cequel III Communications II, LLC (Optimum) franchise renewal application, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

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

Virgil Sherwood Moore

Thomas Anthony Roat

Wilma Jean Rogers

Stephen W. Stemple

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### BUDGET REVISIONS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget revision to increase the Regional Jail Bill line in the amount of \$147,000.00. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget revision to increase Wage line and several other lines in the Dog Warden budget in the amount of \$9,000.00. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget revision to increase the Depot Visitors Center line in the amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget revision to increase CH Contractual Services line in the amount of \$1,683.80. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See was absent. Motion passed

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$46,982.00 to increase Courthouse Wages and several other lines. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$3,215.00 to increase Dog Warden Wage line and several other lines. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$500.00 to increase Assessor Auto Supplies line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$9,200.00 for the Sheriff's Office to increase their Contract Services line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the Sheriff's Office to increase the Home Confinement lines. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$500.00 for the Sheriff's Office to increase Law Enforcement Supplies line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget revision in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Sheriff's Office to increase the Contingency line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### 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:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the zoning letter for Kindle Communications, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

#### FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

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

Commissioner Kesling said we will be adding a line to the agenda for EMS Fee Adjustments. He said there are 28 businesses that are exempt from sales tax so they will be exempt from the EMS Fee.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the 28 exemptions from the EMS Fee. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling said the Hampton Inn contacted the Commission and said they had already done previous contracts with people/businesses and they were wanting to know if they could finish out those contracts with that price and then going forward they will include the EMS Fee.

Commissioner Kesling said he reached out to Walmart and they are good to go with the EMS Fee beginning on July 1, 2026.

Commissioner Kesling said they are sending out new letters/postcards about the changes they made in the EMS Fee. There is also a postcard for them to send back to let the Commission know whether they want to pay the fee monthly or quarterly.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Siler 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: \_\_\_\_\_