WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 17th day of June, 2025 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Duckworth called the meeting to Order at 10:00 a.m.

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ROLL CALL

Present: Gregory Duckworth, President
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner
Daniel Hall, Commissioner – Per Phone Conference
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 Deborah McCray, Pastor of St. Luke Church of God Apostolic Beckley, WV and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 0 exonerations, 0 cancellations and 3 refunds for personal property; and 0 exonerations, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the budget revision to the General County Fund in the amount of $80,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the budget revision to the Coal Severance Fund in the amount of $1,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Sheriff – Tax Department in the amount of $8,700.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Sheriff – Law Enforcement in the amount of $68,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Sheriff – Home Confinement in the amount of $3,500.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Sheriff – Service of Process in the amount of $1000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the County Commission in the amount of $500.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision for Insurance in the amount of $3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT I)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Circuit Clerk in the amount of $4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Central Garage in the amount of $15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT K)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Community Based Corrections (Day Report) in the amount of $11,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Prosecuting Attorney in the amount of $16,500.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the in-house budget revision of the Sheriff – Law Enforcement in the amount of $10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

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NEW EMPLOYEE RALEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF – GREG DECK – ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the hiring of Greg Deck for the Raleigh County Sheriff as an Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT O)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY FOR A SPORT COMPLEX

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a grant in the amount of $55,000.00 for Thrasher Engineering for a Comprehensive study for a Sports Complex. Beckley Area Foundation will contribute $12,500.00 and Forward Southern will contribute $10,00.00 for this STIF Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT P)

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CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF FROST BROWN TODD

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a contract with Frost Brown Todd Law Firm to prepare a preliminary report to the Department of Economic Development for the STIF Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

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REPORT ON NORTH BECKLEY PSD FROM DONNA SAWYERS GENERAL MANAGER OF NORTH BECKLEY PSD

Donna Sawyer, General Manager of North Beckley PSD, presented a report on the progress of previous projects and upgrades. Projects are moving forward as planned. (SEE EXHIBIT R)

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ESTATE OF PEARL WILSON

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Order removing Brenda Mullins as Co-Executrix of the Pearl Wilson Estate. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE INSTRUMENT 5085 8484)

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CONSIDERATION OF DRAWDOWN #17 FOR THE PINEY VIEW / BATOFF SEWER PROJECT FOR NORTH BECKLEY PSD IN THE AMOUNT OF $37,919.43

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Drawdown #17 in the amount of $37,919.43 for the Piney View / Batoff Sewer Project for North Beckley PSD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT S)

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Shalor Tate and Billy Pate requested a Grant in the amount of $61,000.00 for Phase I, to upgrade the arena at the Horseman's Association. Commissioner Duckworth stated the request would be taken under advisement.

David Bland gave an informative report on the (IUPAT) International Union of Painters and Allied Trades.

Alishia Bossie from Mountaineer Food Bank requested $5,000.00 in funding to help provide food services to Veterans in 48 out of 55 counties.

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MINUTES

None

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from June 3, 2025 to June 16, 2025, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT T)

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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 by Bill Roop, Fiduciary Supervisor. (SEE EXHIBIT U)

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on July 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

s/s Gregory Duckworth
Gregory Duckworth
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