WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 15th day of October, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Duckworth called the meeting to Order.

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ROLL CALL

Present: Greg Duckworth, President
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner
Daniel Hall, Commissioner
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 Luke Hodges, Pastor of Family Worship Center, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 2 exonerations, 1 cancellation and 0 refunds for personal property; and 6 exonerations, 3 cancellations and 0 letters of correction for real property as presented today. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

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BUDGET REVISIONS

None

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NEW EMPLOYEE RALEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT – BRENDAN ZACKOSKI

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the hiring of Brendan Zackoski to a full-time position as Deputy Sheriff with the Raleigh County Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

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NEW EMPLOYEE RALEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT – DAVID LIVELY

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the hiring of David Lively to a full-time position as Deputy Sheriff with the Raleigh County Sheriff's Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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CONSIDERATION OF EXTENDING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR RALEIGH SOLAR

Upon recommendation of Ken Sayre, Attorney for Raleigh Solar I, LLC, a motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a six-month extension of the Conditional Use Permit of Raleigh Solar I, LLC. The extension will extend to May 10, 2025. Dave Caperelli was also in attendance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

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APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING GRANT ON THE PINEY VIEW / BATOFF MOUNTAIN SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve an application for a $250,000.00 grant for the Piney View / Batoff Mountain Sewer Extension Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF LIFTING THE BURN BAN

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Order rescinding the Declaration of Open Burning Ban. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA SOCCER TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN BECKLEY IN NOVEMBER IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to award a grant in the amount of $1,000.00 to the West Virginia State Soccer Tournament to be held in Beckley in November. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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CONSIDERATION OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 161 CRESTVIEW DRIVE, BECKLEY FROM EMPIRE SALVAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,120.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Phase I of the asbestos abatement at the structure located at 161 Crestview Drive in Beckley by Empire Salvage & Recycling, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

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CONSIDERATION OF DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 161 CRESTVEIW DRIVE, BECKLEY FROM EMPIRE SALVATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,000.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Phase II which is the demolition of the structure located at 161 Crestview Drive in Beckley, WV by Empire Salvage & Recycling Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT I)

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ESTATE OF DONALD WEIR

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Order removing Karen Cooper Weir as Executrix of the Estate of Donald Weir, deceased, and appointing Lucas Weir as Administrator CTA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE INSTRUMENT 50841064)

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ESTATE OF DAVID CARL DEEDS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the Findings and Conclusions of the Fiduciary Commissioner Gavin Ward for the Estate of David Carl Deeds. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

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ESTATE OF SHIRLEY ANN MITCHEM

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the Report of the Administratrix of the Estate of Shirley Ann Mitchem and to allow the filing of the Interim Accounting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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MINUTES

None

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from October 1, 2024 to October 11, 2024, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

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APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the reappointment of Steve Tanner to the Board of the Raleigh County Housing Authority for the term expiring on October 15, 2029. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on October 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried.

s/s Gregory Duckworth
President

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