

**WEST VIRGINIA:**

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 21st day of December, 2021 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Tolliver called the meeting to Order.

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**ROLL CALL**

Present: David Tolliver, President  
Linda K. Epling, Commissioner  
Greg Duckworth, Commissioner  
Carl Roop, County Attorney  
Jay Quesenberry, County Administrator  
Billy Michael, Assistant County Administrator

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**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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**EXONERATIONS**

Commissioner Epling moved to approve 1 exoneration, 1 cancellation and 1 refund 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)

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**BUDGET REVISIONS**

None

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**NEW INTERN AT THE DAY REPORT CENTER – DANIEL WADE**

Upon the recommendation of Jimmy Miller, a motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the hiring of Daniel Wade as an intern at the Raleigh County Day Report Center. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

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**APPROVAL OF DRAWDOWN OF \$3166.89 FOR AIRPORT BROADBAND PROJECT TO SPILLMAN, THOMAS & BATTLE FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Commissioner Epling moved to approve Drawdown #1 in the amount of \$3,166.89 to pay for professional legal services to Spillman, Thomas & Battle. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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**APPROVAL OF MOTOROLA APX MOBILE RADIOS FOR SHERIFF'S VEHICLES FOR \$16,146.00**

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve five (5) Motorola APX Mobile Radios for vehicles for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$16,146.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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**OPEN BIDS FOR ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS**

The following bids were received for the Raleigh County Courthouse Electrical Improvements:

1. Lane Electric Company LLC
2. Hicks Electric Company Inc.
3. Lowe Brothers Electric Company Inc.
4. H. G. Carte Electric Inc.

The bids were referred to Detlef Ulfers and Billy Michael for review and recommendation.

Upon recommendation of Detlef Ulfers and Billy Michael, Commissioner Epling moved to approve the bid of H. G. Carte Electric Inc. in the amount \$27,760.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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**APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RALEIGH COUNTY COMMISSION AND NORTH BECKLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT FOR THE PINEY VIEW/BATOFF MOUNTAIN SEWER PROJECT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Agreement between this County Commission and the North Beckley Public Service District for the Piney View/Batoff Mountain Sewer Extension Project in the amount of Two Million Dollars. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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## DURGAN DISMISSAL

Upon the recommendation of County Attorney Carl Roop, Commissioner Duckworth moved to approve the Release of Condemnation of the Durgan Property in Glen Morgan. This .2 acre tract was valued by the Commission for \$1000 and appraised for \$9000. The Commission will receive \$1000 and the lien in the amount of \$2500 against the property will remain in effect. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Epling and motion carried unanimously. Attorney Roop will submit the Release to the Circuit Judge.

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## APPROVAL OF AML PILOT PAY REQUEST NUMBER 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,414.20 FOR THE RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the AML Soft Cost Sub-Recipient Request for Payment #6 in the amount of \$39,514.20 for the Clear Fork Rail Trail Project. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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## APPROVAL OF THRASHER ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CONTRACT WITH AN INCREASE OF \$6,544.12 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS ON THE RAILS TO TRAILS PROJECT

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Change Order for West Virginia Voluntary Remediation Program Services VRP #20016 in the amount of \$6,544.12 for the Clear Fork Trail. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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## OLD BUSINESS

None

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Gunnoe of South Sandbranch Road spoke regarding the blasting at the Central Supply Rock Quarry. The blasts are sinking wells in the area. There are 24 families affected, including 65 persons and livestock. The closest waterline to area is approximately three miles. Commissioner Tolliver requested Kevin Price meet with Mr. Gunnoe and Keith Greenwood to find where the waterline ends and the pipeline size. After gathering the information, the Commission will do everything possible to get water to these residents.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

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## VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from December 7, 2021 to December 20, 2021, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT I)

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## FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The following Final Accountings and Waivers of Final Settlement of the Fiduciary Supervisor (SEE EXHIBIT J) and the Final Accountings and Waivers of Final Settlement of the County Clerk (SEE EXHIBIT K) were read into the minutes.

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## APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the reappointment of Greg Duckworth to the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority Board, term expiring December 31, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Tolliver and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the reappointment of Jim Withrow to the Raleigh County Building Code Appeals Board, term expiring December 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

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## PROCLAMATION

The Proclamation honoring Independence High School 2021 State of West Virginia Football Runners-up was read into the minutes. County Administrator Jay Quesenberry will invite Independence High School to attend the January 4, 2022 meeting of this Commission to approve the Proclamation and recognize the school and football team. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

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## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Epling moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting of this Commission on January 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried.

s/s

  
David Tolliver  
President

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