

WEST VIRGINIA:

At a regular meeting of the Raleigh County Commission held on the 6th day of December, 2022 in the Commission Courtroom thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

President Dave Tolliver called the meeting to Order.

-0-

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

-0-

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting was opened with the invocation by Pastor Philander Moon of Christlike Worship Center, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

-0-

NEW BUSINESS

EXONERATIONS

Commissioner Epling made a motion to approve 0 exonerations, 0 cancellations and 0 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.

-0-

BUDGET REVISIONS

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the budget revisions of the County Commission, County Clerk and Sheriff – Law Enforcement for a total amount of \$37, 548.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT A)

-0-

NEW EMPLOYEE – LINDSEY THOMPSON, ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the hiring of Lindsey Thompson as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney as recommended by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brian Parsons. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT B)

-0-

CONSIDERATION OF COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of \$1,000.00 for all full-time County employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

-0-

CONSIDERATION OF A RATE INCREASE FOR RALEIGH COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

President Tolliver declared the public session open. This meeting is to consider a rate increase of 9.14% for the Raleigh County Public Service District. Attorney Tim Stranko stated Raleigh County PSD purchases their water from Beckley Water Company. Beckley Water had a rate increase therefore it is necessary to increase the rates of Raleigh County. Zachary Dobbins, a utility accountant, recommends the 45-day waiting period be waived. Paul Flanagan, Raleigh County PSD Board member, asked the rate be approved and the 45-day waiting period be waived. There were no questions or comments. The public session was declared closed. The Commission will revisit this item of business after a brief recess at the end of this meeting.

Following all other business and a brief recess, a motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the 9.14% rate increase for Raleigh County Public Service District and to waive the 45-day waiting period. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT C)

-0-

CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT FOR \$5000 TO BECKLEY AREA FOUNDATION

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a \$5,000 Grant to assist in paying for the parking lot at Beckley Area Foundation. The Carter Foundation is contributing \$90,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

-0-

CONSIDERATION OF A \$10,000 GRANT TO RALEIGH COUNTY 4-H

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve a \$10,000.00 contribution to the Raleigh County 4-H. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT D)

-0-

CONSIDERATION OF STREET NAME CHANGE FROM CHERNUTAN DRIVE TO RIVAL RIDGE IN GHENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to change Chernutan Drive to Rival Ridge. The street is located in Ghent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT E)

-0-

APPROVAL OF CLEAR FORK RAILS TO TRAILS DRAWDOWN NUMBER 7 - \$2850.69

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Clear Fork Rails to Trails Drawdown #7 in the amount of \$2,850.69. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT F)

-0-

APPROVAL OF CLEAR FORK RAILS TO TRAILS DRAWDOWN NUMBER 8 - \$3300.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the Clear Fork Rails to Trails Drawdown #8 in the amount of \$3,300.00. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT G)

-0-

SIGN WEST VIRGINIA COURTHOUSE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR \$100,000.00

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the West Virginia Courthouse Facilities Improvement Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 for improving the heating system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT H)

-0-

APPROVE THE DATES FOR THE 2023 BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the following dates for the hearings of the Board of Review and Equalization. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (EXHIBIT I)

-0-

APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA NATURAL RESOURCES APPRAISAL CONTINUATION FOR TAX YEAR 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to grant permission to the WV State Tax Department to make changes to natural resource values until February 23, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT J)

-0-

OLD BUSINESS

None

-0-

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

-0-

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the October 18, 2022 Regular Session minutes of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the November 1, 2022 Regular Session minutes of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 Special Session minutes of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the November 15, 2022 Regular Session minutes of this Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

-0-

VACATION ORDERS

Commissioner Epling moved to approve the Vacation Orders from November 15, 2022 to December 5, 2022, inclusive. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT K)

-0-

FINAL ACCOUNTINGS AND WAIVERS OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

-0-

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Tolliver to approve the reappointment of Greg Duckworth to the New River Gorge Development Authority Board for the term expiring December 31, 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Epling and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT M)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the reappointment of Clyde Smith to the Raleigh County Board of Zoning Appeals for the term expiring December 31, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT N)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the reappointment of Dan Snead to the Raleigh County Board of Zoning Appeals for the term expiring December 31, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT O)

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to approve the reappointment of Bill Sloan to the Crab Orchard Mac Arthur Public Service District Board for the term expiring December 31, 2028. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously. (SEE EXHIBIT P)

-0-

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Epling to adjourn until the next Commission Meeting on December 20, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Seconded by Commissioner Duckworth and motion carried unanimously.

s/s



David Tolliver
President

-000-