WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 16th day of April, 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 - absent
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner
Greg Duckworth, Acting President
Carl Roop, County Attorney
Jay Quesenberry, County Administrator
Billy Michael, Assistant County Administrator

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was opened with the invocation by David Moore of Heart of God Ministries, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 0 exonerations, 1 cancellation and 0 refunds for personal property; and 3 exonerations, 0 cancellations and 0 letters of correction for real property as presented today. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

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BUDGET REVISIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the inhouse Law Enforcement Budget Revision for reimbursements in the amount of $25,106.83. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Budget Revision in the amount o $761,808.00 as presented by Deputy Clerk R.D. Tolliver. This revision represents funds we have received and transfers them to expense lines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF TWO CIVILIAN VEHICLES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $58,698.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the purchase of two civilian vehicles for the Raleigh County Sheriff's Department in the amount of $58,698.00 from L & S Toyota. The vehicles will be used by the IT and Civil Process Service Departments. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT O)

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Roger Mann – Cobb St. Homeowner

Mr. Mann stated he has lived on Cobb St for 15 years. He is seeking help from the Commission regarding a nuisance property at 161 Cobbs Street owned by Arnet Dale Graham. The owner rents rooms to individuals. Mr. Graham is also taking over abandoned properties and renting out the rooms and allowing homeless encampments on the properties. The Sheriff is aware of this situation and confirmed the information is true. Mr. Mann urged the Commission to look into laws regarding nuisance properties and to contact Delegates on his behalf.

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MINUTES

None

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from April 2, 2024 to April 15, 2024, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT P)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Re-Close Order for the estate of Elizabeth Marie Bragg. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE BOOK 5082 PAGE 7905)

The Waivers of Final Settlement and Final Accountings of the Fiduciary Supervisor were read into the minutes. (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE SHADY SPRING HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM – WEST VIRGINIA 2024 STATE AAA CHAMPIONS

Postponed

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LAY THE LEVY – FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the 2024-2025 Levy Order and Rate Sheet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAWDOWN #3 ON THE PINEY VIEW / BATOFF MOUNTAIN SEWER PROJECT FOR NORTH BECKLEY PSD IN THE AMOUNT OF $9720.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown #3 on the Piney View / Batoff Mountain Sewer Project for the North Beckley PSD in the amount of $9,720.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF A $5,000.00 GRANT FROM THE COMMISSION TO ASSIST WITH ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE COUNTY

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the $5,000.00 Grant from the Commission to assist with Animal Control in Raleigh County. The City of Beckley is matching the Grant. This Grant will aid in funding the Spay and Neuter Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT FOR $700,000.00 TO NEW RIVER GORGE DEVELOPMENTAL AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a Grant in the amount of $700,000.00 for the New River Gorge Development Authority for a site-ready pad on University Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN RALEIGH COUNTY, THE CITY OF BECKLEY AND THE RALEIGH COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Commissioner Epling moved to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Raleigh County, the City of Beckley and the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority to dispose of the waste from the demolition of abandoned buildings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on May 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried.

s/s
Greg Duckworth
Acting President

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