WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 19th day of November, 2024 AT in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Duckworth called the meeting to Order at 10:05 a.m.

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ROLL CALL

Present: Greg Duckworth, President
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner – per conference call
Daniel Hall, Commissioner - absent
Carl Roop, County Attorney
Jay Quesenberry, County Administrator
Billy Michaels, Assistant County Administrator

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INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was opened with the invocation by R. D. Tolliver, Pastor of Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXONERATIONS

No exonerations, cancellations or refunds were submitted.

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BUDGET REVISIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the $133,323.00 budget revision of the Sheriff – Law Enforcement for Payroll Reimbursements. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

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NEW EMPLOYEE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY – MARIE BECHTEL, ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

This item of business will be rescheduled for a later date.

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT TO RALEIGH COUNTY PSD FOR THE ROUTE 3 WATER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $97,000.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve a Grant to Raleigh County Public Service District in the amount of $97,000.00 for engineering fees for E. L. Robinson on the the Route 3 Water Project. Commissioner Duckworth seconded the motion and the motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

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CONSIDERATION OF A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of $1000.00 per full-time employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT TO COALFIELD ELITE YOUTH WRESTLING IN THE AMOUNT OF $500

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a Grant in the amount of $500.00 to Coalfield Elite Youth Wrestling. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT TO THE WWHS BAND TO PLAY IN THE POP TART BOWL IN ORLANDO, FL IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,000

Commissioner Epling moved to approve a Grant in the amount of $2,000.00 for the Woodrow Wilson High School Band to travel to and to participate in the Pop Tart Bowl in Orlando, FL. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and carried. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT TO NORTH BECKLEY PSD IN THE AMOUNT OF $685,000.00 TO REPLACE SEWER LINE TO ACCOMMODATE THE PINEY VIEW SEWER EXTENSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a Grant to the North Beckley PSD in the amount of $685,000.00 to replace sewer line to accommodate the Piney View Sewer extension. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth. The motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT TO CRIME STOPPERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $7369.41

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a Grant to Crimestoppers in the amount of $7,369.41 for security cameras at Lake Stephens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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CONSIDERATION OF REDUCING THE LEGAL FEES FROM RIST HIGGINS & ASSOCIATES TO $250,000 ON THE PINEY VIEW SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve reducing the legal fees of Rist, Higgins & Associates to $250,000.00 on the Piney View Sewer Extension Project. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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CONSIDERATION OF AML PAYMENT NUMBER 26 FOR THE CLEAR FORK RAIL TRAIL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,721.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Drawdown #26 in the amount of $23,721.00 for the Clear Fork Rail Trail Project. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT I)

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CONSIDERATION OF CLEAR FORK RAIL TRAIL LOCAL PAY REQUEST NUMBER 15 IN THE AMOUNT OF $60.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown #5 in the amount of $60.00 for the Clear Fork Rail Trail Project for engineering fees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

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CONSIDERATION OF CLARIFICATION OF GRANT AMOUNT TO TRAP HILL LITTLE LEAGUE

Commissioner Epling moved to award $46,350.00 to Trap Hill Little League for field and facilities improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth. The motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT K)

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD FUNDS

Upon the recommendation of Jenna Belcher, a motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Resolution and Application for a grant in the amount of $667,000.00 for improvements to Southern Industrial Drive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

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OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to reject the bids of Bobcat, Appalachian Equipment, State Equipment Inc., West Hills Tractor, Inc. and Will Quip Industrial for the purchase of an excavator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

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MINUTES

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from November 12, 2024 to November 18, 2024, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

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BILLS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the appointment of Zachery Statler to the New River Gorge Developmental Authority as a non-voting member. The motion was seconded by Commission Duckworth and motion carried. (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 December 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

s/s Gregory Duckworth
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