WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 10th day of December, 2024 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 Michael King, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 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 1 exoneration, 0 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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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA NATURAL RESOURCES APPRAISAL CONTINUATION FOR TAX YEAR 2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the State of West Virginia Natural Resources Appraisal Continuation for the tax year 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

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APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR THE BOILER REMOVAL AT THE RALEIGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The following three bids were received for the boiler removal at the Courthouse:

• Casto Technical Services	$57,000.00
• Astech Corporation Inc	37,400.00
• Childers Enterprise	22,000.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Childers bid in the amount of $22,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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CONSIDERATION OF A RATE INCREASE FOR THE RALEIGH COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Zach Dobbins, Accountant for Bennett and Dobbins, and Attorney Tim Stranko presented this Commission with information regarding a rate increase for the Raleigh County Public Service District which has the second to lowest rate of all counties.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to table this item of business. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C2)

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CONSIDERATION OF ZONING CHANGE AT 106 AND 109 MERIT DRIVE, STANAFORD TO INCLUDE 1.44 ACRES FRO R1 AND I1 TO B1

Commissioner Epling moved to approve an Order on the Petition of PC Rental Units LLC to rezone 1.44 acres from Rural / Residential and Industrial to Business / Commercial for the proposed use of Self-Storage Units. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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CONSIDERATION OF WEST VIRGINIA COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $80,000 WITH A MATCHING AMOUNT OF $20,000 TO BE USED TO UPGRADE THE COMMUNICATIONS CABLING IN THE RALEIGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Funding Assistance Contract Agreement between the WV Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority and this Commission to upgrade the communications cabling in the Raleigh County Courthouse. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF SNOW PLOW FROM J&J FABRICATING IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,319.40

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the purchase of a Boss Plow Package from J & J Fabrication and Trailers Inc. in the amount of $10,319.40. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A TAILGATE SPREADER, CONTROL KIT AND INSTALLATION FROM J&J FABRICATING IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,984.84

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the purchase of a Tailgate Spreader from J & J Fabrication and Trailers inc. in the amount of $2,984.84. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF 4 POLICE CARS FOR THE RALEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the purchase of 4 Police vehicles in the amount of $262,506.69 from Stephens Automotive Group. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 2 FOR THE SHADY SPRING PSD GLEN MORGAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE IN THE AMOUNT OF $718.50

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown #2 in the amount of $718.50 for the administrative and accounting fees of Griffith and Associates. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAWDOWN #2 FOR THE RALEIGH COUNTY PSD SANDBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF $722.50

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown #2 in the amount of $722.50 for Region 1 PDC for the South Sandbranch Road Water Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

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CONSIDERATION OF ARPA GRANT DRAWDOWN #9 FOR THE NORTH BECKLEY PSD FOR THE PINEY VIEW / BATOFF MOUNTAIN SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $11,890.88

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Drawdown #5 in the amount of $11,890.88 for Rist Higgins & Associates PLLC, WV DOH and Region 1 PDC for the Piney View / Batoff Mountain Sewer Project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT K)

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAWDOWN #1 FOR THE NORTH BECKLEY PSD LINE REPLACEMENT TO ACCOMMODATE THE PINEY VIEW / BATOFF MOUNTAIN SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $53,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown #1 in the amount of $53,000.00 to E.L. Robinson Engineering for the Wastewater System Upgrade Contract B – Sewer Line Replacement Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAWDOWN #10 ON THE WEST RALEIGH SEWER PROJECT FOR THE BRADLEY PSD IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,368.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Requisition #10 in the amount of $6,368.00 to Rist, Higgins & Associates PLLC in legal services for the West Raleigh Sewer Extension Project – Phase 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kim Gross – Estate of Douglas Owen Lilly II

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MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the minutes of this Commission for the November 1, 2024 Special Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from November 19, 2024 to December 9, 2024, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on December 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried.

s/s
Greg Duckworth
President

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