

COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

PRESENT: THOMAS BLOOM, President Pro-Tem
SEAN SIKORA, Member

ABSENT: JEFFREY ARNETT, President

1. Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge to the Flag

2. Call to Order

The Monongalia County Commission met in regular session on the 14th day of May 2025 beginning at 10:03 A.M. in the Monongalia County Commission Meeting Room, at the Monongalia County Courthouse. Agendas attached. A video copy of the work session will be available upon written request to the County Commission at cost.

3. Consent and Approval – (see exhibit)

A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried for the Commission to give their consent and approval to the following agenda items:

- a) Erroneous Assessments (attached)
- b) Commission Minutes – May 7, 2025
- c) Pay Vouchers
- d) Miscellaneous Bonds, etc.
- e) Budget Revisions
- f) Vacancies for Boards and Authorities
- g) Fiduciary Orders as noted on exhibit

4. Introduction of new employees/personnel changes

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the employment of Leesa Shoemaker as a full-time Personal Property Deputy for the Monongalia County Assessor's Office at a rate of \$31,000.00 per year effective May 16, 2025.

b) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the employment of Scott Grizzle as a seasonal part-time Maintenance worker for Camp Muffly at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective May 14, 2025 and Abigail F. Poling, Willow G. Wilson, Tiffany F. Paugh, and Margaret G. Haas as seasonal part-time Lifeguards for Camp Muffly at a rate of \$12.00 per hour effective May 14, 2025.

c) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the employment of Daniel Ray Laskody as a full-time Maintenance worker for Mason-Dixon Historical Park at a rate of \$31,200.00 per year effective May 16, 2025 and Zealon Erich Wight-Maier as a part-time Maintenance worker for Mason-Dixon Historical Park at a rate of \$13.00 per hour effective May 15, 2025.

5. Comments from the Public

Mary Ann Folz, 321 Morgantown Avenue – Voiced her support for the proposed amendment to the “Ordinance Creating the Monongalia County Planning Commission No. 2003-01.”

6. Proclamations

a) The proclamation for Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day was read by Commissioner Bloom. A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of May 11th to 17th, 2025 as National Police Memorial Week and May 15, 2025 as Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day.

b) The proclamation for Emergency Medical Services Week was read by Brandon Johnson, Field Operation Captain for Mon EMS. A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of May 18th to 24th, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

c) The proclamation for National Community Educational Outreach Service Week was read by a representative from the Community Educational Outreach Services Office of West Virginia University Extension Services. A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of May 11th to 17th, 2025 as National Community Educational Outreach Service Week.

7. Grants

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the grant agreement and supporting documents for the FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Award in the amount of \$98,361.00.

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7. Grants (Continued)

b) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the following requests for reimbursement for April 2025: Community Corrections Grant (\$18,595.00), Community Development Block Grant (\$1,971.20), Governor's Highway Safety Program Safe Communities Grant (\$758.43) and Impaired Driving Grant (\$4,144.16), Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Grant (SAKI) (\$25,366.21), and the Victims of Crime Act Grant (\$9,166.45).

8. Second Reading and Public Hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the "Ordinance Creating the Monongalia County Planning Commission No. 2003-01"

Hearing opened at 10:18 A.M.

i) Presentation by Andrew Gast-Bray, Monongalia County Planning Commission. The proposed amendment would remove the requirement that members be appointed by district.

ii) Statements in Support of Application – Mary Ann Folz

iii) Statements in Opposition of Application – None

iv) Correspondence received prior to public hearing – None

Hearing closed at 10:23 A.M.

9. Correspondence

a) Letter of resignation received from Kim Moyers, President of the Monongalia County Development Authority effective June 30, 2025. A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Kim Moyers from the Monongalia County Development Authority.

b) Letters of support signed and sent to Senator Capito and Senator Justice in support of the proposed Harmony Grove Interchange Project.

c) Email from Harrison County Chamber of Commerce about annual competition.

10. Unfinished Business – None

11. New Business

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the County Commission executing and delivering documentation necessary to release funds from Tranche No. 2 for the Commission's outstanding Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 A and Series 2023 B (West Ridge). Tom Aman, Bond Counsel for the Monongalia County Commission, provided information on the history and timeline of the project.

b) Commissioner Bloom stated that the following item will be removed from the agenda: Consideration of approval of Supplemental Trust Indentures necessary in connection with the release of Tranche No. 2 and the extension of tranche release deadlines for the Commission's outstanding Special District Excise Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 A and Series 2023 B (West Ridge).

c) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve Requisition No. 102 for the University Town Centre Economic Opportunity Development District Subaccount in the amount of \$1,070,385.16.

d) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the proposed amendment to the "Ordinance Creating the Monongalia County Planning Commission No. 2003-01."

e) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the sponsorship of up to \$1,000.00 for the Cheat Lake Rotary's 2025 Flags for Heroes Program.

12. Reports from Elected Officials and Department Supervisors – None

13. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Sikora – Morgantown Area Partnership (MAP) Executive Board meeting, Monongalia County Development Authority meeting, staff reports, call with County Administrator and health insurance consultants, local broadband team tag-up, call with health insurance team.

Commissioner Bloom – Mountaineer Food Bank will be holding a food giveaway on May 17, 2025 at the mall in Westover, participated in fashion show for Lauren's Wish.

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14. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to adjourn at 10:39 A.M.

JEFFREY L. ARNETT
President

THOMAS C. BLOOM
Member

SEAN P. SIKORA
Member

Approved on:

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