

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 3rd of January, 2023 in the Commission Courtroom and per conference call thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Dave 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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NEW BUSINESS

EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve 0 exonerations, 1 cancellation and 3 refunds for personal property; and 0 exonerations, 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the \$90,000.00 budget revision for the Prosecuting Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

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NEW EMPLOYEE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – MATTHEW S. DUNLAP, DEPUTY

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the hiring of Matthew S. Dunlap as Deputy Sheriff for the Raleigh County Sheriff's Department. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion approved unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

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NEW EMPLOYEE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – HOWARD ELIJAH FARNSWORTH, DEPUTY

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the hiring of Howard Elijah Farnsworth as Deputy Sheriff for the Raleigh County Sheriff's Department. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion approved unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

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NEW EMPLOYEE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – MIKAYLA EPLING, ASSISTANT TO THE SHERIFF

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the hiring of Mikayla Epling as Assistant to the Sheriff of Raleigh County. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion approved unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

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CONSIDERATION OF COMPUTER SUPPORT CONTRACT FOR GLOBAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR IT SERVICES - \$2050 MONTHLY FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2023 – TOTAL OF \$24,600.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the annual Agreement with Global Science & Technology Inc. for Courthouse network support, administration and consulting. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

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CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT FOR \$2000 TO THE BECKLEY COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR THE BECKLEY WARMING CENTER

Commissioner Epling moved to approve a \$2,000 grant for the Warming Center at Beckley Community United Methodist Church. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

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APPROVAL OF WHITE OAK WATER PROJECT DRAWDOWN NUMBER 7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9010.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve White Oak Water Project Drawdown #7 in the amount of \$9,010.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

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APPROVAL OF GRANT CONTRACT AND RESOLUTION FROM THE WV DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE RALEIGH COUNTY GHENT FIBER GIGREADY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,889,198

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Grant Contract and Resolution from the WV Department of Economic Development for the Raleigh County Ghent Fiber Gigready Project in the amount of \$5,889,198.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SSEE EXHIBIT I)

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CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JHS GROUP TO WRITE AND GET GRANTS FOR RALEIGH COUNTY PROJECTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve an Agreement with JHS Group to write and apply for Grants for Raleigh County Projects. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVAL OF LOCAL FUNDS DRAWDOWN REQUEST NUMBER 8 FOR THE CLEAR FORK RAIL TRAIL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,912.50

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Local Funds Requisition #8 in the amount of \$1,912.50. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

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APPROVAL OF AML DRAWDOWN REQUEST NUMBER 9 FOR THE CLEAR FORK RAIL TRAIL PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,650.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Clear Fork Rail Trail AML Soft Cost Application for payment #9 in the amount of \$1,650.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT K)

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CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF EASEMENT FOR THE RALEIGH SOLAR PROJECT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Release and Termination of Easement in Deed Book 339 Page 91 for the Raleigh Solar Project. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

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PROPERTY SAFETY COMPLAINTS/PETITIONS

AB629 – DENNIS RAY SHREWSBURY

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Petition/Complaint on the Dennis Ray Shrewsbury property at 2326 Tams Hwy in Soak Creek and to set a hearing at the February 7, 2023 meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT L)

AB655 – CALVIN E. SPENCER

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Petition/Complaint on the Calvin E. Spencer property at 129 Trump St. in Daniels and to set a hearing at the February 7, 2023 meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

AB660 – MARK W. BOLEN

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Petition/Complaint on the Mark W. Bolen properties at 103 Gunter Road and 107 Gunter Road and to set a hearing at the February 7, 2023 meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

AB663 – MARTHA HONAKER ETAL.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Petition/Complaint on the Martha Honaker Etal (her heirs) property at 146 Upper Sandlick Rd. and to set a hearing at the February 7, 2023 meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT O)

AB665 – MICHAEL WORKMAN (OWNER OF STRUCTURES) AND BEAVER COAL (LAND OWNER)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Petition/Complaint on the Michael Workman (Owner of Structures) and Beaver Coal (Land Owner) property at 580 Fitzpatrick Rd and to set a hearing at the February 7, 2023 meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT P)

AB661 – GLADE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Petition/Complaint on the Glade Creek Baptist Church property at 650 Mt. View Rd and to set a hearing at the February 7, 2023 meeting of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT Q)

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OLD BUSINESS

None

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Shannon of Sophia questioned the chain of command when attempting to report a possible break in the water lines near Basham Street in Sophia. Mr. Shannon had contacted the Glade Creek Water Treatment Center and the 911 Center. He was told by a 911 dispatcher to contact the Raleigh County Commission. Mr. Tolliver stated the Commission appoints Board of Directors for the Public Service Districts but they do not govern the Public Service Districts. He also stated the Commission will speak to Mr. Zelensky of the 911 Center about the confusion of where to direct callers.

Mr. Tolliver stated the Commissioner has spent over \$10,000.00 in water to disperse to the affected areas.

Mr. Tolliver stated two years ago the Raleigh County Commission gave Raleigh County PSD \$500,000.00 for a water plant at Maple Meadow Mine. The project is going to take 3 to 4 years. He also stated the Commission, to no avail, has tried to get Fish and Wildlife to sign off for a sewer project in the Harper Eccles area.

Jim Boyd of Sophia stated he has been without water for more than a week. He had several questions for the Commission including, "Why did it take 3 days to get help from contractors and why did it take 4 days to get bottled water?" He also expressed his concern that no one from Beckley Water was in attendance today.

Mr. Tolliver stated following everyone getting their water back, a public meeting with all water departments and officials will be held to address the water situation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from December 20, 2022 to January 2, 2023, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT R)

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FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

The Objections and Exceptions of the Fiduciary Supervisor (SEE EXHIBIT S) were presented to the Commission.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to adjourn until the next Commission Meeting on January 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

s/s



David Tolliver
President

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