WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 19TH day of August, 2025 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was opened with the invocation by Pastor Kevin Kuhn; Coal Marsh Baptist Church, Glen Daniel and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 13 exonerations, 5 cancellations and 1 refund for personal property; and 11 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)

4.2 BUDGET REVISIONS

None

4.3 OPEB BIDS FOR DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS GRANT (DLAP GRANT)

The bids to demolish and dispose of the trash and debris for 4 projects of the Property Safety Agency were opened and referred to Detlef Ulfers for review and recommendations.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the bid of $4,000.00 by Empire Salvage for the demolition and disposal of all structures for AB283 at 178 Rural Acres Drive, Beckley. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the bid of $4,500.00 by Empire Salvage for the demolition and disposal of all structures for AB497 at 821 Central Avenue, Surveyor. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the bid of $4,000.00 by Empire Salvage for the demolition and disposal of all structures for AB655 at 126 Trump Street, Daniels. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the bid of $13,000.00 by Empire Salvage for the demolition and disposal of all structures for AB726 at 4266 Harper Road, AB741 at 4250 Harper Road, and AB751 at 4238 Harper Road, Eccles. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

4.4 RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER DAVID MAYS WITH 36 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BRADLEY PROSPERITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In recognition of 36 years of service David Mays, Firefighter for the Bradley-Prosperity Volunteer Fire Department was presented with a Plaque by Fire Levy Coordinator for Raleigh County, Jason Whiting on behalf of the Raleigh County Commission.

4.5 APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S COMMISSION BASED ON COLLECTIONS OF 85% OF ALL PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,000

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the $15,000.00 Sheriff's Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT C)

4.6 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A SECURITY GRANT FOR THE JUDICIAL ANNEX FROM THE WV DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF $24,700

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Security Grant in the amount of $24,7000.00 for the continuation of the Camera Project in the Judicial Annex Building from West Virginia Department of Homeland Security. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

4.7 APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GREG DUCKWORTH TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER GRANT FUNDS FROM THE WV DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR $24,700

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a Resolution authorizing Greg Duckworth to receive and administer Grant funds from the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security in the amount $24,700.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT E)

4.8 CONSIDERATION OF AN EXTENTION OF A 6 – MONTH CONDITION USE PERMIT FOR COPART, INC. LOCATED AT 195 SOUTHERN INDUSTRAL DRIVE IN BEAVER, WV

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a six-month extension of the Conditional Use Permit due to unforeseeable road conditions for Copart, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT F)

4.9 CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OF $12,000 TO THE RALEIGH COUNTY MEMORIAL AIRPORT FOR MARKETING SERVICES FOR THE AIRPORT

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant in the amount of $12,000.00 for Thrasher's marketing services to the Raleigh County Memorial Airport. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a hearing for September 16, at 10:00 AM with Jeffrey and Gretchen Meadows to address old business with Property Safety Enforcement. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Josh Barker- Director of Substance Abuse Commission Outreach, expressed his appreciation for the initiative taken by the Raleigh County Commission in support of Overdose Awareness and Recovery month.

THE HOPE DEALER PROJECT/WEST VIRGINIA GOES PURPLE CAMPAIGN – Susan Johnson read a Proclamation of the WV Goes Purple Campaign, while other members of the project were thankful for the support given by Raleigh County.

MINUTES

None

VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from August 5, 2025 to August 18, 2025 inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on September 2 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried.

Gregory Duckworth
President