WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 23rd day of January, 2024 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Tolliver called the meeting to Order.

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ROLL CALL

Present: David Tolliver, President
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner
Greg Duckworth, Commissioner – Per Phone Conference
Carl Roop, County Attorney
Jay Quesenberry, County Administrator – Absent
Billy Michael, Assistant County Administrator

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was opened with the invocation by RD Tolliver, Deputy Clerk for the Raleigh County Clerk, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 0 exonerations, 1 cancellation and 2 refunds for personal property; and 8 exonerations, 0 cancellations and 0 letters of correction for real property as presented today. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

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BUDGET REVISIONS

None

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CONSIDERATION OF CLEAR FORK RAIL TO TRAIL AMBLER GRANT AMENDMENT #6

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Clear Fork Rail to Trail Ambler Grant #6 extending the performance period to December 31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

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CONSIDERATION OF WHITE OAK WATERLINE EXTENSION AMBLER GRANT AMENDMENT #5

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the White Oak Waterline Extension Ambler Grant Amendment #5, extending the Grant until December 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT C)

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CONSIDERATION OF CWSRF DESIGN LOAN PAYMENT REQUEST #9 FOR THE WEST RALEIGH SEWER EXTENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the CWSRF Loan Payment Request #9 for Bradley Public Service District in the amount of $15,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PAY REQUEST #5 ON THE WEST RALEIGH SEWER EXTENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF $235.00 FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Pay Request #5 in the amount of $235.00 for the legal services of Rist, Higgins & Associates PLLC. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF 2024 IT SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM GST IN THE AMOUNT OF $2050.00 MONTHLY; $24,600.00 ANNUALLY

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the IT Service Agreement with Global Science & Technology Inc. in the amount of $2,050.00 per month for Courthouse Network Support, Administration and Consulting. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FOR SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF $24,055

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Project Safe Neighborhood Grant to fund the purchase of cellular surveillance cameras in the amount $24,055.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AWARD TO AMERICORPS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT $500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Grant Award to Americorps in the amount of $500.00 for the Senior Companion Program. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AWARD TO SOPHIA LITTLE LEAGUE FOR THE STATE LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Grant Award to Sophia Little league for hosting the 2024 State Little League Tournament in the amount of $3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT I)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT AWARD TO THE RALEIGH COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOOD TO COAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Grant Award to the Raleigh County Commission on Aging in the amount of $8,000.00 to provide food to Coal City Senior Citizens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

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CONSIDERATION OF INCREASING THE ANNUAL ALLOTMENT TO THE BECKLEY RALEIGH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER FROM $50,000.00 TO $75,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to increase the annual allotment to the Beckley Raleigh County Convention Center from $50,000.00 to $75,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT K)

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CONSIDERATION OF A PILOT FOR HIGHLAND MACHINERY

Commissioner Tolliver stated the consideration of a pilot for Highland Machinery is on hold.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Susan McCracken

Ms. McCracken stated her sister had bought 2 parcels of land through the Sheriff's Land Sale. She questioned the process of acquiring and redeeming this real estate. Mr. Roop advised her of the process.

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MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting of this Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and carried unanimously.

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from January 9. 2024 to January 22, 2024, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The following Objections and Exceptions of the Fiduciary Supervisor were read into the minutes. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

Estate of Danny Bower – Hearing scheduled for February 6, 2024

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BILLS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the appointment of Ronnie Tolliver to the Bradley Public Service District board for a term expiring January 23, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the appointment of Dwight Reggi to the board of the North Beckley Public Service District for a term expiring January 23, 2030. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT O)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the appointment of Heather Ouimette to the board of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority for a term expiring December31, 2024. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT P)

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on February 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried.

David Tolliver
President

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