

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 Wees Annex, on the 21st day of November, 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 November 7, 2024, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Erin Golden, Director of North Central Community Corrections, dropped off her report to the Commission. There are currently 128 participants on the program and the program has saved the County \$754,003.20 in regional jail bills, so far this fiscal year.

Mike Miller, Randolph County 911/OEM Director gave a handout of his report to the Commissioners. He reported that the OEM Office has been working with local, state and federal government on the air quality issues at Elkins Middle School. He said they are still doing readings but there is nothing showing up. He said they are still waiting to hear from the insurance company to see if the damages from the high winds on October 27, 2024 will be paid for. He said at this time the 911 roof is not leaking. He said they roofing company out of Clarksburg came and completed the work. He said the insurance company will not cover the bill of \$1,200.00 because they are saying it was from when the plumbing was installed in the building that caused this issue. He said they still have an outstanding bill from Motorola from last year that hasn't been paid and he is working on that. He said they are working on trying to get grants to pay for HAM radios, in case radio communications would go down.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Siler announced that the Courthouse complex will be closed on Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th for Thanksgiving Day and Lincoln's Day. He said construction on the Cain Annex will begin on November 25, 2024. He announced that the next regular County Commission meeting will be held on December 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman presented the Commission with the Official election results from the November 5, 2024 General Election. She said these are the results after the Canvass was completed and 16 votes were added from the Canvass. She said the time period has expired in all the Counties for anyone to ask for a recount. Commissioner Kesling moved to certify the election results from the November 5, 2024 General Election, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NATIONAL HOSPICE MONTH PROCLAMATION FOR WV HOSPICE CARE (See copy attached)

Nancy Dotson, on behalf of West Virginia Caring Hospice Care, appeared before the Commission. She said they want people to know they are here to help for longer than just a few weeks before someone passes away. She said they want to provide longer care. She read the Proclamation out loud. This would designate November, 2024 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month in Randolph County.

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW HIRE FOR SHERIFF'S TAX OFFICE (See copy attached)

Randolph County Sheriff, Robert R. Elbon, Jr. appeared before the Commission. He said he would like to request the hiring of Carlee S. Webley as a full-time benefited Deputy Treasurer. He would like her beginning salary to be \$45,000.00 per year or \$23.08 per hour. He said she will be placed on a 90 day probationary period and he would like her to begin working on December 2, 2024. He said a background investigation has been completed and she successfully passed. Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Carlee S. Webley, as submitted by the Sheriff. Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner Kesling abstained from voting. Motion passed

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AVENU CONTRACT

Commissioner Kesling said this is a yearly contract we do every year. He said it is for the County Clerk's Office bookkeeping department. He said it went up by \$200.00 from last year but it is something that is needed. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the contract with Avenu, in the amount of \$3,976.78. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FRONTIER CONTRACT

Kyle Fox, IT for Randolph County Commission, appeared before the Commission. He said this contract with Frontier will be for new phones, new equipment and will bring us up to date. He said right now the County has three vendors that are paid monthly for phone service. Those are Citynet, STI and Tamco. He said the contract for Frontier would be just one vendor that would handle everything. He said he estimates it would save the County \$36,309.95 per year. He said these are upgraded lines and the speed would be increased for the Internet. He said these phones can also be used remotely if needed. He said if we have an issue the phones can be worked on remotely. Commissioner Kesling said we can try it for a year. He thanked Kyle Fox and Melinda Lott for their hard work on this. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the contract with Frontier, as submitted for 1 year. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE RANDOLPH COUNTY FIRE BOARD

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from Ernie George, President of the Randolph County Fire Board. The fire board is asking for Louise McAtee to be appointed to the board to replace Kristie Vandevender. This is for the Tygart Valley Magisterial District position and her term will run thru June 30, 2026. Commissioner Kesling moved to appoint Louise McAtee to the Randolph County Fire Board with a term beginning on November 21, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2026. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO HIRES FOR SHERIFF'S COURT SECURITY (See copies attached)

Randolph County Sheriff, Robert R. Elbon, Jr. appeared before the Commission. He said with the new Judge starting on January 1, 2025 he needed to get more Court Security staff. He said he was waited until now to do this but they will have to get certified, and get uniforms etc. He said the first person he would like to hire is Case Cunningham as a full-time benefited probationary Court Security Officer. He said the beginning salary would be \$28,454.40 per year or \$13.68 per hour. He said after successful completed of the 90 day probationary period Sheriff Elbon would like his salary to be adjusted to \$29,952.00 per year or \$14.40 per hour. He said a background investigation was completed and Mr. Cunningham successfully passed. He would begin working after giving notice to his current employer. Commissioner See moved to approve the hiring of Case Cunningham as a Court Security Officer, as submitted by the Sheriff. Commissioner See voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner Kesling abstained from voting. Motion passed Discussion followed and it was agreed that Mr. Cunningham could begin working on December 2, 2024.

Sheriff Elbon said the next person he would like to hire is Keineth Hamrick as a full-time benefited Court Security Officer. He said the beginning salary would be \$28,454.00 per year or \$13.68 per hour. He said

after successful completion of the 90 day probationary period Sheriff Elbon would like his salary to be adjusted to \$29,952.00 or \$14.40 per hour. He said a background investigation was completed and Mr. Hamrick successfully passed. Mr. Hamrick is available to begin working on December 2, 2024. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the hiring of Kenneth Hamrick as a full-time benefited Court Security Officer, as submitted by the Sheriff. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING TO RANDOLPH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER FROM THE 2024/2025 ALLOCATION FOR THE RANDOLPH COUNTY SENIOR CENTER NUTRITION PROGRAM

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter from the Randolph County Senior Center requesting their allotment out of the budget. He said this is in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the request for allotment from the Randolph County Senior Center in the amount of \$20,000.00 and this is to be taken out of the budgeted funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the (3) Final Settlements, as submitted.

Helen C. Corley

Roger Allen Rhodes

Martha Carol Wolfe

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: None

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the division of property and 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 Commission



Commissioners

David L. Kesling

Chris See

Christopher Siler

National Hospice and Palliative Care Month –

November 2024

“We Are Stronger Together, Lets Write the Story”

Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care are holistic, patient and family centered, provided by a team approach to treat the body, mind, and spirit. At the heart of all of this is meeting patients and families where they are living with serious, life-limiting illnesses.

WHEREAS, for more than 41 years, hospice and community-based palliative care providers have helped provide comfort and dignity to millions of people.

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care empower people to live as fully as possible, surrounded and supported by family and loved ones, despite life-limiting illness.

WHEREAS, the interdisciplinary team model at the core of hospice and palliative care provision involves a wholistic approach to treatment, including expert medical care and symptom control, as well as attending to the patient’s emotional, spiritual, and psycho-social needs, and provides family services like respite care and bereavement counseling.

WHEREAS, over 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries living with life-limiting illness, and their families, receive care from the nation's hospice programs through the Medicare hospice benefit every year in the country;

WHEREAS, each year, if 80 percent, as opposed to the current 50 percent, of decedent Medicare beneficiaries used hospice for 24 months, nearly \$2 billion, could be saved by the Medicare program annually.

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options of care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

WHEREAS, WV Caring, formally known as, Hospice Care Corporation, has faithfully served WV for more than 41 years in Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Gilmer, Marion, Monongalia, Pocahontas, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker and Wetzel counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I _____ by virtue of the authority vested in me by _____, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life, discuss their end of life wishes with their families, and observe this month with appropriate activities and education.

WV40
Caring
40 Years of Hospice.

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Robert R. Elbon Jr., Sheriff

October 17, 2024

To: The Randolph County Commission
RE: Request to hire Carlee S. Webley

I respectfully request the approval to hire Carlee S. Webley as a full-time benefited Deputy Treasurer. If approved, her beginning salary will be \$45,000.00 annually/\$23.08 per hour. Ms. Webley will be on a 90 day probationary period starting on December 2, 2024.

Ms. Webley is a current resident of the Philippi area of Barbour County. A background investigation was completed by our Office, which she successfully passed. Ms. Webley is available to begin work with the Sheriff's Office on December 2, 2024.

Respectfully,

Robert R. Elbon Jr.
Sheriff

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Robert R. Elbon Jr., Sheriff

November 21, 2024

To: The Randolph County Commission
RE: Request to hire Case Cunningham

I respectfully request the approval to hire Case Cunningham as a full time benefited probationary court security officer. If approved, his beginning probationary salary will be \$28,454.40 annually/\$13.68 per hour. After successful completion of a ninety-day probationary period, the salary will adjust to \$29,952.00 annually/\$14.40 per hour.

Mr. Cunningham is a current resident of the Elkins area of Randolph County. A background investigation was completed by our Office, which he successfully passed. Mr. Cunningham is available to begin work with the Sheriff's Office after submitting a notice with his current employer.

Respectfully,

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

November 21, 2024

To: The Randolph County Commission
RE: Request to hire Kenneth Hamrick

I respectfully request the approval to hire Kenneth Hamrick as a full time benefited probationary court security officer. If approved, his beginning probationary salary will be \$28,454.40 annually/\$13.68 per hour. After successful completion of a ninety-day probationary period, the salary will adjust to \$29,952.00 annually/\$14.40 per hour.

Mr. Hamrick is a current resident of the Elkins area of Randolph County. A background investigation was completed by our Office, which he successfully passed. Mr. Hamrick is available to begin work with the Sheriff's Office December 2nd.

Respectfully,

Robert R. Elbon Jr.
Sheriff