WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 4th of November 2025 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 Jeff Neal; Maple Fork Baptist Church; Bradley, WV and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 2 exonerations, 1 cancellation and 1 refund for personal property; and 3 exonerations, 1 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)

4.2 BUDGET REVISIONS

None

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF A ROAD CHANGE FROM MOONEY LANE; PIT STOP LANE; AND TERESA'S PLACE TO CURTIS SPEEDWAY DRIVE; KINDER LANE; AND RUSH MOTORWAY. PIT STOP LANE WILL REMAIN OFF OF CURTIS SPEEDWAY DRIVE

Upon the request from the 911 Center on the behalf of the new property owner, Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the name change to the streets within the property of Beckley Motor Speedway as described by Jay Quesenberry. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF ARPA GRANT PAYMENT REQUEST #20 ON THE PINEY VIEW/ BATOFF MOUNTAIN SEWER PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $31,185.74 FOR THE NORTH BECKLEY PSD

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the ARPA Grant Drawdown #20 in the amount of $31,185.74 for Engineering Services to the Piney View/Batoff Mountain Sewer Project for the North Beckley Public Service District. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT C)

4.5 CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL DRAWDOWN #2 ON THE ELLISON RIDGE WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT FROM THE COOL RIDGE/FLAT TOP PSD IN THE AMOUNT OF $30,000

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown #2 in the amount of $30,000.00 for Engineering Services on the Ellison Ridge Waterline Extension Project for the Cool Ridge/Flat Top Public Service District. Seconded by Commissioner Hal and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

4.6 CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF ORDER FOR JOHN B. RAPP AND HERBERT E. CLINE

A lien was placed on the property of John B. Rapp and Herbert E. Cline for a dilapidated building on the property. The structure has since been cleaned up. The owners are asking for the Release of Order so the property can be sold. Commissioner Epling made a motion to release the Order from the property. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT E)

4.7 CONSIDERATION OF DUI GRANT 26-24 FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSION ON DRUNK DRIVING PREVENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,000

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the DUI Grant 26-24 in the amount of $15,000.00 from the West Virginia Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT F)

4.8 CONSIDERATION OF GRANTS TO VARIOUS FOOD BANKS

With the Government Shutdown, the Commission has decided to assist the local food banks with a Grant totaling $8,000.00.

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Bread of Life, Naoma, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Fishes and Loaves, Beckley WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Food for Body and Soul, Beckley, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Helping Hands, Beckley, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Lunchbox Food Pantry, Daniels, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, NOW Ministry, Crab Orchard, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Raleigh County United Prevention, Beckley, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve a Grant to the food bank, Salvation Army, Beckley, WV in the amount of $1,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Coal City Fire Department- Zack Honacker Chief of Coal City Fire and EMS asking for funding for the EMS portion in the amount of $183,680.00. This will help pay off the Ambulance Lease and provide pay roll to the ALS employees.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

Ghent Volunteer Fire Department – Kyle Morrison, Fire Chief of Ghent Volunteer Fire Department and EMS are asking for assistance in the amount of $150,000.00 to assist in the payoff of the Ambulance upon delivery and stock the truck with supplies needed. Commission has taken the request under advisement.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

MINUTES

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the September 16, 2025 and October 7, 2025 minutes of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from October 21, 2025 to November 3, 2025 inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT J)

FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on November 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried.

Gregory Duckworth
President