

RANDOLPH COUNTY OPIOID ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Randolph County Commission Annex

CALL TO ORDER

David Kesling called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Kesling, Cris Siler, Kenna Barger, Kurt Gainer, Erin Golden, Roy Schneider, Shelby Wilson, Rob Elbon, and Michael Parker.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES

Case Management Software

Michael discussed the purchase of new case management software funded through the Opioid Settlement funds. The software will provide improved case tracking, allow for better communication and information sharing with participating counties, and provide additional tracking capabilities for individual cases.

Action: No additional action was taken.

License Plate Reader Cameras

Rob discussed the previously purchased license plate reader cameras. The cameras are intended to assist law enforcement with Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts, wanted persons, drug investigations, and other matters requiring vehicle identification and direction-of-travel information.

Rob was advised that two of the cameras had been stolen or damaged. The matter is being investigated. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining the cameras and their usefulness in locating missing persons and vehicles.

Action: No additional action was taken.

Recovery House Update

Shelby gave an update was provided on the women's recovery house. The program has had its first graduate and currently has four residents, with capacity for approximately ten.

Shelby discussed the success of the program and the importance of providing structured recovery and rehabilitation services in Randolph County.

Action: The Board expressed continued support for the program.

Other Recovery Programs

The Board discussed other recovery and sober-living programs in the area and concerns regarding program structure, accountability, funding, and the separation of individuals actively using substances from those participating in recovery.

The Board discussed the need for organizations requesting Opioid Settlement funding to have appropriate nonprofit structures and documentation in place.

Action: No formal action was taken.

FINANCIAL / FUNDING UPDATE

The Board reviewed the current Opioid Settlement account balance. The balance discussed was approximately **\$53,277.87**, with approximately **\$12,500** previously expended or committed.

The Board discussed anticipated future settlement payments and noted that future payments will be substantially smaller than the initial distribution and are expected to continue for several years.

The Board also discussed the requirement that organizations receiving funding maintain documentation and submit receipts for expenditures for County reporting and auditing purposes.

Action: No formal action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Swift Water Rescue Training

Rob discussed a proposal for specialized swift water rescue training for local first responders.

The proposed training is an eight-day course designed to certify personnel in flood and swift water rescue. The estimated cost discussed was approximately **\$31,000**.

The Elkins Fire Department and Elkins Police Department are considering sending personnel, and the Randolph County Sheriff's Office is also considering participation.

Rob discussed the importance of having properly trained personnel available during flooding and other water emergencies.

Action: The proposal was discussed and will be considered further after additional information is obtained regarding eligibility under the Opioid Settlement funding guidelines.

Funding Request Process

Kenna discussed establishing a standardized application process for organizations requesting Opioid Settlement funds.

The Board agreed that organizations should provide information regarding the proposed project, amount requested, intended use of funds, and other supporting information necessary for the Board to determine whether a request qualifies.

Action: A standardized application form will be developed and presented to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICES / REHABILITATION

Community Resource Center

The Board discussed the need for additional community-based services for individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and related issues.

Roy Schneider discussed the warming station operated through The Refinery Church and the possibility of expanding services to provide additional resources and rehabilitation assistance.

Discussion was held regarding a potential community resource center that could bring multiple organizations and services together in one location, including counseling, housing assistance, recovery services, and other community resources.

Mr. Schneider discussed a potential facility that may become available through an upcoming auction and explained that several local organizations have expressed interest in providing services at the facility.

Action: The Board agreed to continue discussion of the potential community resource center as additional information becomes available.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board discussed changes to Board membership and appointments.

- **Roy Schneider** was appointed to replace **Shelby Wilson and Elizabeth Shahan**.
- **Kim Urban**, representing the Randolph County Health Department, was re-appointed.
- **Peggy Ross** was appointed as the **Randolph County Board of Education Representative**, replacing **Sherri Collett**.
- **Kurt Gainer** was appointed as the **EMS Representative**, replacing **Heather Brown**.

The Board thanked the outgoing members for their service and welcomed the new and re-appointed members.

The appointments were discussed as having terms beginning **September 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028**.

Action: Appointments were approved as discussed.

COURTHOUSE LIGHTING / COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The Board discussed the courthouse lighting in recognition of opioid awareness efforts. The courthouse was scheduled to be illuminated in purple.

David also discussed looking into improvements to the courthouse lighting system.

Action: No additional action was taken.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Board discussed reporting requirements associated with Opioid Settlement funds and the allowable categories of expenditures under the applicable agreement.

The Board reviewed questions concerning previous reporting periods and expenditures and emphasized the importance of properly documenting and reporting expenditures.

Action: No formal action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed community needs and potential future requests for Opioid Settlement funding. Members were encouraged to continue identifying organizations and programs that may qualify for funding and to direct potential applicants through the formal request process once established.

The Board also discussed the possibility of additional proposals being brought before the Board at future meetings.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting was discussed for **December 17, 2026**.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Lott, Administrative Assistant
Randolph County Commission