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 November, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Randolph County Commission President, David Kesling and Commissioner Cris Siler. Commissioner Kenna Barger, was not present

Meeting called to order by Commission President Kesling

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on October 15, 2026, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

CSO Kenny Hamrick appeared before the Commission to give a report on the month of October. CSO Hamrick stated they scanned 2056 individuals. During scans they had 1 gun, 5 pepper sprays and 14 vapes. They transferred 54 inmates and the Process Server served 108. Body cams for the CSO's arrived as well so they can all wear them as another safety precaution.

County Clerk Karla Mahanes appeared before the Commission to speak on the recent General Election. Clerk Mahanes started with thanking everyone who contributed to the success of the recent General Election. Mahanes thanked her staff, the Commissioners, the poll workers, the Election night staff and the locations for the use of the facilities. Clerk Mahanes stated the Election ended with about 42% turnout which was increase from the May Primary with about 25%. Total ballots cast before the Canvass was 7345. Mahanes stated the Canvass for the General Election would take place on Monday, November 9 at 9am in the County Commission Annex. Upon completion of the Canvass, the results are submitted to the Secretary of State's Office and after all counties have certified a 48-hr. waiting period begins for a recount and then the results are determined Official.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commission President Kesling stated the Commission received a letter from Meals on Wheels in appreciation for their recent donation made to them.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next Commission meeting will be held on November 19, 2026 at 1:30 pm in the County Commission Annex. The County Courthouse and Facilities will be CLOSED on November 11, 2026 in observance of Veteran's Day.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION FROM THE ELKINS-RANDOLPH COUNTY CHAMBER

Karrah Washington appeared before the Commission, representing the Elkins-Randolph Chamber. Mrs. Washington started her tenure at the Chamber in March of 2025. At that time the Chamber was in a transitional period where they had just adopted a new model. Since adopting this new model, they have received praise from surroundings counties and states. Regarding the new model, they are now a free membership for all organization. You will begin to, if you haven't already, see them out at a lot more locations when it comes to ribbon cuttings in comparisons to other counties. Due to the gracious donation from the County Commission, they are able to help new and upcoming businesses who may be

low on funds starting out, getting the word out about their new business and networking for them. This also allows them to expand out of just Elkins, and cover the whole county of Randolph. The old model was very limiting in that if you were not paying your dues to the Chamber, you didn't receive any information from them. Under the new model with donations, they are able to offer these networking opportunities to anyone and everyone in the county. Rise and Shine is another informative session they have that allows individuals to attend, without having to pay the dues as well. The Chamber has seen an increase in organizations and businesses deciding to pay them, after the initial start up and they see what can be offered to them and how they can help their business, they end up paying partnership fees to increase those revenues and business. The Chamber has been busy, Washington stated and they just recently had 2 ribbon cuttings in the Beverly area and the Mill Creek area as well. Washington did emphasize the Chamber is working to make sure their services are county wide, not just centralized to the Elkins area. The Leadership program she touched upon is a countywide program; it introduces participants to the businesses and organizations and to encourage them to get out and be involved and get a better understanding of businesses and procedures. Lastly, Washington spoke on the Christmas parade last year, it was the largest parade to date. The Chamber is appreciative of the Commissions support and donation for that as well. Commission President David Kesling confirmed the amount the Commission provides to the Chamber and also verified the date of the parade. Washington noted the Christmas Parade would be on December 4, 2026. Commission President Kesling announced that the offices in the County were collaborating and would be a part of the Christmas Parade this year. Washington also noted that following the Christmas Parade they would be holding the annual Christmas Tree Lightening at the town square. Commission President Kesling moved to approved the $15,000.00 funding request. All yes- motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Michael Parker appeared before the Commission requesting to hire Reba Bates for the position of Magistrate Court Coordinator. If approved, Ms. Bates would begin employment on November 9, 2026 and would be paid $34,750. 00 per year and will work a 37.5-hour work week. As per county policy, Ms. Bates will be hired as a temporary employee for ninety (90) days and benefits will not begin until approval for full-time status. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the hire of Reba Bates to the Magistrate Court Coordinator. All yes- motion passes unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF SIGNATURE ON ELK SPRING'S RESORT HALLOWEEN PARTY ABCA LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Elk Springs Resort held a Halloween Party on October 31, 2026. The Randolph County Commission reviewed the event details and approved the event as described. This was just to ratify the signature on the ABCA Letter of Support from the Commission. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the ratification of the signature on the ABCA Letter of Support for the Elk Spring's Resort Halloween Party. All yes- motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FOP SENECA TRAIL LODGE #104 FUNDING REQUEST

Brian Kilgore with the Fraternal Order of Police, Seneca Trail Lodge #104 appeared before the Commission to speak on the annual Christmas Party. Kilgore state in 2025 over 420 children and their families were invited to attend the annual Christman party at the Phil Gainer Community Center. Kilgore stated out of those roughly over 200 were Randolph County families. All attendee's had an opportunity to meet Santa, (as well as the Grinch); they were offered refreshments, access to play in 2 bounce houses and participated in making various holiday crafts. The organization serves over 6 counties; including Randolph, Barbour, Tucker, Pocahontas, Grant and Pendleton. With the help of donors, they are able to make Christmas possible for these families. On Saturday, December 19, 2026 they will be hosting the annual Christmas Party at the Phil Gainer Community Center. The cost per child is roughly $125.00 with estimates of around $24,000 being spent on just Randolph County children. Last year's event costs the organization roughly, $45,000.00. Mr. Kilgore stated they traditionally ask the Commission for $2,500 but with the increase in prices, the lack of donations and possibly having more children this holiday season they would respectfully as the Commission to consider a $5,000 donation.

Commissioner Siler praised the program and the wonderful things they do for the families and would like to honor the request. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the funding request with the increased amount of $5,000 to come from Courthouse Contractual. All yes- motion passed unanimously.

CONSER APPROVAL OF WV CARING HOSPICE CARE NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH

For more than 40 years, hospice and community-based palliative care providers have helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people. Hospice care 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. 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. The Randolph County Commission does hereby proclaim November 2026 as National Hospice and Pallative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and education. Commissioner Siler moved to approved November as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. All yes- motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVED OF RANDOLPH COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD RE-APPOINTMENT

Lisa Shaffer as Executive Director of the Randolph County Housing Authority, request the re-appointment of Michael Bell to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Bell's term expires December 31, 2026 and has expressed a desire to continue serving on the RCHA board for a second term. Mr. Bell's experience and knowledge are a valuable asset to the Board and the organization. This would be a 4-year term, beginning on January 1, 2027 and ending on December 31, 2031. Commissioner Siler moved to approved the 4-year re-appointment of Michael Bell to the Randolph County Housing Authority Board. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S ALLIED UNIVERSAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING CONRACT

This is a contract used by the Sheriff and has been signed and submitted. Today the Commission is ratifying the signatures on this Allied Universal Electronic Monitoring Contract. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the ratification of the signature on the Allied Universal Electronic Monitoring Contract. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S 287(G) TASK FORCE MODEL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This is an agreement the Sheriff has with the 287(g) task force model. This agreement has already been signed and approved, the signature just needs ratification. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the ratification of the signature on the Sheriff's 287(g) Task Force Model Memorandum of Agreement. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

FINAL SETTLEMENTS:

Commission Siler moved to approve the (5) final settlements, as submitted on the following estates:

Kerry Zane Hammack

Edward Lewis Bashford

Virginia Lee Mastrogiuseppe

Gayle Laverne Moore

Helen Jean Currence

BUDGET REVISIONS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's office. Moving from law enforcement contract services to law enforcement auto maintenance in the amount of $9,000.00. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's office. Moving funds to cover uniform fees in the amount of $8,075.00 All yes – motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for County. Increasing the spending line for Courthouse Contractual in the amount of $60,940.00. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for County. Moving contingency funds to EMS Contributions- Vendor line in the amount of $23,000.00. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for County. Moving money from County Commission Wage line to Co Commission Contract for Security Cameras in the amount of $560.00. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the LEDA pass through Grant in the amount of $21,000.00. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the State Budget Revision in the amount of $13,105.98. Commission President Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commission Barger not present- motion passed

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the State Budget Revision in the amount of $19,261.72. Commission President Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commission Barger not present- motion passed

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the State Budget Revision in the amount of $5,000.00. Commission President Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commission Barger not present- motion passed

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the State Budget Revision in the amount of $4,636.44. Commission President Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commission Barger not present- motion passed

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the State Budget Revision in the amount of $18,600.00. Commission President Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commission Barger not present- motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the 9 exonerations and 1 refund. All yes – motion passed unanimously.

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

ZONING LETTERS: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS: Commissioner Siler moved to approve the fire fee adjustments, as submitted. All yes- Motion passed

EMS FEE REFUNDS: None

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