

COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

PRESENT: JEFFREY ARNETT, President
THOMAS BLOOM, Member
SEAN SIKORA, Member

1. Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge to the Flag

2. Call to Order

The Monongalia County Commission met in regular session on the 23rd day of April 2025 beginning at 10:02 A.M. in the Monongalia County Commission Meeting Room, at the Monongalia County Courthouse. Agenda attached. No work session was held on this day.

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 – None
- b) Commission Minutes – April 16, 2025 (Regular Session) and April 15, 2025 (Special Session)
- 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 Gavin T. Hissam, Tavion Dillistone, Andrew H. Mounts, Cadon D. Skavinsky, and Hunter Clark Brewer as full-time Deputy Sheriffs for the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department at a rate of \$4,400.02 per month effective May 1, 2025 and Ethan Hunter Weiss Knepp and Christopher J. Reseter as full-time Deputy Sheriffs for the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department at a rate of \$4,400.02 per month effective May 16, 2025.

5. Comments from the Public

MaryAnn Folz, 321 Morgantown Avenue – Stated her continued interest in serving on the Monongalia County Planning Commission and requested public information on the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) districts in the county.

6. Grants

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the grant contract and supporting documents for the West Virginia First Foundation Initial Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$32,342.48.

7. Correspondence

- a) Letters of Support provided to:
 - i) Morgantown Community Resources
 - ii) Morgantown Historic Post Office Building Inc.
 - iii) West Virginia Women Work
 - iv) Mylan Park Foundation
 - v) Morgantown Utility Board
 - vi) WVU Department of Chemistry/WVU Shared Research Facilities
- b) BOPARC third quarter levy report.
- c) Resignation letter from Alex Hall, Monongalia County Litter Control Officer. A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the Alex Hall's resignation letter.

8. Unfinished Business – None

9. New Business

a) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve the following dates for a proposed amendment to the "Ordinance Creating the Monongalia County Planning Commission" to hold a First Reading on April 30, 2025 and a Second Reading and Public Hearing on May 14, 2025.

b) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve funding up to \$30,000.00 for support of the NCAA Regional Baseball Tournament at the Monongalia County Ballpark Complex.

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9. New Business (Continued)

c) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution and Order of the County Commission to authorize the issuance of the Amended and Restated Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 B (Harmony Grove Phase I Infrastructure Project), in the principal amount of \$21,500,000 (the “Amended and Restated Bonds”) in exchange for the County Commission’s currently outstanding \$21,500,000 Tax Increment Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 B (Harmony Grove Phase I infrastructure Project) (“Original Bonds”) in order to modify certain terms of such Original Bonds; authorizing the execution and delivery of the Amended and Restated Bonds, a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust, a First Amendment to Development Agreement and other documents relating to the issuance of the Amended and Restated Bonds and matters relating thereto. Tom Aman, Bond Counsel for the Monongalia County Commission, provided additional details on the scope of the project. Glenn Adrian, Enrout Properties, provided details on the Harmony Grove TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District.

d) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution and Order of the County Commission to amend the boundaries of The County Commission of Monongalia County Development District No. 5 - Harmony Grove pursuant to Amended Project Plan No. 1 for such District as authorized by the West Virginia Division of Economic Development.

e) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and carried (with Commissioner Arnett abstaining) to approve the appointment of Commissioner Arnett to the MECCA Policy Board and the Monongalia County Community Corrections Board.

f) A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to approve a three-party agreement between the Monongalia County Development Authority, the City of Morgantown, and the Monongalia County Commission that sets forth the understanding, acceptance, and agreement regarding the establishment and funding of an Interest Reserve Account approved by resolution of the Commission on August 21, 2024. Russ Rogerson, President of the Morgantown Area Partnership, presented comments on the East End Addition project.

10. Reports from Elected Officials and Department Supervisors –

Alex Hall, Litter Control Officer – New recycling bins at the Monongalia County Recycling Center (preventing unwanted items, decreasing staff time to remove full bins), highlights of his time at the job (integrating with MECCA 9-1-1, coordinating with Prosecuting Attorney’s office), thanked the staff in his department, interim staff will be covering his duties, thanked the Commission for the experience working for the county.

11. Reports from County Commissioners

Commissioner Bloom – Commented on the recent storm (damage in the community, thanked first responders and members of the public who provided assistance).

Commissioner Sikora – Call regarding Chaplin Hill project, broadband project tag-up, Governor declared half-day holiday for Good Friday, commented on the recent storm (multiple power lines down, members of the public provided assistance, lengthy power outages, thanked staff at Mon Power for their work during the outages), call with legal counsel about Development Authority agreement, participated in Annual Earth Day assembly at Eastwood Elementary School, responded to MaryAnn Folz’s public comments and directed her to the Commission’s website for information about Tax Increment Financing Districts.

Commissioner Arnett – Commented on the recent storm (grateful there were no injuries, thanked First Energy/Mon Power for their response to the power outages, thanked county maintenance staff for responding to damage at Chestnut Ridge Park).

12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Sikora, seconded by Commissioner Bloom and unanimously carried to adjourn at 10:47 AM.

JEFFREY L. ARNETT
President

THOMAS C. BLOOM
Member

SEAN P. SIKORA
Member

Approved on: