

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 James F. Cain Court House Annex, on the 4th day of January, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Siler

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on December 21, 2023, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Brenda Wiseman, Randolph County Clerk, said the filing period for the upcoming election is January 8th thru January 27th 2024 and her office will be open on the last day of filing from 9-12. She said her office has the filing packets ready if anyone would want to come pick one up.

Commissioner Kesling reported that the Commission signed a letter for Assessor Phyllis Yokum to make changes necessary to correct clerical errors and make changes in value in real estate and personal property books until Monday February 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. The board of review and equalization will then adjourn on Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. The land books and personal property books will be closed on that date and no more changes or revisions can be made in the IAS system for the fiscal year of 2024. He said this is something they do every year. (See copy attached)

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Siler announced that the next regular meeting will be on January 18, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. He also said budget requests from any outside agencies are due to the Commission Office by January 31, 2024.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER BOARD APPOINTMENT FOR 2024 (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling said one of the first things they do at the first meeting of the year is to approve the Commissioners board appointments that each commissioner will serve on. He said they are the

same as last year. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the Commissioner's board appointments for 2024, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST FOR NIGHT TO SHINE (See copy attached)

Sydney Megna, Secretary for Student Government at D & E College and Tina Vial appeared before the Commission. Ms. Megna said they would like to host a night to shine event for local High School students with disabilities. She said the Night to Shine is a prom experience specifically for students with disabilities. She said they have been doing this in Fairmont for several years and it is a big success there and they want to bring it to Elkins. She said they applied for a grant for \$6,000.00 but did not get approved. She said they would like to hold the event on March 16, 2024, if possible. Commissioner Siler said they should check with the FOP and other organizations for funding also. He said it is a great program and he is very supportive of it. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the funding request for Night to Shine in the amount of \$2,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Courthouse Contractual Funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATIONS FOR STALKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH (See attached copies)

Caitlyn Schauman, Tekoa Jones and others appeared before the Commission representing Centers Against Violence. Commissioner Kesling read the proclamations out loud. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the Stalking Awareness Month proclamation, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

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

Eva Kathlene Arbogast

Nancy Ellen Haller

Emma K. Phillips

Barbara Sue Smith

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See attached copies)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an In House budget revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,195.00 for the Task Force. This is the amount to be refunded by AHIDTA grant. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an In House budget revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$225.00 for the Task Force for contract services. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an In House budget revision for the 911 Center in the amount of \$1,000.00 for auto supplies. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an In House budget revision for the General School fund in the amount of \$57,000.00. This was not in budget for 2024 and needs to be added. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the divisions of property and erroneous assessments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES:

Commissioner Kesling said they met with Peggy Ross about this today and she said they have closed on 2 properties and are working on 2 more. He said there is movement on tearing down more houses in Randolph County.

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to pay the bills, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

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

Attest: _____

Randolph County Commission



Commissioners

David L. Kesling
January 4, 2024

Chris See

Christopher Siler

State of West Virginia
Department of Tax & Revenue
Deanna Sheets, Property Tax Director
Property Tax Division
P O Box 2389
Charleston, WV 25328-2389

RE: Corrections/revisions to values for 2024 taxes

Dear Ms. Sheets,

The Randolph County Commission hereby gives permission for the West Virginia State Tax Department and Randolph County Assessor, Phyllis K. Yokum, to make changes necessary to correct clerical errors and make revisions in value to the real estate and personal property books until Monday, February 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m. The Board of Review and Equalization will adjourn on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. The land books and personal property books of Randolph County will be closed on that date, February 20, 2024, and no more changes/revisions can be made in the IAS system for TY 2024.

Sincerely,

Cris Siler
President, Randolph County Commission

Chris See
Randolph County Commissioner

David Kesling
Randolph County Commissioner

Commissioner Board Appointments

Commissioner Kesling

Randolph County Development Authority - 1st Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m.
Forest Festival – 4th Tuesday
Elkins Welcome Center Board of Directors – 1st Tuesday @ 5:15
Community Corrections - Varies from month to month
Midland PSD - 4th Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.
Main Street Elkins – 2nd Tuesday @ 4:00 p.m.
Chamber of Commerce – 4th Tues @ noon
Fire Association 1st Thursday on odd months

Commissioner See

Solid Waste Authority - 1st Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.
Extension Service Committee - (called only)
Local Emergency Planning Comm. – 2nd Wednesday @ noon
Region VII - quarterly 4th Monday @ 12:00
Norton PSD - 2nd Monday @ 7:00
Fire Board—2nd Thursday @ 6:00
Huttonsville PSD – 2nd and 4th Monday @ 10:00 am
Leadsville PSD – 3rd Wednesday @ 1:00 pm.
Fire Association 1st Thursday on odd months

Commissioner Siler

Recreation Board - 2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
Beverly Heritage Center CVB -
Whitmer Water Board 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00
Airport Authority - 2nd Tuesday @ 5:00 p.m.
Corridor H Authority
RC Unsafe Buildings and Lands Enforcement Agency- 2nd Thursday at 4:30
Ambulance Authority – last Tues.@ 5:00
E911 Advisory Board
Fire Association 1st Thursday on odd months

Employee Assignments

Kesling- Custodians/Maintenance
See- 911/OEM
Siler- Dog Warden



Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church is partnering with the campus of Davis & Elkins College to host a “*Night to Shine*” in order to fulfill a community need by providing a night to remember for the surrounding special needs community. *Night to Shine* is a prom experience specifically for high school students with disabilities. It is an opportunity to provide a special event that is just catered to this community. For this project, we are working with local schools, organizations, and individuals such as the county special education coordinator April Senic. Our goal is to create an event where the community can rally together to make a success. There is no other event such as *Night to Shine* in our surrounding area. Special needs students are in a position where they are missing out on an opportunity we could provide. We want to hold this event to use our resources to serve a group that is often overlooked. We want congregation members, students, and community members to all come together to help serve the special needs community through giving a night where they are stars. We want to give back. We are reaching out to ask if the county commission would be interested in helping, whether it be providing resources, helping funding, or helping to provide volunteers. We look forward to meeting in person at the January 4th meeting if possible. Please check out the following link for a look at what these events are like <https://youtu.be/yP48TsHNAd0?si=fHcQoaldKpAeToIQ>

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor or sexual servitude; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a 32-billion dollar a year global criminal enterprise and is a crime as well as a civil and human rights violation; and

WHEREAS, the United States government estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 individuals are trafficked across international borders each year and exploited through forced labor and forced commercial sexual activity; and

WHEREAS, the US is a major destination country for international trafficking victims as approximately 14,500-17,500 folks are trafficked into the country each year. These numbers do not include domestically trafficked children and adults; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a crime that impacts West Virginia

WHEREAS, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 criminalized human trafficking at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, West Virginia passed anti-trafficking legislation in 2006 and 2007; and

WHEREAS, more awareness and education is crucial to eradicating human trafficking in our communities, state and nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Randolph County Commission does hereby proclaim January, 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

David Kessling, Cris Siler, Chris See



Whereas, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and the federal government, stalking is a crime;

Whereas, 13.5 million people are stalked in a one-year period in the United States, and the majority of victims are stalked by someone they know;

Whereas, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner have been stalked by that partner;

Whereas, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population;

Whereas, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas, more victims are stalked using technology — such as phone calls, text messages, social media platforms, internet posts, emails, and electronic tracking — than not using any technology; Whereas, there is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking;

Whereas, criminal justice systems can enhance their responses to stalking by regular training and thorough investigation and prosecution of the crime;

Whereas, laws and public policies must be continually adapted to keep pace with new tactics used by stalkers;

Whereas, communities can better combat stalking by adopting multidisciplinary responses by teams of local agencies and organizations and by providing more and better victim services; and

Whereas, Centers Against Violence is joining forces with victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Randolph County and the United States to observe National Stalking Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, David Kessler, Cris Siler, Chris See

_____, of Randolph County Commission, do hereby proclaim January 2024 as STALKING AWARENESS MONTH in Randolph County WV and applaud the efforts of the many victim service providers, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations, and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking

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Robert R. Elbon Jr., Sheriff

1/3/2024

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests the following budget revisions.

IN-HOUSE BUDGET REVISION

Reason for Revision: Increase line items by amount refunded by AHIDTA

REVENUES:

		PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
ACCOUNT NUMBER	Account Name				
075-322-90-0	Federal Grant-AHIDTA REIMB (buy\$) Receipt #79022		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
075-322-90-1	Federal Grant-AHIDTA REIMB (training) Receipt #79149		\$ 994.50		\$ 994.50

TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) REVENUE: \$0.00 \$1,194.50 \$0.00 \$1,194.50

EXPENDITURES:

		PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
ACCOUNT NUMBER	Account Name				
075-404-2-33-00	FUND 075 TF Investigations	\$20,000.00	\$200.00		\$20,200.00
075-404-2-21-00	Fund 075 TF Training	\$3,267.28	\$994.50		\$4,261.78
			\$1,195	\$0	

TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) EXPENDITURES: \$1,194.50

REVENUE CHANGE LESS EXPENDITURE CHANGE \$0

Respectfully,

Robert R. Elbon Jr.
Sheriff/Treasurer

1-4-2024
DK moved
DK yes
c see yes
csiler yes
motion passed

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IN-HOUSE BUDGET REVISION

Reason for Revision: Adjustment to TF line items in Fund075

REVENUES:

		PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
ACCOUNT NUMBER	Account Name				
					\$0.00

TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) REVENUE: \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00

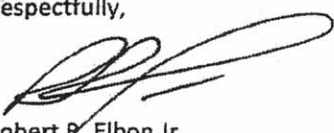
EXPENDITURES:

		PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
ACCOUNT NUMBER	Account Name				
075-404-2-30-00	FUND 075 TF Contract Services	\$700.00	\$224.50		\$924.50
075-999-9-00-00	Fund 075 TF Contingency	\$83,000.00		\$224.50	\$82,775.50
			\$225	\$225	

TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) EXPENDITURES: \$0.00

REVENUE CHANGE LESS EXPENDITURE CHANGE \$0

Respectfully,


Robert R. Elbon Jr.
Sheriff/Treasurer

1-4-2024

DK moved

DK yes

C see yes

C siler yes

Motion Passed

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In House BUDGET REVISION						
01/03/2024						
1	REVENUES:					
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3	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
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6		TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) REVENUES:				0
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8	EXPENDITURES:					
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10	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
11	007-12-4-59	911 Equipment			\$1,000.00	
12	007-712-43	911 Auto Supplies		\$1,000.00		
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23	1-4-2024					
24	DK moved					
25	DK yes					
26	Csee yes					
27	Csiler yes					
28	motion passed					
29		TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) EXPENDITURES:			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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31	Reason for Revision: Travel expenses have increased due to various issues at multiple tower sites; such as building cracking apart, lightening strike and destroying a ge					
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