MINUTES OF A REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION COURTROOM, LOCATED IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, THEREOF ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2026.

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, BEGINNING AT 4:00PM

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER WAS PRESENT:

BEN SALANGO, PRESIDENT
NATALIE E. TENNANT, COMMISSIONER
AUSTIN GESSEL, COMMISSIONER

09/17/26	2026-505	Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the Public Safety Grant Fund in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) from Line #0029-711.00-568.095 payable to the Metro Drug Unit (PEPI), representing the FY 26-27 annual contribution for "sting" operations
09/17/26	2026-506	Order Confirming and Approving Purchase Orders in Excess of $4,999.99 to be issued by the Kanawha County Commission Purchasing Department
09/17/26	2026-507	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission for the General Fund
09/17/26	2026-508	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission for Special Funds
09/17/26	2026-509	New Employee: Keaton Christopher Todd Baisden, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing Delbert Roush, effective September 30, 2026
09/17/26	2026-510	New Employee: Shelley Brooke Christian, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing Dakota Dennison, effective September 30, 2026
09/17/26	2026-511	New Employee: Kyle Aaron Davis, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing Austel Miller, effective September 30, 2026
09/17/26	2026-512	New Employee: Thomas Cade Drake, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing David Corley, effective September 30, 2026

09/17/26	2026-513	Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the FY26-27 Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority Grant Application
09/17/26	2026-514	Order appointing Adam Perry to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (term to expire 9/30/2029)
09/17/26	2026-515	Order reappointing Jay Snodgrass to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (term to expire 9/30/2029)
09/17/26	2026-516	Order reappointing Michael Farmer to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (term to expire 9/30/2029)
09/17/26	2026-517	Authorization for the President of the Kanawha County Commission to Sign a Certificate of Title Transferring a Vehicle Declared a Total Loss to Travelers Insurance
09/17/26	2026-518	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 17F, Parcel: 32)
09/17/26	2026-519	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Union, Tax Map: 25, Parcel:40.1)
09/17/26	2026-520	Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign Change Order No. 010 for the Kanawha County Judicial Building 1st Floor Expansion & Renovation Project
09/17/26	2026-521	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 11A, Parcel: 110.1)
09/17/26	2026-522	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Poca, Tax Map: 38, Parcel: 10)
09/17/26	2026-523	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 32A, Parcel: 93)
09/17/26	2026-524	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Cabin Creek, Tax Map: 26A, Parcel: 68)
09/17/26	2026-525	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Jefferson, Tax Map: 8B, Parcel: 34)

09/17/26	2026-526	Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Jefferson, Tax Map: 3M, Parcel: 11)
09/17/26	2026-527	Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign Right of Way Deed between the Kanawha County Commission and Christopher P. Bowman
09/17/26	2026-528	Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the Region 3/4 2026-2027 Healthcare Coalition South Participation Agreement
09/17/26	2026-529	Authorization for the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the General Fund Line Item #0001-401.00-567.000 in the amount of twenty thousand ($20,000.00) dollars payable to the Unemployment Fund (068)
09/17/26	2026-530	Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the General Fund (0001-401.00-567.000), in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,300,000), to the Debt Service Fund (#244), representing funding for debt service projects
09/17/26	2026-531	Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from General County, #0001-401.00-567.000, in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Fifteen Dollars ($958,015) to the Capital Fund #090, representing the funding of capital line items for FY 2026-27
09/17/26	2026-532	Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the Financial Stabilization Fund (0058-401.00-567.000), in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000), to the Emergency Response Fund (#0021), representing funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection - Recovery Buyout Program
09/17/26	2026-533	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission of West Virginia (supplemental)

Proclamation/Resolution approved/processed at the 09/17/26 Commission Meeting:

09/17/26	2026-534	Proclamation Supporting Emergency Preparedness Month
09/17/26	2026-535	Resolution Supporting Kanawha County Schools Excess Levy

Documents not on the agenda but approved at the 09/17/26 Commission Meeting:

09/17/26	2026-536	New Employee: Amber Lacey, Legal Assistant, Kanawha County Prosecuting Attorney's office, full-time employee, $33,920.00 per year, replacing Destiny Combs, effective September 21, 2026

09/17/26	2026-537	Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission of West Virginia (additional supplemental) [CMRS-FP in the amount of $159,000 for postage for the postage machine for mailing of (certified mail) Sheriff's Tax delinquent business and personal property notices and Waste Management in the amount of $2,000.00 for Shawnee

Purchase Order: Magnet Forensics, LLC, in the amount of $14,930.00 for GrayKey $29,860.00 split with Prosecutor's office (Sheriff's LED)

Purchase Order: Pinnacle Supply LLC, in the amount of $53,900.00 for Custodial supplies per bids received 9/15/26

Purchase Order: CMRS-FP in the amount of $159,000 for postage for the postage machine for mailing of (certified mail) Sheriff's Tax delinquent business and personal property notices

Budget Revisions approved/processed at the 09/17/26 Commission Meeting:

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Emergency Response Fund Line Item Revision

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Public Safety Grant Fund Line Item Budget Revision

Minutes approved/processed at the 09/17/26 Commission Meeting:

Approval of the Minutes of the Kanawha County Commission meeting on August 27, 2026

Fiduciary orders approved/processed at 09/17/26 Commission Meeting:

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

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Order Declaring Re-Opened Estates Closed

Order Referring to a Fiduciary Commissioner (Estate of Billie June Light)

Objections and Exceptions

Letters of Intent approved/processed at 09/17/26 Commission Meeting:

Emergency Management in the amount of $60,000 for Generators and Associated Equipment for the Sumerco & Frozen Branch Tower Sites (Public Safety Grant Fund)

Metro Emergency Operations Center in the Amount of $175,000 for HVAC Infrastructure $120,000; Addressing Vehicle $45,000; EOC Wi-Fi System $9,750

Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority in the amount of $265,000 for Radio Replacement Program $190,000; Central Office HVAC $38,000; Clendenin HVAC $18,000; East Bank HVAC $15,000

Ratification of documents processed on August 20, 2026:

Emergency Checks to US Bank in the total amount of $15,583.98.for p-card payments

Ratification of documents processed on August 27, 2026:

Payroll

New Employee: Nicholas Long, Shawnee Part-Time, Shawnee Sports Complex, temporary/part-time employee, $15.00 per hour, effective August 31, 2026

Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the FY27 Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") Subgrant Agreement. Award# EAC-ELSEC18WV, in the amount of $158,660.00

Approval for the County Commissioners to sign a questionnaire from the West Virginia Department of Health regarding the allocation of available funds from the County Emergency Medical Services Fund and the All-County Emergency Medical Services Fund, administered by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, in accordance with House Bill 5168

Ratification of documents processed on August 28, 2026:

Emergency Check to Danny Bowyer, Jr., in the amount of $375.00 for umpire for summer slam

Emergency Check to Joshua Dingess, in the amount of $275.00 for umpire for summer slam

Emergency Check to Ronald Baldwin, in the amount of $275.00 for umpire for summer slam

Emergency Check to Stephen Carpenter, in the amount of $250.00 for umpire for summer slam

Ratification of documents processed on August 31, 2026:

Emergency Check to Qlabs Inc., in the amount of $30,214.00 supplies and confirmations

Ratification of documents processed on September 1, 2026:

New Employee: Scott Elkins, Case Manager, Kanawha County Commission Day Report Center, full-time employee, $40,000.00 per year, replacing Courtney Hansen, effective September 1, 2026

Ratification of documents processed on September 3, 2026:

Sheriff's Office Outside Overtime

New Employee: Jonathan Carter, Shawnee Part-Time, Shawnee Sports Complex, temporary/part-time employee, $15.00 per hour, effective September 8, 2026

New Employee: Kaden Murphy, Shawnee Part-Time, Shawnee Sports Complex, temporary/part-time employee, $15.00 per hour, effective September 8, 2026

Ratification of documents processed on September 4, 2026:

Emergency Check to US Bank in the amount of $9,389.24 for p-card payment

Ratification of documents processed on September 8, 2026:

Emergency Check to WV Deputy Sheriff Retirement System in the amount of $4,090.10 for Sept 2026

Emergency Check to Kanawha County Commission in the amount of $3,290.00 for Bailiff/Aug 26

Emergency Check to West Virginia State Treasurer's office in the amount of $2,500.00 for Aug 26

Ratification of documents processed on September 9, 2026:

Emergency Check to Rodney Loftis & Son in the amount of $58,525.00 for August 16-17, 2026 flood debris pick up

Ratification of documents processed on September 11, 2026:

Payroll

4:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Commission President Ben Salango

MINUTES

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

Approval of the Minutes of the Kanawha County Commission meeting on August 27, 2026

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Tennant moved to approve the Proclamation and Resolution listed on the agenda. Commissioner Gessel seconded. Motion carried.

Proclamation Supporting Emergency Preparedness Month

Resolution Supporting Kanawha County Schools Excess Levy

NEW EMPLOYEES

Sheriff's Law Enforcement

Commissioner Salango moved to approve the new employees listed on the agenda for the Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

Keaton Christopher Todd Baisden, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee,

$57,054.40 per year, replacing Delbert Roush, effective October 1, 2026
The Honorable Joseph H. Crawford, Sheriff

Shelley Brooke Christian, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing Dakota Dennison, effective October 1, 2026
The Honorable Joseph H. Crawford, Sheriff

Kyle Aaron Davis, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing Austel Miller, effective October 1, 2026
The Honorable Joseph H. Crawford, Sheriff

Thomas Cade Drake, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing David Corley, effective October 1, 2026
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CHANGE OF EMPLOYMENT STATUS

AGENDA ITEMS

4:00 P.M.

Discussion regarding annual contribution to Metro Drug Enforcement Agency for $50,000.00 to assist in enforcement of drug violations throughout Kanawha County
Commission President Ben Salango
Commissioner Natalie E. Tennant
Commissioner Austin Gessel

Commissioner Salango stated that the Commission funds this every year for the Metro Drug Unit. Lt. Hodge stated they use this money to buy drugs and pay for information. Lt. Hodge said they recently had a case that started in Kanawha County as a meth buy that went to Ohio and resulted in the recovery of 41 pounds of meth. By August of this year, they had recovered 17 pounds of fentanyl. Commissioner Salango said that things that are laced with fentanyl are dangerous, and they do a dangerous job.
Commissioner Tennant moved to approve the $50,000 for the Metro Drug Unit. Commissioner Gessel seconded. Motion carried.

Presentation of The Willy Foundation, a local 501(c)(3) Family Foundation formed in memory of Willy Shuman

Commission President Ben Salango
Commissioner Natalie E. Tennant
Commissioner Austin Gessel
Grant Shuman, Chairman

Greg Shumand, chairman of the board, expressed gratitude for the Commission's time and support. In 2009, the organization was formed following the tragic death of my youngest brother in an unrestrained car crash. Three others were involved in the accident but survived. Our main focus has been on youth and community involvement for the past 17 years. In 2013, they appeared before the Commission and requested the installation of "WAS" signs throughout the courthouse. Mr. Shumand's family supplied the signs and the Commission had them installed on county property. However, some of these signs are starting to wear down, and we would like to request their replacement. Commissioner Salango said the educational piece from their foundation is better than most he has seen, and people remember it, Wear A Seatbelt. Commissioner Tennant said she remembers Willy A Shuman, and I remember that in 2009. Commissioner Tennant stated that there is one right when entering the courthouse parking lot, and as she travels, she notices these signs.

Commissioner Tennant moved to approve the replacement of the WAS signs throughout county property. Commissioner Gessel seconded. Motion carried.

Presentation from Camp Virgil Tate to include summer highlights and capital improvements

Commissioner Natalie E. Tennant
Kerrie Carte, Family & Community Development Assistant Director Extension Agent

Joslyn stated that Kerrie could not be here this evening, and she is the 4H agent for Camp Virgil Tate. WVU Extension is part of WVU, and this year they had a lot of volunteers – master gardeners, homemakers club, and 4-H youth program. Just one week of camp was $43,000 in volunteer work. They have served over 500 kids in classrooms throughout the county. They also visited all the 3rd-base programs to conduct character education. CVT partners with WVU Extension, and WVU Extension goes there for the 4H camps. There were many lodge improvements this year; the old pool is now a concession stand and a nice bathhouse. Joslyn said they received $150,000 in grants this past year. There are year-round events like reunions, weddings, and camps already scheduled for the rest of this year. Commissioner Salango said that Commissioner Tennant is on the board and she is working closely with you, and we appreciate all that you do with CVT. Commissioner Tennant said they could accommodate more boys if more men volunteered to stay the night. They desperately need men willing to just stay the night, and you can still go to work in the morning. Joslyn said that it is correct, the number of kids they can have is based on the number of volunteers they have. Volunteers must be 21 years or older.

Clay Bailiey, Vice President of the board said they have somebody new at every meeting – bee farmers, hikers, Exceptional Possibilities. They put isolation valves in the camp to help with water leaks, and that is a big improvement, cutting down the utility bill. The camp is in better shape than it has been in years.

- **Discussion and Update Regarding the Olcott Waterline Project**
  Commission President Ben Salango
  Commissioner Natalie E. Tennant
  Commissioner Austin Gessel

Commissioner Salango said this process has been ongoing since 2017, when he went out to the Olcott Baptist Church, and it was packed. It has been a difficult and lengthy journey, but the Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved the project, and it is going out to bid. It is finally happening. Chris Settles said that the engineer, Mark Sancoff, is here. Mark said this project is located near the southern end of Bruland in Kanawha County, and it is a $11.5 million project. We will be bidding in October. It will take until February to close the bond issue. We have updated the user agreements for 100 customers and will be installing 34 fire hydrants. This project faced numerous roadblocks, but the West Virginia American Water Company (WVAWC) stepped up to help facilitate the bond. Commissioner Salango said he wished to thank WVAWC for partnering with us on this project. Without their support, this project would not have moved forward.

Kanawha County Commission meetings through December, 2026
Commission President Ben Salango
Commissioner Natalie E. Tennant
Commissioner Austin Gessel

DATE	TIME
Thursday, October 1, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 15, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 9, 2026	12:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 3, 2026	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 17, 2026	4:00 p.m.

Discussion regarding Election and important dates
Commission President Ben Salango

DATE	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION
Tuesday, October 13, 2026		Last Day to Register to Vote
Thursday, October 15, 2026	3:00 p.m.	Public Test, Early Voting, Voter's Registration Office

Wednesday, October 21, 2026-Saturday, October 31, 2026	Mon. - Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm; & Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm	Early Voting for General Election
Tuesday, October 27, 2026	4:00 p.m.	Public Test, Christopher Street and Voter's Registration Office
Monday, November 2, 2026	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Voting Supplies, Voter's Registration Office
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.	General Election Day
Monday, November 9, 2026	7:00 a.m.	Canvass, Voter's Registration Office

4:00 P.M. (or as soon after as it may be heard)

PUBLIC HEARING

Demolition of Lt 18 BK A Rensford Adn., 1350 Point Lick Drive, Charleston, Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 16A, Parcel: 11

William Bass Jr.
Cody Bass
Vikki Vidas

Marc Slotnick stated that several heirs own this property and asked whether any were present. Jessica Bass said she is her father's Power of Attorney. Tom Blasingim said it will cost roughly $16,000 to tear down, and it's in terrible shape. This is off Campbell's Creek on Point Lick. No one lives there, and Planning has received many complaints about the property; they need all the heirs to sign off on the demolition. Commissioner Salango asked why the demolition fee is so high. Tom Blasingim said it is due to all the debris, and there are several buildings on the property, a 20x20 debris pile, and this does not include the cars. Cars are personal property, and Planning cannot take them. Commissioner Salango asked whether the taxes on the house are paid. Tom stated he is not sure, but a lien will be placed on the property if the county demolishes it. Tom stated that Planning has offered the grant program, but the family has not accepted it. Marc Slotnick said that in August, they asked how to stop the demo, and we provided the information, but we did not hear anything. Jessica Bass said that her father has Parkinson's and dementia. Ms. Bass's aunt does not want anything to do with it. Ms. Bass keeps the taxes up on it, and she has got two cars out of there. She is the only person here to address this issue, and she has every intention of getting the junk out. Commissioner Salango said this is dangerous with kids, attracting drug addicts, and they could catch it on fire. Jessica Bass does not have a problem having it demolished, but cannot afford $16K. Ms. Bass would like time to go through the house and see if anything can be kept. Tom said if Planning tears something down, and we put a lien on it, we don't collect on it until it sells. Commissioner Salango asked if they approve the demo today, how long will it take to be torn down? Chris

Settles said 30 days. Commissioner Salango moved to tear down the structure and give thirty days to remove any property from the home. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

AGENDA SETTING

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben: This was on our agenda on August 6th, and the people who signed up to speak today are the same. As we mentioned in the last meeting, we do not have any updates. We have reviewed all the emails you sent, but we do not have anything to share with you at this time. When there is progress, we will put it back on the agenda. This is a state project, and we are reaching out to the state to share your concerns. We understand your worries.

Person: Yes, this is a state issue, but as citizens of Kanawha County, we are asking you to advocate on our behalf.

Person: I would like the Commission to sign off on an opposition letter, as other counties have done. Commissioner Salango said the Commission will do that when we have more information about the direction this project will take. Right now, we do not have enough details.

Person: If we had your backing, our voice would carry more weight. We don't have the support we need. Now that you have a third commissioner, we ask that you write a letter opposing the project.

Man: It doesn't matter where it is in West Virginia; our utility rates will go up.

Chip Sovick: I spoke last time. Are you taking proactive steps to gather details about this? We don't know about the rate increase, but I want to find out if the union jobs will be local. Is this a sound business decision? I urge you to investigate this. Commissioner Salango said the Commission will gather that information once we know the project's specific path. The best point you made at the last meeting is that all this power is being exported out of state.

Chip: I want the Commission to get involved in negotiations to ensure homeowners are compensated at 100% of their property's value. You can approach the Public Service Commission (PSC) on our behalf. Commissioner Salango said the Commission will do that once we have more information.

Commissioner Tennant said she visited the John Amos site. None of you protested the major power lines that are there now. When you ask if we are doing something, it implies that you think we aren't taking action. Since August 6th, Commission Tennant has been trying to assess the project's size.

Nancy: Even though we don't know where the lines will be, we should all oppose them. The lines could go through the entrance to our property, and our neighbor didn't even know they existed because they didn't receive notice.

Commissioner Tennant said the Commission shared this information on our social media. The Citizens for Clean Air in West Virginia (CCAWV) is concerned about HB 2014; it needs to be changed because it's based on a salvage rate, and we stand to lose even more than the tax revenue it would provide. In Virginia, residents receive $800 million, while in West Virginia, we only get $64 million due to legislative decisions. Let's work together and raise our voices to the Legislature. Those who voted for HB 2014 are keeping their doors closed, but we are trying to get amendments. Commissioner Salango asked staff to place this issue on our legislative agenda to appeal HB 2014. Delegate Mike Puskin said many of us opposed it, and yet it passed anyway. Will this current Legislature amend it? Delegate Puskin said he doubts it.

Stephanie Blizzard: One proposed line goes right through our small farm.

Commissioner Tennant said to participate in this discussion, she wants to show the Legislature that people care and shouldn't be left out. Commissioner Tennant said she debates with the citizens, so you are prepared for when we return to the Legislature. Over half of that $64 million goes directly to the State. Commissioner Salango said this will be placed on the Commission's legislative agenda to appeal HB 2014 and pursue any other measures that promote local control.

Woman: Is it possible to forward the emails you receive to the PSC?

Commissioner Salango said yes, we will send a letter outlining our concerns and attach every email we have received. We will do this on an ongoing basis as new emails come in. We will also send the minutes from the meetings on August 6th and today.

Commissioner Tennant said the mayor of Nitro has 200 acres on which he wants to install solar panels to provide electricity to residents. However, the Legislature won't allow the mayor to do this. This is the challenge we are facing. Windmills are larger; what is the difference when it comes to power lines?

Person: The windmills generate income for farmers through rental agreements.

Commissioner Tennant said that is exactly what she is saying —you can negotiate with the power line owners.

Person: They aren't leasing; they are only providing a one-time payment for the right-of-way.

Commissioner Gessel stated that he, along with the other Commissioners, takes your emails seriously. Commissioner Gessel stated that the commission has them printed and on hand.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORT

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

FIDUCIARY

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

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

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Order Declaring Re-Opened Estates Closed

Order Referring to a Fiduciary Commissioner (Estate of Billie June Light)

Objections and Exceptions

PURCHASE ORDERS

Commissioner Salango moved to approve the Purchase Orders listed on the agenda. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

Order Confirming and Approving Purchase Orders in Excess of $4,999.99 to be issued by the Kanawha County Commission Purchasing Department:

Vendor	Department	Amount	Comments/Description
Galls, LLC (revised PI increase PO $10,000)	Sheriff LED	$35,000.00	Uniform and accessories for KCSO

Asphalt Contractors & Site Work (revised PO increase PO $68,364.47)	County Commission	$741,714.51	Replacing PO 26-1626 balance $452,798.04 (based bid & alt#6) $209,350 for alt #1 and $11,200 for change order #1
Magnet Forensics, LLC	Sheriff LED	$7,225.00	Magnet Axiom Renewal December 1, 2026-November 30, 2027
Cellebrite, Inc.	Sheriff LED	$21,900.00	Inseyets renewal November 3, 2026-November 2, 2027
City of Montgomery	County Commission	$8,500.00	Round 4 Mini Grant Reimbursement
Qlabs, Inc. (ratify emergency PO signed 8/26/26)	Day Report	$30,214.00	Supplies and confirmations
The Thrasher Group	County Commission	$119,200.0	Trasher Invoice #4 for FY26 KCC Brownfield Assessment Grant
Software Systems, Inc.	Sheriff Tax	$92,193.63	2026 tax statement processing
Metro Emergency Operation Center of Kanawha County	Emergency Management	$6,741.58	Reimbursement of salary and benefits for Patrick Coles – August 2026
Regional Intergovernmental Council	County Commission	$21,484.86	Headwaters of the Elk Project
Charleston Area Alliance	County Commission	$12,530.45	UKV Project April – June 2026
D'Appolonia	County Commission	$68,814.00	Headwaters of the Elk
Rodney Loftis & Son	Planning	$54,878.00	County demolitions
Astar Abatement, Inc.	Planning	$20,377.0	Abatement for county demolitions
Landcore Builders, LLC	County Commission	$1,489,667.00	Law Enforcement Training Facility
Charleston Cougars Football & Cheer Association	County Commission	$12,000.00	LEDA Grant for help with the purchase of helmets and pants for the teams and appliances for concession
Rodney Loftis & Son (ratify PO signed 9/9/26)	County Commission	$58,525.00	August 16-17, 2026 flood debris pick up
Rocky Fork Enterprizes, LLC	Sheriff LED	$97,975.00	Emergency equipment outfitting for 5 KCSO vehicles

Safeware, Inc.	Sheriff LED	$5,487.90	LM4D RIS PTR – Gas Rifle black
Johnson Controls	Maintenance	$11,300.00	Judicial Building annual chiller PSA contract per Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement
Greg's Tree Service LLC	Maintenance	$6,500.00	Trim approximately 16 trees around the Kanawha County Courthouse
TK Elevator	Maintenance	$7,419.00	Annual elevator safety tests: 6 pressure relief valve safety tests & 5 annual no load safety tests

Commissioner Salango moved to approve the Orders, Budget Revisions, Check Registers and Supplementals, Letter's of Intent & Ratifications listed on the agenda. Commissioner Tennant seconded. Motion carried.

ORDERS

Order Confirming and Approving Cash Disbursements to be made by the Clerk of the Kanawha County Commission for the General Fund (*documentation available for inspection at the County Clerk's Office as well as the Kanawha County Commission meeting of September 17, 2026)*
The Honorable Vera J. McCormick, Clerk of County the Commission

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New Employee: Thomas Cade Drake, Kanawha County Deputy Sheriff, Kanawha County Sheriff's Law Enforcement, full-time employee, $57,054.40 per year, replacing David Corley, effective October 1, 2026

Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the FY26-27 Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority Grant Application

Order appointing Adam Perry to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (term to expire 9/30/2029)

Order reappointing Jay Snodgrass to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (term to expire 9/30/2029)

Order reappointing Michael Farmer to the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (term to expire 9/30/2029)

Authorization for the President of the Kanawha County Commission to Sign a Certificate of Title Transferring a Vehicle Declared a Total Loss to Travelers Insurance

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 17F, Parcel: 32)

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Union, Tax Map: 25, Parcel:40.1)

Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign Change Order No. 010 for the Kanawha County Judicial Building 1st Floor Expansion & Renovation Project

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 11A, Parcel: 110.1)

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Poca, Tax Map: 38, Parcel: 10)

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Malden, Tax Map: 32A, Parcel: 93)

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Cabin Creek, Tax Map: 26A, Parcel: 68)

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Jefferson, Tax Map: 8B, Parcel: 34)

Order Granting Complaint for Demolition and Adopting the Recommendation of the Kanawha County Enforcement Agency (Tax District: Jefferson, Tax Map: 3M, Parcel: 11)

Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign Right of Way Deed between the Kanawha County Commission and Christopher P. Bowman

Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the Region 3/4 2026-2027 Healthcare Coalition South Participation Agreement

Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the Public Safety Grant Fund in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) from line #0029-711.00-568.095 payable to the Metro Drug Unit (PEPI), representing the FY 26-27 annual contribution for "sting" operations

Authorization for the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the General Fund Line Item #0001-401.00-567.000 in the amount of twenty thousand ($20,000.00) dollars payable to the Unemployment Fund (068)

Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the General Fund (0001-401.00-567.000), in the amount of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,300,000), to the Debt Service Fund (#244), representing funding for debt service projects

Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from General County, #0001-401.00-567.000, in the amount of Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Fifteen Dollars ($958,015) to the Capital Fund #090, representing the funding of capital line items for FY 2026-27

Order Authorizing the Clerk of the County Commission to issue a check from the Financial Stabilization Fund (0058-401.00-567.000), in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000), to the Emergency Response Fund (#0021), representing funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Protection - Recovery Buyout Program

1. **Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Emergency Response Fund Line Item Revision**

REVENUES:

0021-322.00-000.322	Emergency Response - Federal Grant	1,500,000
0021-388.00-000.388	Emergency Response - Transfers from other funds	500,000

EXPENDITURES:

0021-401.00-568.138	Emergency Response - NRCS Recovery Buyout Program	1,500,000
0021-401.00-568.139	Emergency Response - NRCS Recovery Buyout Program Match	500,000

2. **Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Public Safety Grant Fund Line Item Budget Revision**

REVENUES:

0029-299.00-000.299	Public Safety - Fund Balance	500,000

EXPENDITURES:

0029-711.00-568.000	Public Safety- Contributions other entity	500,000

CHECK REGISTERS: SUPPLEMENTALS/EMERGENCY:

Metro Drug Unit (PEPI), in the amount of $50,000 representing the FY 26-27 annual contribution for "sting" operations

Software Systems Inc., in the amount of $92,193.63 for 2026 tax statement processing

Rodney Loftis & Son, in the amount of $54,878.00 for county demolitions

Johnson Controls, in the amount of $922.66 for Judicial Building Annual Chiller PSA contract per Sourcewell Cooperative Agreement

Astar Abatement, Inc., in the amount of $20,377.00 for abatement for county demolitions

Charleston Cougars Football & Cheer Assoc., in the amount of $12,000.00 for LEDA Grant for help with the purchase of helmets & pants for the teams and appliances for concession

LETTERS OF INTENT

Emergency Management in the amount of $60,000 for Generators and Associated Equipment for the Sumerco & Frozen Branch Tower Sites (Public Safety Grant Fund)

Metro Emergency Operations Center in the Amount of $175,000 for HVAC Infrastructure $120,000; Addressing Vehicle $45,000; EOC Wi-Fi System $9,750

Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority in the amount of $265,000 for Radio Replacement Program $190,000; Central Office HVAC $38,000; Clendenin HVAC $18,000; East Bank HVAC $15,000

Ratification of documents processed on August 20, 2026:

Emergency Checks to US Bank in the total amount of $15,583.98.for p-card payments

Ratification of documents processed on August 27, 2026:

Payroll

New Employee: Nicholas Long, Shawnee Part-Time, Shawnee Sports Complex, temporary/part-time employee, $15.00 per hour, effective August 31, 2026

Order authorizing the President of the Kanawha County Commission to sign the FY27 Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") Subgrant Agreement. Award# EAC-ELSEC18WV, in the amount of $158,660.00

Approval for the County Commissioners to sign a questionnaire from the West Virginia Department of Health regarding the allocation of available funds from the County Emergency Medical Services Fund and the All-County Emergency Medical Services Fund, administered by the Office of Emergency Medical Services, in accordance with House Bill 5168

Ratification of documents processed on August 28, 2026:

Emergency Check to Danny Bowyer, Jr., in the amount of $375.00 for umpire for summer slam

Emergency Check to Joshua Dingess, in the amount of $275.00 for umpire for summer slam

Emergency Check to Ronald Baldwin, in the amount of $275.00 for umpire for summer slam

Emergency Check to Stephen Carpenter, in the amount of $250.00 for umpire for summer slam

Ratification of documents processed on August 31, 2026:

Emergency Check to Qlabs Inc., in the amount of $30,214.00 supplies and confirmations

Ratification of documents processed on September 1, 2026:

New Employee: Scott Elkins, Case Manager, Kanawha County Commission Day Report Center, full-time employee, $40,000.00 per year, replacing Courtney Hansen, effective September 1, 2026

Ratification of documents processed on September 3, 2026:

Sheriff's Office Outside Overtime

New Employee: Jonathan Carter, Shawnee Part-Time, Shawnee Sports Complex, temporary/part-time employee, $15.00 per hour, effective September 8, 2026

New Employee: Kaden Murphy, Shawnee Part-Time, Shawnee Sports Complex, temporary/part-time employee, $15.00 per hour, effective September 8, 2026

Ratification of documents processed on September 4, 2026:

Emergency Check to US Bank in the amount of $9,389.24 for p-card payment

Ratification of documents processed on September 8, 2026:

Emergency Check to WV Deputy Sheriff Retirement System in the amount of $4,090.10 for Sept 2026

Emergency Check to Kanawha County Commission in the amount of $3,290.00 for Bailiff/Aug 26

Emergency Check to West Virginia State Treasurer's office in the amount of $2,500.00 for Aug 26

Ratification of documents processed on September 9, 2026:

Emergency Check to Rodney Loftis & Son in the amount of $58,525.00 for August 16-17, 2026 flood debris pick up

Ratification of documents processed on September 11, 2026:

Payroll

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■ AND BOLD DENOTES CHANGE TO THE AGENDA (Example, typographical error, addition, change and/or omission from first version of Agenda)

THE KANAWHA COUNTY REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2026, ADJOURNED AT 5:29PM UNTIL THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED ON THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2026.

Ben Salango, President

Natalie E. Tennant, Commissioner absent - cms

Austin Gessel, Commissioner

Marc J. Slotnick, County Attorney