

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a regular session of the County Commission in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the James F. Cain Court House Annex, on the 15th day of August, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Randolph County Commission President, Chris Siler and Randolph County Commissioners, David Kesling and Chris See.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Siler

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on August 1, 2024, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

911/OEM Director Michael Miller gave a handout to each Commissioner of his report. He reported that they conducted interviews on Monday August 12 of six candidates and they chose two to hire. He said they are having a meeting next week with several organizations to go over their role with the Mountain State Forest Festival in case of any emergencies. He said they have a meeting scheduled with Frontier for them to do a demonstration for a new phone system. He said Kyle Fox will also be attending that. He said he has more people that work at the 911 Center that are looking for jobs elsewhere for better paying jobs.

North Central Community Corrections Director, Erin Golden appeared before the Commission. She went over some numbers from last fiscal year. She said they had a total number of offenders on the program last year of 261 and the program saved the County \$1,715,628.19 in regional jail bills. She said so far this fiscal year they currently have 124 offenders on the program and the program has saved the County \$225,719.64 in regional jail bills.

Rhett Dusenberry from Congressman Alex Mooney's Office was present and said they are always ready to help with any grants or anything the County needs. He said they are keeping an eye on the drought situation closely. He said it is having a tough impact on a lot of farmers.

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman gave a report on the upcoming General Election. She said voting Precinct 25 will be moving to the Wees Annex. She said the reason for the move is because they usually use the Commission meeting room as the Precinct but because it is being renovated into the new courtroom soon she doesn't think it will be available to use in November. She said the executive committees are working on getting poll workers but they always need back-ups, so if anyone is interested in being a poll worker please call her office. She said her office started accepting Absentee Ballot Applications on August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be accepting those thru October 30. She said Early Voting will begin on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and run through November 2<sup>nd</sup> at both locations as in the Primary.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Kesling said they received a letter from WV Corp, which is the Insurance Company that the County uses, with their appraisal from the wind damage to the Lady Justice statue. The amount was \$38,640.00. He said they have a deductible of \$2,500.00. He said they will be receiving a check in the amount of \$36,140.00. He said this is to cover any wind damage but it will not cover any damage done before that or to have the statue cleaned. He said it could still cost the County anywhere from \$6,000 to \$12,000 to have it all done.

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a Thank You letter from the Harman Volunteer Fire Department for helping with their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

Commissioner Kesling said they Commission received a Thank You letter from Carol Erickson with the American Legion for helping send some students to Girls State.

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a Thank You letter from Mary Snelson with the John Ballantyne Golf Association for helping with funding that.

Tim Tye appeared before the Commission. He said he wanted to talk about the sales tax that the City of Elkins has been charging people that live outside the City limits. He said he feels he has been robbed of money by three major companies on behalf of the City of Elkins. He said these were all online purchases that he made. He said all three charged him a 1% sales tax thru the City of Elkins. He said he lives outside the city limits. He said he contacted the companies but no one will change anything. He said he thinks it is being illegally collected. He said he knows this is happening to other people and it has been going on for years. He said the talked to the State Tax Department about it and they said the zip code plus 4 numbers is not being utilized. He said no one uses that plus 4 number. He said he just received mail from the Sheriff's Office and they don't use it and he contacted the WV Secretary of State's Office and they don't use it. He said the DMV doesn't use it for driver's license either. He said the City of Elkins is incompetent. He said the legislature set this up in 2017 and they knew it would have errors. He said he is calling out Patrick Morrissey to address it. He said he just wanted to let everyone know the Citizens of the County are being robbed.

Commissioner Kesling thanked him for coming and letting everyone know about this. He said when he has items delivered to his home in the City Limits they charge a 6% tax and when he have items delivered to his business, which is outside the City Limits, they charge him a 7% tax. He said they just wanted to bring it to the attention of Citizens that use the 26241 zip code.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Siler announced that the next meeting of the Randolph County Commission will be held on September 5, 2024 at 1:30 pm.

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

##### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND LAND ORDINANCE RENEWAL

Commissioner Siler said they went over the Unsafe Buildings and Land Ordinance with the Prosecuting Attorney and they don't want to make any changes to it at this time. He said they also met with the Unsafe Buildings and Land Ordinance members and they think they have everything worked out. He said they can always make changes at a later time if needed. Commissioner See said at first he didn't like some of the things that were in it, but it all seems to be working out fine now. Commissioner Kesling said a lot of good things have come out of it. He said they received money to take down old buildings to clean up the County. He said they are not out to measure your grass and all that. Commissioner Siler agreed that it seems to be working well right now. Commissioner Kesling moved to leave the Unsafe Buildings and Land Ordinance as is. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

##### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR WVU EXTENSION OFFICE

Commissioner Kesling moved to table this item, it is not ready for approval yet. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

##### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS RE-APPOINTMENTS (See copy attached)

Commissioner Kesling moved to re-appoint Jordan Godwin, Scott Harris, Steve Johnson, Ray Lamora and Merlene Yorkey to the Randolph County Ambulance Authority Board for 3 year terms beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

##### CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT FIRM FOR COURTHOUSE CAMPUS EXPANSION PROJECT

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission has been discussing having someone come in and help them look at the campus and figure out how to keep it running for the next 25 or 50 years. He said right now the buildings are not doing that, the functionality is not really here. He said they will go to each office

and speak with Elected Officials and see what they need. He said three businesses submitted proposals but the one the Commission chose is Silling Architects. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve Silling Architects for the Courthouse Campus Expansion Project. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO NEW HIRES FOR 911 CENTER

911/OEM Director, Mike Miller appeared before the Commission. He said they conducted interviews and chose two people for the positions they have open. The first one is Leann Givens and the second one is Montana Darlington. He said he would like to start them off at \$13.00 per hour with a one year probation period and with a starting date of September 3, 2024. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the hiring of Leann Givens and Montana Darlington for the 911 Center, as presented. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the (1) Final Settlement, as submitted.

Loretta Jean Hinkle

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (See attached copy)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve an In-House Budget Revision for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$5,198.95. This is for the JAG grant funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the division of property, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the erroneous assessments, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

DISTRESSED PROPERTIES: None

FIRE FEE ADJUSTMENTS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to pay the bills, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURN THE MEETING:

Commissioner Kesling moved to adjourn the meeting. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



# Randolph County Ambulance Authority

2 Eleventh Str  
Elkins, WV 26

August 01, 2024

Randolph County Commission  
4 Randolph Ave.  
Elkins, WV 26241

Honorable Commissioners:

The following Randolph County Ambulance Authority Council Board Members terms are due to expire in June 2024. These individuals have expressed an interest in serving on the board for an additional term of three years, beginning July 1, 2024 and running through June 30, 2027.

Jordan Godwin  
Scott Harris  
Steve Johnson  
Ray Lamora  
Merllene Yorkey

If there are no objections by the Commissioners, we ask that you re-appoint these individuals as members of the Authority Council.

Sincerely,

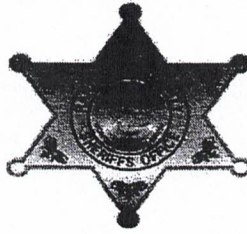
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Gainer".

Kurt Gainer  
Director, RCEMS

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**Robert R. Elbon Jr., Sheriff**

7/24/2024

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests the following budget revisions.

### In-House BUDGET REVISION

**Reason for Revision:** Adjustment to Fund075 lines to accommodate pass-through grant 23-JAG-36

**REVENUES:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	Account Name	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
075-322-903-00	23-JAG-36 funds received Receipt #80915	\$0.00	\$5,198.95		\$5,198.95
<b>TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) REVENUE:</b>		\$0.00	\$5,198.95	\$0.00	\$5,198.95

**EXPENDITURES:**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	Account Name	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED AMOUNT
075-404-2-49-01	Grant 23-JAG-36 Barbour	\$0.00	\$919.96		\$919.96
075-404-2-49-02	Grant 23-JAG-36 Upshur	\$0.00	\$4,278.99		\$4,278.99
075-404-2-49-03	Grant 23-JAG-36 Buckhannon	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCREASE/(DECREASE) EXPENDITURES:</b>			\$5,198.95	\$0.00	\$5,198.95
<b>REVENUE CHANGE LESS EXPENDITURE CHANGE</b>					\$0.00

Respectfully,

Robert R. Elbon Jr.  
Sheriff/Treasurer

8-15-2024  
DK - moved  
DK - yes  
C see - yes  
C siler - yes  
Motion passed