

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 15th day of October, 2019 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Tolliver called the meeting to Order.

-0-

ROLL CALL

Present: David Tolliver, President
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner
Ron Hedrick, Commissioner
Carl Roop, County Attorney
Jeff Miller, County Administrator
Billy Michael, Assistant County Administrator

-0-

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was opened with the invocation by Doc Adkins of First Baptist Church of Beckley and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

-0-

NEW BUSINESS

EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Hedrick made a motion to approve 4 exonerations, 5 cancellations and 0 refunds for personal property; and 2 exonerations, 0 cancellations and 0 letters of correction for real property as presented today. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Epling and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

President Tolliver stated that the Assessor has an employee in the Glen Daniel office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

-0-

BUDGET REVISIONS

None

-0-

RALEIGH COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MONTHLY GRANT REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the quarterly Justice and Community Services reports for July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020 and April 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, each in the amount of \$36,250.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

-0-

DUI PREVENTION GRANT AGREEMENT – RALEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the \$5,000.00 reimbursement request for DUI patrols for the period of July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

-0-

NEW EMPLOYEE – JAMES ISAAC SKAGGS – COUNTY COMMISSION, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the hiring of James Isaac Skaggs as an Animal Control Officer. The county now employs 3 Animal Control Officers. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

-0-

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF VEHICLE – ANIMAL CONTROL

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford F150 4x4 for \$26,904.00 from Stephens Auto for Animal Control. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried.

-0-

CLEAR FORK RAIL TRAIL PROJECT AML QUARTERLY REPORT

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the quarterly report for the Clear Fork Rail Trail Project for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$143,660.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

-0-

U.S. CENSUS BUREAU PRESENTATION – MICHAEL BENNETT, PARTNERSHIP SPEFCIALIST

Michael Bennett and Jaime Middlebrook informed the Commission of the importance of the U.S. Census. They recommended the Commission implement a Committee to educate, support and encourage Raleigh County Citizens to participate in the 2020 Census.

Commissioner Epling moved to form an outreach committee to implement strategies and encourage participation in the U. S. Census 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried. Jeff Raines will work with this Committee and Michael Bennett.

-0-

OLD BUSINESS

None

-0-

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Dwayne Schoolfield – Estate of Jack John Schoolfield AKA John J. Schoolfield

Mr. Dwayne Schoolfield questioned the appointment of Belinda J. Mahan as Administratrix for the Estate of Jack John Schoolfield AKA John J. Schoolfield. He also questioned the heir listing for the above referenced estate. Attorney Carl Roop explained the process of probate to Mr. Schoolfield. After much discussion, Commissioner Epling moved to approve the settlement of the estate of Jack John Schoolfield AKA John J. Schoolfield. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried.

- Jim Boyd – Resident of Walker Street, Sophia

Mr. Boyd stressed that one of his neighbors on Walker Street in Sophia is piling trash and furniture in his yard, thus reducing his property values. Mr. Boyd has sought help from the Health Department, Town of Sophia, the Governor’s Office and the DNR. The Town of Sophia and the DNR have been helpful and conducted some clean-up of the property. Attorney Roop stated the County has no authority in this matter. Commissioner Tolliver stated the Commission will get in touch with the Health Department and seek to get an inspection of the property within 24 hours

- Paul McDaniel – Trustee of Piney View Bible Church

Mr. Daniel informed the Commission that Piney View Bible Church granted a property easement to North Beckley Public Service District for a sewer project. This project will give sewer to 28 families. The work has stopped and the project is not complete. Commissioner Tolliver stated he was aware and that \$90,000.00 plus in funds had been frozen due to the work not being completed. This Commission will contact Donna Radcliff today regarding this project.

-0-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to accept the Commission minutes of the July 23, 2019, August 6, 2019, August 20, 2019, September 3, 2019, September 17, 2019, October 1, 2019 and August 27, 2019 Special Session. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried.

-0-

VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from October 1, 2019 to October 14, 2019, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

-0-

FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The following Interim Final Accounting of the County Clerk (SEE EXHIBIT G) and Final Accountings and Waivers of Final Settlement of the Fiduciary Supervisor (EXHIBIT H) were read into the minutes and approved.

-0-

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

None

-0-

BILLS, COMMUNICATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the appointment of Gary Taylor to the Abandoned Building Enforcement Agency Board for the term expiring October 31, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Hedrick and motion carried.
(SEE EXHIBIT I)

-0-

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

None

-0-

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tolliver declared this meeting adjourned until the next Commission Meeting on November 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

s/s _____
David Tolliver
President

-000-