WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 15TH day of July, 2025 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 - Absent
Daniel Hall, Commissioner
Carl Roop, County Attorney - Absent
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 Pastor Jim Owston; Pikeview Christian Church; Beckley, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Hall moved to approve 4 exonerations, 6 cancellations and 1 refund for personal property; and 16 exoneration, 5 cancellation 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

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the budget revision to increase the Coal Severance Fund in the amount of $541,479.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the budget revision to increase the General County Fund in the amount of $610,452.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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OPEN BIDS FOR DILAPIDATED BUIILDINGS GRANT (DLAP GRANT)

The bids to demolish and dispose of debris for 8 projects of the Property Safety Agency were opened and referred to Detlef Ulfers for review and recommendation. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $3,000.00 by Tom's Tear Down and Take Away to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB216 at 425 Burmeister Avenue, Raleigh. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $4,000.00 by Tom's Tear Down and Take Away to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB261 at 436 Burmeister Avenue, Raleigh. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $7,500.00 by Tom's Tear Down and Take Away to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB565 at 193 Astoria Drive, Crab Orchard. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $12,500.00 by Tom's Tear Down and Take Away to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB608 at 154, 155, and 171 Norwood Court, MacArthur. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $4,898.00 by Whitten Construction to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB710 at 353 Ritter Drive, Glen Morgan. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $2,500.00 by Tom's Tear Down and Take Away to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB740 at 138 Stanley Road, Stanaford. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $2,650.00 by Tom's Tear Down and Take Away to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB748 at 201 Davis Cemetery Road, Maple Fork. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to accept the bid of $6,000.00 by Empire Salvage to demolish and dispose of all structures for AB750 at 138 Shiloh Circle, Cool Ridge. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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UPDATE FROM SHADY SPRING PSD

Bobby Redden General Manager for the Shady Spring Public Service District presented an overview of the extended service upgrade project at the Beaver plant that is almost 70% complete. Lance Morgan with LA Gates updated the Commission on Phase I of the Ridgewood Subdivision Project in Cool Ridge.

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CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Upon recommendation of Billy Michaels of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Commissioner Hall moved to approve Amendments to Chapters 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Raleigh County Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE INSTRUMENT 5086-0807)

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ESTATE OF GRACE STILTNER

Commissioner Hall made a motion to remove Martha Phipps as Administratrix of the Estate of Grace Stiltner and to appoint the Sheriff of Raleigh County as Administrator De Bonis Non. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and the motion carried unanimously. (SEE INSTRUMENT 5086-1305)

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CONSIDERATION OF A PETITION FOR THE PRESUMED DEATH AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGIL LIGHT

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the Petition as presented by Attorney Laura Moye to presume the death of Virgil Light and to appoint Tasheena Fontana as the Administratrix of the Estate of Virgil Light. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and the motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT TO GAME CHANGERS IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,000.00

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the Grant for Game Changers in the amount of $30,000.00. This program will be in 2 Raleigh County schools. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and the motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF PAY REQUEST NO. 13 FOR THE WEST RALEIGH SEWER EXTENTION PHASE I FOR THE BRADLEY PSD IN THE AMOUNT OF $130.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hall to approve Drawdown #13 for the Bradley Public Service District in the amount of $130.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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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 Hall moved to approve the Vacation Orders from July 1, 2025 to July 14, 2025, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The Affidavit of Waiver of Final Settlement of the Estate of Harriet Black was read into the minutes.
(SEE INSTRUMENT 5085-3474)

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on August 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried.

s/s Gregory Duckworth
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