WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 2nd day of June, 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
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 John Jordan, Calvary Assembly of God; Beckley WV, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 1 exoneration, 2 cancellations and 0 refunds for personal property; and 1 exoneration, 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

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the In-House Budget Revision for the County Commission in the amount of $92,000.00 moved between 12 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT B)

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the In-House Budget Revision for the County Clerks office in the amount of $18,000.00 moved between 5 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT C)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's Tax Office in the amount of $15,900.00 moved between 4 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT D)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Civil Service in the amount of $115.00 moved between 2 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion Carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT E)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Insurance in the amount of $5,000.00 moved between 2 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion Carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT F)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Court House Department in the amount of $106,000.00 moved between 10 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously
(SEE EXHIBIT G)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Other Buildings in the amount of $146,000.00 moved between 8 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT H)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Data Processing in the amount of $8,000.00 moved between 4 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Code Enforcement in the amount of $21,000.00 moved between 12 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT J)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Sheriff's Law Enforcement in the amount of $33,814.00 moved between 4 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT K)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Fire Coordinator in the amount of $2,600.00 moved between 2 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT L)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Central Garage in the amount of $10,000.00 between 6 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT M)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the In-House Budget Revision for Liter Control in the amount of $500.00 between 2 lines. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT N)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Budget Revision for Sheriff's Law Enforcement for Reimbursement of services receive. An increase is requested in the overtime line for salary and wages in the amount of $70,193.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT O)

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the Budget Revision to increase the Budget Revision in the amount of $1,614,363.00 as described. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and the motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT P)

4.3 NEW EMPLOYEE RALEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT; THEOMAS LAFFERTY – DEPTY SHERIFF

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve the hiring of Thomas Lafferty as Deputy Sheriff for the Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT Q)

4.4 OPEN BIDS FOR A NEW TRUCK FOR ANIMAL CONTROL

Commissioner Epling opened the Bid received by Billy Michael from L&S Toyota. This being the only bid received, Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of $42,010.36 to purchase a new Toyota Tacoma. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and amotion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT R)

4.5 CONSIDERATION OF PAY INCREASES SET BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the pay raise set by Legislature for Elected Official. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT S)

4.6 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the storm water, signage and set back changes to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance as described and recommended by Billy Michael. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT T)

4.7 CONSIDERATION OF THE ADDITION OF TWO NEW STREETS IN RALEIGH COUNTY. GATEWAY RIDGE IN THE 290/292 OF CRODDROADS DRIVE AND EMMAUS WAY IN THE 104/106 BLOCK OF GATEWAY RIDGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve two new streets, Gateway Ridge and Emmaus Way as described. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT U)

4.8 CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL AMENDMENT INCREASING THE CONTRACT FROM $10,000 TO $15,000 ON THE AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK BROADBAND PROJECT

With the project taking longer than anticipated and the increase request is covered in the existing Grant no additional funds are needed. Commissioner Epling, has made a motion to approve the Legal Amendment, increasing the contract from $10,000.00 to $15,000.00 on the Airport Industrial Park Broadband Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT V)

4.9 REPORT FROM THE NORTH BECKLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Tabled

4.10 CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH FBT GIBBONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a contract with FBT Gibbson to help develop Pinecrest Park as described. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT W)

4.11 CONSIDERATION OF EPA PAYMENT REQUEST NO. 1 FOR THE PINEYVIEW/BATOFF MTN. SEWER EXTENSION IN THE AMOUNT OF $237,436.37 INCLUDING A STATE MATCH OF $59,359.10

Commissioner Epling made a motion too approve EPA Payment Request #1 in the amount of $237,436.37 for the Piney Viw/Batoff Mountain sewer extension. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEEEXHIBIT X)

4.12 CONSIDERATION OF DD #2 FOR THE COOL RIDGE – FLAT TOP PSD WATER LOSS ANALYSIS & SYSYEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $15,010

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve Drawdown #2 in the amount of $15,010.00 for the Cool Ridge Flat Top PSD Water Loss Analysis & System Improvement Project. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT Y)

4.13 CORRECTION ON PURCHASE AMOUNT OF NEW TRUCK FOR ANIMAL CONTROL. CORRECTED AMOUNT: $43,501.94

For the record a motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the correction to the purchase price in the amount of $43,501.94 for the new Toyota Tacoma for Animal Control that was purchased last commission meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.

4.14 INVALIDATE THE WILL FOR EVELYN GRAYBEAL

Cancelled

4.15 CONSIDERATION FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,000.00 FOR THE RALEIGH COUNTY FAIR

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve funding in the amount of $25,000.00 for the Raleigh County Fair. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT Z)

5 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 CONSIDERATION OF THE ESTATE OF FAY COLEMAN

The dispute between Coleman and Smith in the Estate of Faye Coleman was reviewed and the recommendation of the Fiduciary Commissioner Richmond Moye was as followed: Pre funeral and labor expenses were removed, travel expenses of $2,996.00 were allowed and the Executrix fees of $3,646.02 were allowed.
A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the recommendations of the Fiduciary Commissioner as described by Carl Roop. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT AA)

5.2 CONSIDERATION OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR JAMES A. JONES

Upon the recommendation described by Carl Roop, Commissioner Epling made a motion to uphold the decision denying the Homestead exemption assessed by the Raleigh County Assessor. James A. Jones does not meet the homestead exemption requirements. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion caried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT BB)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MINUTES

NONE

VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from May 19, 2026 to June 1, 2026 inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT CC)

FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

None

BILL, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

9.1 REAPPOINTMENT OF TERRY POE TO THE BOARD OF THE CRAB ORCHARD MACARTHUR PSD; EXPIRES 6/2/32

Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the reappointment of Terry Poe to the board of the Crab Orchard MacArthur PSD, term expires 6/2/32. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT DD)

9.2 APPOINTMENT OF BRAD MANKINS TO THE RALEIGH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY; EXPIRES 7/1/28

Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the appointment of Brad Mankins to the Raleigh County Emergency Service Authority, term expires 7/1/28. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT EE)

9.3 APPOINTMENT OF BYRD WHITE TO THE BECKLEY-RALEIGH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, INC.; UNLIMIYED TERM

Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the appointment of Byrd White to the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center, Inc, unlimited term. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT FF)

9.4 REAPPOINTMENT OF JIM WOOD TO THE BOARD OF THE SHADY SPRING PSD; TERM EXPIRES 6/2/32

Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the reappointment of Jim Wood to the board of the Shady Spring PSD, term expires 6/2/32. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT GG)

9.5 REAPPOINTMENT OF JACK KEEN TO THE BOARD OF THE RALEIGH COUNTY PSD; TERM EXPIRES 6/2/32

Commissioner Epling made a motion to accept the reappointment of Jack Keen to the board of the Raleigh County PSD, term expires 6/2/32. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried unanimously.
(SEE EXHIBIT HH)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on June 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Hall and motion carried.

Gregory Duckworth
President