

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2012 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

PRESENT: John Aliff, President  
Pat Reed, Commissioner  
Dave Tolliver, Commissioner

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer given by Rev. Phil Farrington – Freedom Ministries

IN RE: EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Reed made a motion to take the exonerations under advisement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tolliver. Motion carried.

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IN RE: PAUL MILLER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUTURE FUND

Mr. Miller is Policy Outreach Director and appeared before the Commission to provide information concerning Future Fund, which in an escrow savings account where a portion of additional revenue from our natural resources (gas, coal, etc.) is set aside for twenty years and the interest from this would then be used for local Regional Economic Development Projects. The state is looking into “Future Fund” and has introduced some legislation already. Mr. Miller asked the Commission if they believed this to be a good policy to endorse the policy of setting aside some money for the future by signing a resolution to that matter.

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IN RE: CLAYTON MILLER – NORTH BECKLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING LEAGUE FUNDING

Mr. Miller, of the Southwest conference appeared before the Commission to request funding and to ask if there were land available for them to use to eliminate having to pay Park Middle School for the use of the field. Ms. Reed said the county has always given a contribution every year. The funding is given through the Parks and Recreation Authority. Mr. Roop stated he would put them on the Parks and Recreation Meeting Agenda to see about the field at Dry Hill for future use.

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF CONTINENTAL CASKET PROPERTY SALE

Bond has gone delinquent; the property has been marketed by the bank and sold. 2 tracts on the Mt. Tabor side have been sold to Duane Sellards and the other tract on the Harper Park side has been sold to Phillips Machinery. The Commission needs to approve the sale. Commissioner Tolliver made the motion. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion to approve the sale of the two properties. Motion carried.

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IN RE: RESOLUTION OF PARTICIPATION FOR NEW RIVER GORGE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Annual resolution to continue funding and support needs to be approved by the Commission. Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the Resolution of Participation for the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tolliver. Motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

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IN RE: EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT DRAWDOWN

Drawdown #1 in the amount of \$3,257.98 for the period 7/1/12 to 7/30/12 requires the signature of the president whom has been authorized to sign. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

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IN RE: GOFF ENTERPRISES ZONING AMENDMENT

CANCELLED

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IN RE: OPEN SCANNER BIDS

Three bids received as follows; Charleston Blueprint \$17,743; Archive Index Systems, Inc. \$17,516.40 and PeopleDocs LLC in the amount of \$14,690.00. John Humphrey, Administrator asked the Commission to let the Assessor's office review the bids and then return them for approval at the next meeting. All Commissioners in agreement with that request.

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IN RE: OPEN ROOF INSTALLATION BIDS

No bids were received. Commission will now solicit bids. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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IN RE: BUDGET REVISION

NONE

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IN RE: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

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IN RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 7, 2012 Commission Meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tolliver. Motion carried.

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IN RE: VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Vacation Orders from August 7, 2012 to August 20, 2012 inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Tolliver and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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IN RE: FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The following Final Accountings and Waivers of Final Settlement were read into the minutes and approved.  
(SEE EXHIBIT E)

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IN RE: APPOINTMENTS

Bradley Public Service District - Commissioner Reed made a motion to appoint Dwight Reggi to the Board. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tolliver. Motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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IN RE: EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve 3 exonerations, 20 cancellations and 3 refunds for personal property; and 10 exonerations, 3 cancellations and 0 letters of correction for real property as presented today. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tolliver. Motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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Mr. Tolliver requested to bring before the Commission the following:

In response to a phone call from an employee, Mr. Tolliver asked why the salaries had been published in the paper and who approved it? Mr. Aliff responded to the questions, that there and been a lot of misinformation and a lot of untruths that were

being said about the salaries, and (we) felt that in order to set the record straight and let the public see that it was a good thing to do; he gave examples of it being said that a maintenance guy was making \$62,000 a year when in fact in was \$26,000; also being said that were remarks being made that some maintenance workers were making \$100,000; Mr. Aliff said there is no such person he is aware of making \$100,000 from our maintenance personnel. Mr. Tolliver then asked "who is we" to which Mr. Aliff responded that is was he and Commissioner Reed. Mr. Tolliver asked why he wasn't involved in the decision making. Mr. Aliff responded that historically, the president of the Commission has spoken on behalf of the County and its employees, Mr. Aliff stated this has been stressed to Mr. Tolliver on many occasions, yet he choose not to honor that request; Mr. Aliff said that Mr. Tolliver has went before the media on many occasions and stated different things about the Commission, and released information about this Commission and has never once communicated with him (Mr. Aliff) as the president of the Commission nor with Commissioner Reed. Mr. Aliff stated that Mr. Tolliver was the one who has begun all of the problems we are now facing.

Mr. Tolliver responded: He was glad he was the one that caused all the problems. That if he (Mr. Aliff) thinks he is going to set up here and not open his mouth when he thinks it's necessary ( we been through this before) that's not going to happen. If he thinks the public needs to know and the next question he has is, was this voted on? Mr. Tolliver went on to ask if this came before the Commission to vote on putting this (publication of salaries) in the paper.

Commissioner Reed responded to this question. The information that was given to the paper; we had set up a meeting with the media and our Representative, Bob Kiss and in talking with others, this information , that kept coming up about the salaries had always been in the paper for years. We listed each employee and their information as far as their income. Mrs. Reed went on to state that for some reason, unbeknownst to her it had not been published in the last couple of years. She certainly, would be one that feels like it is the same as our budget, it is a part of our budget, it had been in the paper for years and it was letting the citizens of Raleigh County know exactly who was paid and the amounts that were paid to squelch the false information that was being given out by the gentleman that's been asking for Freedom of Information Requests all summer. Mrs. Reed stated that she felt it was the right thing to do and it certainly didn't affect you (Mr. Tolliver) being interviewed the Friday before, it ever showed in the paper, and talked about the employees of Raleigh County, your own people that you should be supporting, your fellow Commissioners; you talked about "poor me"," two to one", "things done without me"; which we have been over all of that before; you (Mr. Tolliver) signed the purchase agreement on that vehicle that was purchased; we go over employee that is hire....

Mr. Tolliver interrupted with question, "Let me ask a question, you're still not getting back to.....first off he (Mr. Tolliver) wanted to state on record that he does not have a problem with publishing the salaries of County employees...it the approval process for which it goes.....you (Mrs. Reed) brought up the vehicle, we bought a \$28,000 vehicle...was it bought before the commission and voted on..... Absolutely not....was this bought before the Commission.....I do get outvoted 2 to 1 a lot...but was it brought before the Commission so he could respond and vote no against it if desire to do so...no it wasn't and there are several other things that have been spent that he (Mr. Tolliver) had no knowledge of.... (Mrs. Reed spoke...well it seems like we do it and you don't remember) Mr. Tolliver spoke that he did not interrupt you Commissioner Reed....Mrs. Reed spoke...I am sorry, I apologize.....Mr. Tolliver continued....if you thing I am going to set up here and be a rubber stamp to this Commission, and not open my mouth on things that's been done and spent, you know, you've got another thing coming. If I think Mannix or anybody else needs to know something that is not brought to the public's attention, I am going to bring it to them, whether you all like it or not. The public elected me to this office, you all didn't. I called the State Auditor's office about what needs to be voted on...whether things like this, the car and all this stuff need to be voted on in public meetings and they told me absolutely, positively yes. So my question is, when did we vote on it?

Mr. Aliff, let me say this, with all due respect to Commissioner Tolliver, this is my 12<sup>th</sup> year as commissioner and now I'm looking forward to four more months and going on, and taking care of my wife. In the 10 years prior to your coming on board, Mr. Tolliver. There never was a 2-1 vote; it was always 3-0. Now that did not mean that we did not on occasion disagree about issues; but we did set down and communicate with each other and work out those differences and when we came before the public and made a decision it was always 3 to 0. I have pleaded from time to time for us to unite and go forward and to what is good for this citizens of Raleigh County. That is certainly me concern and that is where I would like to finish my tenure is by being able to do something for the citizens of Raleigh County and I will endeavor to do that. I have endeavor to keep the high road, I have endeavored to keep unity on this Commission and for some reason or the other we are not getting that and I am sorry that that is where we are at this particular time. (This is a summary of the discussion and not intended to be an exact wording of the statements given by the parties involved; a copy of the meeting is available upon request)

Mr. Aliff asked if there was anything else to come before the Commission, if not we are adjourned.

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Meeting adjourned until the next Commission Meeting, September 4, 2012 at 10:00 am.

s/s \_\_\_\_\_ John Aliff  
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