WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 19th day of May, 2026 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Duckworth called the meeting to Order.

ROLL CALL

Present: Greg Duckworth, President
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner
Daniel Hall, Commissioner - Absent
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 Ken Smith; Beckley Regular Baptist Church; Beckley, WV and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 0 exonerations, 0 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 Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT A)

4.2 BUDGET REVISIONS

None

4.3 CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNEXATION OF WENDY'S RESTAURANT IN CRAB ORCHARD INTO THE TOWN OF SOPHIA

It has been recommended by Carl Roop that the property of Wendy's be Annexed into the Town of Sophia after all the procedures have been followed. Upon the recommendation Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Annexation of Wendy's in Crab Orchard. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. See Instrument # 50883480
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

4.4 CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNEXATION OF BETHEL FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN MACARTHUR INTO THE TOWN OF SOPHIA

A petition was filed and all records have been prepared and properly documented. Carl Roop has recommended that Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Macarthur be Annexed into the Town of Sophia. Upon the recommendation Commissioner Eplin made a motion to approve the Annexation of Bethel Freewill Baptist Church into the Town of Sophia. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. See Instrument # 60883481
(SEE EXHIBIT C)

4.5 CONSIDERATION OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR JIM JONES

Jim Jones appeared before the Commission to dispute the decision of the Raleigh County Assessor wherein it found the Homestead Exemption to be cancelled. After significant discussion between Jim Jones and Raleigh County Assessor, Jackie Cales the Raleigh County Commission determined the matter would be Tabled for further investigation.

4.6 CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SHERIFF'S DELINQUENT TAX LIST

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Delinquent Tax List for 2025 tax year. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

4.7 CONSIDERATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Removed

4.8 CONSIDERATION OF AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

Billy Michael requested an emergency purchase of a new 2026 Double Cab Toyota Tacoma in the amount of $40,765.04 for Animal Control. A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the emergency purchase of the 2026 Toyota Tacoma in the amount of $40,765.04. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

4.9 CONSIDEATION OF ANNULMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVER FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the annulment of Building Permit Fee Waiver as described by Carl Roop. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT E)

4.10 CONSIDERATION OF REVISED ORDER TO CLOSE A ROADWAY BY MICHAEL & DEBORAH VIRA

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Amended Order of a road closure from several years ago. Michael and Deborah Vira as recommended by Carl Roop. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. See Instrument #50879867
(SEE EXHIBIT F)

4.11 REPORT FROM THE CRAB ORCHARD MACARTHUR PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Kenny Meador with the Crab Orchard Macarthur PSD reported the project is looking great. They are awaiting some approvals to move forward. Working to start the Marsh Fork Project again.

4.12 ESTATE OF FAYE COLEMAN

Based upon the recommendation of the Fiduciary Commissioner Ms. Moye; Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Smith presented their positions in the Estate of Faye Coleman. After hearing both statements from each, the Commission has decided to Table the matter upon further review.

4.13 CONSIDERATION OF A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE RALEIGH COUNTY COMMISSION AND STEPTOE & JOHNSON

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement between Steptoe & Johnson and the Raleigh County Commission as described by Carl Roop. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

4.14 CONSIDERATION OF AN AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER ON THE DOOR AT THE 117/118 NORTH HEBER STREET BUILDING

Upon the recommendation of Billy Michael, Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of $4,864.00. from C&C Doors, LLC located in Oak Hill, WV to install an automatic push button handicap door on the Commission Building. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

4.15 CONSIDERATION OF DRAWDOWN NO.5 ON THE SOPHIA SEWER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $5453.57

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve Drawdown No. 5 in the amount of $5,453.57 from ARPA funds to the Sophia Sewer Treatment Plant upgrade project. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

4.16 CONSIDERATION OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF BID AWARD AB793 AT 225 LAURAL ROAD; PEMBERTON

With the findings from Detlif Ulfers with bid documents and being over budget from the acceptance from the Commission meeting held on May 8, 2026; Detlif recommends the approval to the bid AB793 be withdrawn. Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the withdraw of bid AB793 at 225 Laural Road, Pemberton from Ace Everything Construction Company in the amount of $8,650.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT J)

5 OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Curtis Yearego-Executive director of WV Disabled Inc. came before the Raleigh County Commission to ask them to view over the documents sent to Jay Quesenberry for funding. The Memorandum overview consists of 11 counties and Raleigh County to take the lead. Asking each county to submit $5,000.00.

MINUTES

NONE

VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from May 5, 2026 to May 18, 2026 inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The Order Confirming and Ratifying Supervisor's Report of Claims and Settlement Report were read into the minutes
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on June 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried.

Gregory Duckworth
President