

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 5th day of December, 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 special meeting that was held on November 12, 2024 to canvass the Election results, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting that was held on November 21, 2024, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

REPORTS:

Robert Daman from Randolph County 911/OEM center gave a report to the Commissioners. He said the EPA is supposed to come and pick up the system from Elkins Middle School soon, there have been no readings of carbon monoxide. He said they have applied for some grants and are waiting to here back on those. He said there are no more leaks in the roof at the 911 Center. He said all the Towers are up and running. He said they sent in an insurance claim for the power surge that happened back in October.

Rhett Dusenberry from Congressman Alex Mooney's Office was present and said they have closed down the D.C. Office and will close down the district Office next Friday. He said they can still do letters of support for grants. He said they will continue working until January 2nd. Congressman Mooney and Rhett wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Sheriff Rob Elbon said his office is working on trying to get security equipment for the new Judge. He said this would be scanners and other equipment they will need. He said they are waiting on a new quote but can't get anyone to respond. He said they have some grant money to use for this purchase.

Commissioner Kesling reported that they had a meeting with the contractor's Veritas and Thrasher and they are very confident that the work will be completed on time for the new Judge. He said next week the Supreme Court will be coming in to put in new data lines. He said the main area they have to run the data lines will be the new bench. He said Mrs. Wilfong and her assistant are going to purchase the furniture. He said the Commission gave her a list of suppliers through the Supreme Court and asked her to get the cheapest she can. He said all together this is going to cost the County around \$300,000.00.

Commissioner Kesling reported that the PEIA increase is possibly going to be 16% for the County. He said this is something they will need to consider when doing the next budget cycle if the County is going to continue to pay for the employee's insurance.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Siler announced that the next regular County Commission meeting will be held on December 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OPIOID BOARD MEMBER (HEATHER BROWN)

Commissioner Kesling said at the last Opioid Board meeting Curt Gainer recommended Heather Brown to serve on the board to represent Randolph County EMS. This would be for a one- year term. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the appointment of Heather Brown to the Opioid Board for a one-year term beginning immediately and ending on December 5, 2025. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OPIOID SPENDING ALLOCATIONS

Commissioner Siler said the Opioid Board is going to make some purchases out of the Opioid funds the County received. He said they are going to purchase 13 medic safes for the ambulances. He said these are safes where medication is stored and they will not have a key, they will work off of biometrics and the EMS Director will be alerted when the safes are opened. The cost of these safes will be \$33,669.00. He said the next thing they want to purchase is 10 Lucas Devices which are CPR devices that can be used on a patient to perform CPR so the medics can work on another patient etc. The cost of the 10 Lucas Devices will be \$14,639.43. He said the next thing the Board wants to do is help with the paving of the Elkins Little League area. He said Custom Paving will be paving it and the City of Elkins is paying half and the County Opioid funds will be paying the other half which will be \$30,533.70. He said this will make it safer for people in wheelchairs and walkers and so forth to get around the Elkins Little League area to be able to watch their children or grandchildren play. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve all three Opioid spending allocations, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM MICROLOGIC FOR DOOR SECURITY FOR NEW JUDGE

Commissioner Kesling said this is a quote from Micrologic for the new door strikes for security doors for the Cain Annex building for the new Judge. The quote is in the amount of \$16,127.37. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the purchase of the new door strikes from Micrologic in the amount of \$16,127.37 and that is to be taken out of Coal Severance funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM DIGITAL SOUP FOR CAMERA SYSTEM FOR NEW JUDGE

Commissioner Kesling said this is an estimate from Digital Soup to install 5 additional cameras in the new courtroom, Judge's Offices and Jury room. The estimate is in the amount of \$1,825.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the purchase of five additional cameras for the new Judge in the amount of \$1,825.00 and that is to be taken out of coal severance funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIR

Commissioner Kesling said this is for the roof on the main courthouse. He said it was replaced in 2 stages a few years ago. He said since then a few of the tiles have blown off. He said they contacted Forbes who installed the tiles and they said the 2 year contract has expired. He said the cost to repair it will be \$4,000.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the proposal from Forbes Copperworks, in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the main courthouse roof repair and that is to be taken out of Courthouse Maintenance. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST TO CVB FOR FIRST YEAR'S FAIRS AND FESTIVALS VIDEO

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission was approached by Anne Beardslee, Executive Director of Elkins-Randolph County Tourism Convention and Visitor Bureau. He said they want to do videos to promote Randolph County. He said they already did one for outdoor recreation which was very successful with over 800,000 views. He said they are currently working on one for arts and culture and the next one they want to do is for fairs and festivals. Ms. Beardslee said the cost is \$15,000.00 for the fairs and festivals video, which will take 14-16 months to compile. Commissioner Kesling said the hotel/motel tax collections can be used for this. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the funding

request from the CVB in the amount of \$5,000.00 out of Hotel/Motel tax funds for video to promote fairs and festivals in Randolph County. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUEST TO OUR TOWN FOR JULY 4, 2025 FIREWORKS

Commissioner Kesling said the Commission received a letter of request from Our Town, Inc. for help with funding the July 4, 2025 fireworks. He said if they pay for them early they will get a discount. Commissioner Kesling said the total cost is \$10,000.00. He said the City of Elkins is paying \$2,500.00 and Our Town is paying \$2,500.00 and they are asking the Commission for \$5,000.00. He said this brings in a lot of people every year. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the funding request from Our Town, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 and that is to be taken out of Hotel/Motel tax funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER 2ND QUARTER DISBURSEMENT TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Kesling said a lot of people do not know that the local tax dollars the Commission budgets is used to give out to local agencies such as the Health Department. He said the Commission gives the Health Department \$83,000.00 per year. He said this is a request from the Health Department for their 2nd quarter disbursement of those funds. He said the Commission already gave them \$20,000.00 and this will be the second \$20,000.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the disbursement of 2nd quarter disbursement of \$20,000.00 to the Health Department, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO VALLEY HEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Commissioner Kesling said this is another thing that most people don't know about, that the local tax dollars are used for libraries. He said they are budgeted \$11,500.00 each year in the County budget. He said the Commission received a letter from Valley Head Public Library asking for their annual disbursement of \$11,500.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the annual disbursement to the Valley Head Public Library in the amount of \$11,500.00. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Commissioner Kesling said this is another agency that the Commission budgets for every year. He said they sent a letter requesting their annual disbursement of \$18,000.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the annual disbursement to Appalachian Community Health Center in the amount of \$18,000.00. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO RANDOLPH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Commissioner Kesling said this is another thing that local tax dollars are used for. He said the Commission used to give this money to Main Street but changed it to the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce so it can be used for the whole County, not just the City of Elkins area. He said the CVB has a big announcement coming up on Monday December 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Orchard Hall. He said all businesses and organizations are invited to attend. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the 1st allotment of \$15,000.00 to the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER ANNUAL DISBURSEMENT TO COUNTY POOL

Commissioner Kesling said this is for the maintenance and upkeep for winter and spring for the Randolph County Pool in the amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the annual disbursement for the county Pool in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be taken out of Hotel/Motel tax funds. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 911 EMPLOYEE BILLY GILBERT MOVING FROM PART-TIME TO FULL-TIME

Robert Daman from the 911/OEM Office said Mr. Billy Gilbert is doing really good at the 911 Center. He said they would like him to be a full-time employee and start getting the County benefits. He said his wages will remain the same but effective December 5, 2024 he would start getting benefits.

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the status change for Billy Gilbert at the 911 Center from part-time to full-time status effective December 5, 2024. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FROM SPECIAL FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER ON THE ESTATE OF ROGER G. FUSSELL

County Clerk, Brenda Wiseman presented a copy of the report and recommendation from Special Fiduciary Commissioner, Heather Weese, to the Commission. Clerk Wiseman said Mr. Fussell passed away back in 2009 and his estate has not been closed yet. This report and recommendation is regarding a claim against the estate which the Special Fiduciary Commissioner is denying. The Commissioners reviewed the report. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the Special Fiduciary Commissioner's report and recommendation regarding the estate of Roger G. Fussell, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

FINAL SETTLEMENTS/ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS:

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve the (8) Final Settlements, as submitted.

Julia Maria Bosworth

Louanna B. Carr

Marlene Daniels

Eric Ray Healey

Thomas Abraham Phares

William E. Simmons, Sr.

Patricia Lee Tilley

Theodore M. Yokum

All yes – Motion passed unanimously

BUDGET REVISIONS: (2) (See attached copies)

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision in the amount of \$350.00 for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for Christmas stipend for new Assistant Prosecutor. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes. Motion passed

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve a State Budget Revision in the amount of \$350.00 for the County Clerk's Office from the Sheriff's Office for Christmas stipend for new bookkeeper. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commissioner Siler voted yes, Commissioner See voted yes. Motion passed

DIVISION OF PROPERTY/ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS:

Commissioner See 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: _____

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State Budget Revision						
1	REVENUES:					
2			PREVIOUSLY APPROVED			
3			AMOUNT			REVISED
4	Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	
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8	TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) REVENUES:			\$0.00	0	
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10	EXPENDITURES:					
11			PREVIOUSLY APPROVED			REVISED
12	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMOUNT
13	001-405-110-00	Other Fringe		\$350.00		
14	001-424-230-00	Courthouse Contractual			\$350.00	
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26	TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) EXPENDITURES:			\$350.00	\$350.00	
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28	Increase Prosecutors Other Fringe for new Assistant Prosecutor					
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12-5-2024

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 C see yes a siler yes

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8	TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) REVENUES:			\$0.00	0	
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10	EXPENDITURES:					
11			PREVIOUSLY APPROVED			REVISED
12	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMOUNT
13	001-402-110-00	County Clerk Other Fringe		\$350.00		
14	001-405-110-00	Sheriff Other Fringe			\$350.00	
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26	TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) EXPENDITURES:			\$350.00	\$350.00	
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28	12-5-2024	Increase County Clerk budget line for new hire				
29	DK moved					
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DK yes
CS see yes
CSiler yes