

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 6th day of July, 2023 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:

Patricia Collett appeared before the Commission. She said she was there to speak about the Leadsville PSD which is on the Agenda to speak today. She said she is a concerned citizen and is here to give a plea for a new pump station. She said Leadsville PSD is in several violations. She said the water in the Cravensdale area is not drinkable and has not been for several years. She said they have to buy water to drink. She said that Leadsville PSD has to flush out the water every week. She said they have gotten complaints from the Department of Human Resources along with others.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on June 15, 2023, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Sheriff Elbon reported that he was notified that his office will be receiving the HIDTA Grant for the Drug Task Force. He said this is a High Intensity Drug Traffic Area grant. He said this is a big deal for the County and it will help them combat drug use in the area. He said this is something he has been working on for the last 3 years to get. Commissioner Kesling said it is a big win for the County and thanked the Sheriff for doing the work to get the grant.

Randolph County Assessor, Phyllis Yokum gave a brief update on the TIFF project. She said she has been doing a lot of research as she has never done a TIFF before. She said she has the final base values and this is what she will use from now on for the Counties base during the TIFF period. She read over the values. Commissioner Kesling said these values will be frozen for the County for the next 30 years. He said if the value goes up on a property, inside the TIFF area of the County, the City of Elkins will get the extra tax money, not the County. He said this is why he was so upset about it. He said this is County money and they used that to help with funding requests for other organizations. He said when the County Commissioners Association meets again he will push for the way it is done to be changed by the Legislature.

Kurt Gainer with the Randolph County Emergency Squad reported that they are at full staff with 30 personnel and a new truck is to be delivered next week. He said they are working on a new location for

a substation on Corridor H. He said they have been talking with people and looking at various locations to put it. Commissioner Kesling said the Commission wants to partner with the EMS once they find a location.

Geraldine Roberts and Wes Lambert from the City of Elkins appeared before the Commission to give an update on the Whitmer Water Association. Ms. Roberts said the City of Elkins was chosen to take over the Whitmer Water Association when it was deemed a failing water association. She said the City of Elkins has been working with them and the Whitmer Water Association has been re-established and can apply for grants, etc. Mr. Lambert said they have had several meetings with Whitmer Water and Region 7. He said they have an emergency repair list that would get them back to 100% capacity but would not fix everything. He said 2-3 weeks ago the plant couldn't produce water at all. They are not sure what happened. They had 5 days of service so no one went without water until they got it back up and running. He said they are trying to get funding now to do all the repairs needed. (See copy attached)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Kesling read a letter from the HR Director of Carter-Roag Coal Company. It said the closure of the Carter-Roag Coal Company in Randolph County is a permanent closure. It said 271 employees will be affected. Some of those employees are already gone but 86 employees will remain to help with the closure. Commissioner Kesling said their hearts go out to them. He said this also means the County will get no coal severance money now which is about \$400,000.00 a year. He said this closure is affecting a lot of people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling announced that the next regular meeting will be July 20, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROLLOVER FOR COAL SEVERANCE

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the rollover for coal severance funds, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST FESTIVAL (See copy attached)

Heidi Bray, Executive Director of the Mountain State Forest Festival, appeared before the Commission. She thanked the Commission for their support over the years. She said in 2022 the MSFF made a strong comeback after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. She said this is greatly in part due to the \$20,000.00 donation from the County Commission. She said this year will be the 85th year for the MSFF and they would like to request \$20,000.00 again. She said the normal funding is \$10,000.00 per year but they would like to request an additional \$10,000.00 to purchase a new utility trailer to haul tables and chairs to the events. She said a new utility trailer could last 20 years instead of buying a new truck. Commissioner Kesling said they already budgeted \$5,000.00 for the MSFF and anticipated taking

\$5,000.00 out of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds to make a \$10,000.00 donation. He asked Ms. Bray if the City of Elkins helps them out with funding? He suggested she try to talk to them about the extra funding needed.

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the funding request from the Mountain State Forest Festival in the amount of \$10,000.00, with \$5,000.00 to be taken out of the Fairs and Festivals line and \$5,000.00 to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax line. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE OLD BRICK PLAYHOUSE (See copy attached)

Missy McCollam, Executive Director of the Old Brick Playhouse appeared before the Commission. She had several Old Brick members in the audience with her. She went over the services that the Old Brick Playhouse offers to children and seniors. She said they are back working on the trains and are doing murder mysteries and they are all sold out. She said they do touring shows and go into the schools and they go to ERCC every week to spend time with the Seniors and even have some of the Seniors come and participate in shows. She said they help kids write college essays and to prepare for enrollment in the arts. She said they are doing bus tour shows and provide meeting space in the Old Brick building for anyone needing to hold a meeting. She said they are gearing up for their 32nd year. She said they are requesting \$15,000.00 in funding and these funds would go directly towards the educational programs they offer. Commissioner Kesling said they have Hotel/Motel Tax funds where half of that goes to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and half of that they can give out for recreation and tourism. He said Old Brick has been here for 32 years and Missy is so passionate about this and helping the kids. Commissioner Siler said he really like that they include the seniors, also with visits to ERCC. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the funding request from the Old Brick Playhouse in the amount of \$15,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST FROM LEADSVILLE PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT (See copy attached)

Nick Channell, representing Leadsville Public Service District, appeared before the Commission. He said he was there to present a cost estimate of what it will cost to replace the booster station at Cravensdale. He said the current one is old and deteriorating and needs replaced. The cost to do this will be \$97,967.00. He said Leadsville PSD is seeking funding from the Commission to help with this project. Commissioner Kesling and Commissioner Siler said they would like to help but would like to see what money they have left in rollover funds. Commissioner Kesling said once they have that figured out the Commission will reach back out to them. He said hopefully by the July 20th meeting they will have those figures.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM RANDOLPH COUNTY CLIMB FOR BACK TO SCHOOL BASH (See copy attached)

Kris Wilmoth, Secretary/Treasurer for Randolph County CLIMB appeared before the Commission. She said Randolph County CLIMB is a youth mentoring association and help meet physical needs of children. She said Nikki Rogers with State Farm Insurance Company holds a back to school bash every year and provides backpacks to students with free school supplies in them. She said Randolph County CLIMB is assisting with the distribution this year and are asking for funding from the Commission in the amount of \$3,000.00 to increase the distribution number which is usually around 300 backpacks. Karrah Washington was also present and she said they anticipate having to turn some children away if they don't have enough backpacks this year. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the funding request from Randolph County CLIMB in the amount of \$3,000.00 and that is to be taken out of courthouse contractual funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST FROM VALLEY HEAD COMMUNITY CENTER

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from the Valley Head Community Center requesting funding in the amount of \$500.00. He said the Commission puts money in their budget for this. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the funding request from Valley Head Community Center in the amount of \$500.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel Tax funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH ELKINS LODGE 108

Commissioner Kesling said this is an agreement to rent the parking lot for the building next door to the Annex. This is for \$500.00 per month. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the renewal of agreement with Elkins Lodge 108 for renting of their parking lot for \$500.00 per month. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH GLOBAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Commissioner Kesling said this is an agreement with Global Science and Technology for computer system support for the offices from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and it will cost \$2,030.00 monthly. Commissioner Siler moved to approve the renewal agreement with Global Science and Technology, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR WV DOH TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT (See copy attached)

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the Resolution for the WV DOH Transportation Alternatives Grant, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR WV DOH RTP GRANT (See copy attached)

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the Resolution for the WV DOH RTP Grant, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the (8) Final Settlements, as submitted.

Dorcus Elaine Arbogast

Gary Maynard Crawford

John K. Kyle

Neal H. McCauley

Margaret Louise Rector

Janet Marie Rucker

Janet Augusta Shears

Marchment Myron Thompson

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision in the amount of \$95,865.00 for coal severance line. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See was absent. Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

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

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS:

Commissioner Siler moved to approve the 18 fire fee adjustments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

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: _____

Whitmer Water System Repairs Overview

<u>Filter System Repairs:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Go with the Flow LLC Sheet 1 a	\$34,380.00
City of Elkins Sheet 1 b	\$9,239.00
<u>Scada System Repairs:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
CyberTech USA Sheet 2 a	\$11,820.28
City of Elkins Sheet 2 b	\$4,026.00
<u>Lab and Plant Materials:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
City of Elkins Sheet 3 a	\$48,011.24
<u>Computer, Internet, Security:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
City of Elkins Sheet 4 a	\$15,934.23
Grand Total:	\$123,410.75

** All quotes are subject to change due to current market values**



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March 20, 2023

David Kesling, President
Randolph County Commission
4 Randolph Avenue, Suite 102
Elkins, West Virginia 26241

Re: FY '24 Funding Request

Dear President Kesling:

On behalf of the Mountain State Forest Festival, we wish to thank the Randolph County Commission for their support over the years. As you know the Forest Festival is vital to the economy and culture of our community. The 84th MSFF made a strong comeback in 2022 after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19. This is greatly in part due to the Commission's generous allocation of \$20,000 to the MSFF.

As we are still recovering, we are confident the 85th edition of our beloved Forest Festival will be a great success in 2023. This year we respectfully request \$20,000. Received funds help offset costs associated with hosting the state's largest and oldest festival.

We sincerely appreciate all the support the Randolph County Commission has shown us over the years, and we look forward to working with you this year to bring Randolph County the Mountain State Forest Festival. If you would like to discuss this request further or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Morgan
Director General

Heidi Bray
Executive Director



Handwritten notes:
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Randolph County Commission
4 Randolph Ave., Suite 102
Elkins, WV 26241

Dear Commissioners Kesling, See and Siler

I hope that you are doing well. Here at The Old Brick Playhouse, we are gearing up for our 32nd season. It's hard to believe. "The positivity that shines through the staff, the apprentices, and the audience [At the Old Brick Playhouse] could light a candle that would never burn out." Articulated so gracefully by a current Apprentice student, as you know, The Old Brick Playhouse Theatre in downtown Elkins has been instrumental in thousands of success stories throughout the region. We have been able to accomplish so much due to your generosity and support for our programs. We began in 1992 with a very simple idea; "to create a safe and nonjudgmental environment that accepted and encouraged children, youth, and adults to find joy in the arts." Theatre was the vehicle by which participants could improve their self-esteem, be their true selves, and create positive change."

I still remember the day we hung the Old Brick Playhouse sign on the front of the building three decades ago, I stood there crying for an hour, looking at that sign and realizing the magnitude of the task that was before me. To date, The Old Brick boasts an Apprentice alumni roster of over 6,000 youth, Camp Kids Playhouse enrollment of nearly 3,500, 2 awards from the President's Committee on the Arts at the White House, and a cumulative audience of over 2.5 million people.

Tragically, during the global pandemic, hundreds of thousands of theatres permanently darkened their stages. The Old Brick had to be nimble to survive. The other extraordinary phenom that contributes to our impact is the staggering number of OPB alumni who have returned to the organization as team members, Board members, mentors, patrons, and volunteers. This coupled with extensive community support, has ensured the Old Brick's vivacity.

Though Old Brick Playhouse's capacity has reached fruition throughout the years, it hasn't been easy and we have suffered the mercurial economic challenges that so many small businesses are experiencing now. This year we had over 70% of students in need of scholarship support. As a result, we are reaching out with a funding request in the amount of \$15,000. These funds would go directly to our educational programs. In the words of one alumnus, "every time I walk into the building, I can just feel the love that surrounds me... it's home." Thanks so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Missy Armentrout McCollam
Executive Director
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Leadsville Public Service District
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Elkins, WV 26241

July 5, 2023

Randolph County Commission
4 Randolph Ave Suite 102
Elkins, WV 26241

Randolph Co Commissioners:

Leadsville Public Service District serves water to less than forty houses in Cravensdale. The booster station that is operating to serve those customers is needing upgrades. Due to the age and deterioration of the unit and in order to provide reliable service to the existing customers, we feel the need the upgrades are necessary. The District is seeking funding to help with those upgrades.

If you should have any questions, feel free to call our office at 304-636-8834.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Channell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "N" and "C".

Nick Channell



Connecting
Loving
Inspiring
Mentoring
Building hope in Randolph County Youth.

July 6, 2023

David Kesling, President
Randolph County Commission
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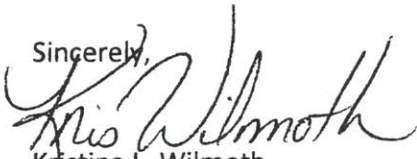
Dear President Kesling:

On Sunday, July 16th from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Randolph County CLIMB is proudly partnering with Nikki Rogers State Farm to provide a free Back to School Bash for our County's children. This event will have a bounce house, free haircuts, character visits, photography opportunities, and many other activities for families to enjoy. The main purpose of the event is to distribute free backpacks and school supplies to help children get off to a good start at the beginning of the 2023/24 school year.

In past years, Ms. Rogers and staff have generously distributed 300 backpacks. This is an impressive number, but the demand has been great, and supplies have run short. This year, Randolph County CLIMB is proudly assisting with this distribution. We respectfully seek the County's assistance in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to increase that distribution number. We also hope to add additional supplies including Chromebook headphones to the bags, which are suggested on every school's list of supplies.

We appreciate the consideration of the Randolph County Commission to partner with Randolph County CLIMB, Inc. for backpack and school supply distribution at this year's Back to School Bash. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,


Kristina L. Wilmoth
Secretary/Treasurer

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Randolph County Commission



Commissioners

David L. Kesling

Chris See

Christopher Siler

RESOLUTION

The **Randolph County Commission** (WV), met on 7-6-23 with a quorum present and passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the **Randolph County Commission** hereby certifies that it has legal authority to apply for and administer funds through the **WV Division of Highways FFY 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant**; that a resolution has been duly passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directly authorizing **the President of the Randolph County Commission**, the official county representative of the applicant, to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Brenda Wiseman

Randolph County Clerk

Randolph County Commission



Commissioners

David L. Kesling

Chris See

Christopher Siler

RESOLUTION

The **Randolph County Commission** (WV), met on 7-6-23 with a quorum present and passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the **Randolph County Commission** hereby certifies that it has legal authority to apply for and administer funds through the **WV Division of Highways FFY 2023 Recreational Trails Program (RTP)** grant; that a resolution has been duly passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application and all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directly authorizing the **President of the Randolph County Commission**, the official county representative of the applicant, to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

Brenda Wiseman

Randolph County Clerk

Coal Severance-

State BUDGET REVISION

REVENUES:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED		INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
		AMOUNT				
298	Assigned Fund Balance	\$359,500.00			\$95,865.00	\$263,635.00
TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) REVENUES:					0	

EXPENDITURES:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED		INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
		AMOUNT				
002-985-566-07	Centr Dev	\$515,500.00			\$95,865.00	\$419,635.00
TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) EXPENDITURES:				\$0.00	\$95,865.00	

Reason for Revision:

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7-6-2023	
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