

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE, 415 QUARRIER STREET, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA THEREOF ON MAY 18, 2026.

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON MAY 18, 2026, BEGINNING AT 12:00pm

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER WAS PRESENT:

**BEN SALANGO, PRESIDENT
LANCE WHEELER, COMMISSIONER
NATALIE E. TENNANT, COMMISSIONER**

05/18/26	2026-194	Order Confirming and Approving Purchase Orders in Excess of \$4,999.99 to be issued by the Kanawha County Commission Purchasing Department
05/18/26	2026-195	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission for the General Fund
05/18/26	2026-196	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission for Special Funds
05/18/26	2026-197	Approval of Erroneous Assessments Submitted by the Kanawha County Assessor (decrease \$36,762.86)
05/18/26	2026-198	New Employee: Beverly D. Hall, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's office, full-time employee, \$83,000.00 per year, filling an open position, effective June 1, 2026
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05/18/26	2026-202	Order reappointing David Armstrong to the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority (term to expire 7/1/30)
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05/18/26	2026-213	Order Authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission, Subject to the Approval of the County Attorney, to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary to Retain WVCORP as the County's Liability Insurance Carrier for Fiscal Year 2026/2027
05/18/26	2026-214	Order Authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the Chem-Aqua Water Treatment Program Agreement
05/18/26	2026-215	Order Authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Kanawha County Judicial Building 1st Floor Expansion & Renovation Project
05/18/26	2026-216	Order Authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the Standard Terms, Acceptance of Terms, and Exceptions to Standard Terms and Conditions Agreement between the Kanawha County Commission and Axon Enterprise, Inc.
05/18/26	2026-217	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission of West Virginia (supplemental)
05/18/26	2026-218	Declaration of Results of the Primary Election Held on May 12, 2026

Resolution approved/processed at the 05/18/26 Commission Meeting:

05/18/26 2026-219 Proclamation Declaring Kanawha County a Stroke Smart County

Budget Revisions approved/processed at the 05/18/26 Commission Meeting:

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fiduciary Fund Line Item Budget Revision

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Line Item Revision

Minutes approved/processed at the 05/18/26 Commission Meeting:

Approval of the Minutes of the Public Test on May 5, 2026

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on May 5, 2026

Fiduciary orders approved/processed at 05/18/26 Commission Meeting:

Order Confirming and Ratifying Supervisor's Report of Claims and Settlement Reports

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Order Declaring Re-Opened Estate Closed (Estate of Charles Luther Dillon)

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Order Declaring Re-Opened Estate Closed (Estate of Raymond Richard Smith)

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Emergency checks to US Bank in the total amount of \$29,806.43 for p-card payments

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Emergency check to Mountaineer Gas in the amount of \$1,609.56 for utility payment

12:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

**Pledge of Allegiance
Commission President Ben Salango**

MINUTES

Commissioner Wheeler moved to approve the minutes listed on the agenda.
Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Declaring Kanawha County a Stroke Smart County

NEW EMPLOYEES

Prosecuting Attorney

Commissioner Wheeler moved to approve Beverly D. Hall, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's office, as listed on the agenda. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

Beverly D. Hall, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's office, full-time employee, \$88,000.00 per year, filling an open position, effective June 1, 2026

The Honorable Debra L. Rusnak, Prosecuting Attorney

CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

AGENDA ITEMS

12:00 P.M.

Discussion regarding the 2026 Primary Election, and all matters related thereto

Commission President Ben Salango

Commissioner Lance Wheeler

Commissioner Natalie E. Tennant

Discussion regarding the expansion of the Shawnee Sports Complex

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Kanawha County Commission meetings through August, 2026

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DATE	TIME
Thursday, June 4, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 25, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 23, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 6, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 27, 2026	4:00 p.m.

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12:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing and Possible Action on Proposed Sewer Rate Increase Requested by Union Public Service District Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 16-13A-9

AGENDA SETTING

PUBLIC COMMENT

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORT

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

FIDUCIARY

Commissioner Wheeler moved to approve the Fiduciary Orders listed on the agenda. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

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PURCHASE ORDERS

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Vendor	Department	Amount	Comments/Description
All-American Fire Equipment, Inc.	Emergency Management	\$5,734.23	Loudendale VFD FY26 PSG-black helmets, structural firefighting gloves, leather fronts
Kanawha County Regional Development Authority	County Commission	\$5,623.82	Leatherwood Water Project – Draw request #7
Metro Emergency Operations Center	Emergency Management	\$6,343.32	Reimbursement of salary and benefits for Patrick Coles – April 2026
Camp Virgil Tate	Camp Virgil Tate	\$11,708.97	Reimbursement request for the purchase of a side-by-side utility vehicle
United Bank	County Commission	\$212,941.45	Judicial Annex Renovation bond payment 6/1/26
George Washington Softball Boosters	County Commission	\$12,000.00	Contribution toward new locker room area
Waste Management	Planning	\$15,711.89	Spring 2026 Cleanup in Sissonville on April 11, 2026 dump fees
Waste Management	Planning	\$15,096.14	2026 Spring Cleanup in Cabin Reek on 4/25/26 dump fee

Commissioner Wheeler moved to approve the Orders, Budget Revisions, Check Register and Ratifications listed on the agenda. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

ORDERS

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The Honorable Vera J. McCormick, Clerk of County the Commission

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1. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Fiduciary Fund Line Item Budget Revision

EXPENDITURES:

0016-411.00-220.000	Fiduciary - Legal Publications	(1,000)
0016-411.00-341.000	Fiduciary - Supplies & Materials	1,000

2. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Line Item Revision

0001-401.00-567.000	Co Commission - Transfers to other funds	(10,000)
0001-401.00-230.000	Co Commission - Contracted Services	10,000

CHECK REGISTERS: SUPPLEMENTALS/EMERGENCY:

Kanawha County Regional Development Authority, in the amount of \$5,623.82 for Leatherwood Water Project - Draw Request #7

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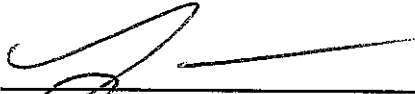
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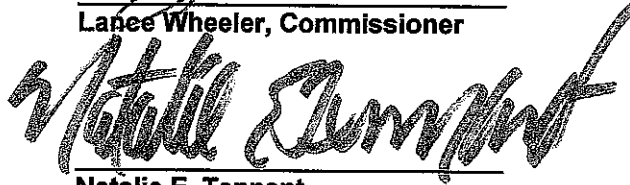
THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED ON THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY
2026.



Ben Salango, President



Lance Wheeler, Commissioner



Natalie E. Tennant

Approved by: 
Marc J. Slotnick, County Attorney