

**AT A COUNTY COMMISSION HELD FOR PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AT THE COURTHOUSE, ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: CARL HEVENER, ROGER DAHMER AND JIMMIE BENNETT**

**OTHERS PRESENT: ELISE WHITE, COUNTY CLERK; KAREN PITSENBARGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; RICK GILLESPIE, EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR; DIANA MITCHELL, 911 DIRECTOR; STEPHEN SMOOT, THE PENDLETON TIMES (BY PHONE); KATIE KEYSER; SAM EASON; TY HEVENER; JUDY HEDRICK; DAYNE DAVIS; BILL LOVING; ANGIE PASE; DAVID COOPER; MIKE MOORE; ANNIE HUMES; LUKE TAYLOR-IDE; DANITA ALT; DIANA SMITH; JOHNNY COOK; ROY BOWERS**

Commissioner Dahmer led those present in prayer. The Commission President invited all attending to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Hevener called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting and the February 4 & 10, 2026 Board of Review, on motion of Commissioner Dahmer, were unanimously approved.

FFA members Katie Keyser, Sentinel, Ty Heavner, Vice-President, and Sam Eason, Treasurer, presented to the Commission a proclamation for National FFA week. Upon reading of the Proclamation by Commissioner Dahmer, a motion was made by Commissioner Dahmer, vote unanimous, to approve designating the week of February 20 – 27, 2026 as National FFA Week in Pendleton County.

Luke Taylor-Ide, President of Future Generations University, explained to the Commission that the former Pendleton County Community Foundation partnered with the Tucker Community Foundation. Mr. Taylor-Ide is the Pendleton County representative to the Foundation. There are currently three Pendleton County funds in the Foundation – Pendleton Community Fund, Pendleton County Emergency Services Fund and Pendleton County Fast Start Fund.

David Cooper, CEO, and Mike Moore, CFO, of Tucker Community Foundation, explained how the Foundation works by ensuring the communities and organizations of Pendleton County can have the support they need to thrive and grow. The Foundation also provides grants and scholarships along with several other tools. They manage over 150 endowed funds for nine counties in West Virginia and one county in Maryland.

Angie Pase, Development Director, RFI Event Coordinator, explained the Run for It program which was created in 2007 to promote healthy activities. The race is scheduled for September 2026 and registration opens April 1, 2026. They are requesting a \$2,000 pledge from the Commission for this event. The pledged funds will only be used for Pendleton County teams.

Diana Mitchell, 911 Director, mentioned that she and Rick Gillespie, Emergency Services Coordinator, were in Charleston to receive a plaque from the State 911 Council for achieving Accreditation Level Three.

Mr. Gillespie stated that he had been in Charleston today for EMS Day at the Capitol.

The Courthouse Annex is continuing to move forward. The bricklayers have been diligently laying bricks.

An amended appraisal for the Clinton Ann Bowers estate was submitted to the Commission for approval. The fiduciary commissioner, Isaac Sponaugle, submitted a report and recommendation for approval on January 28, 2026. Danita Alt, Counsel for heirs Diana Smith and Roy Bowers, had submitted a motion on January 28, 2026 requesting that the amended appraisal not be approved until they had received a copy of the nonprobate filing. Copies of the amended appraisal, fiduciary commissioner's recommendation, and the motion from counsel were sent to all heirs and their respective counsels.

Joseph Caltrider, Bowles Rice Attorneys at Law and counsel for Executrix and heir Maria Miller, responded with a letter stating that a copy of the nonprobate filing submitted to Danita Alt.

Ms. Alt informed the Commission that they feel the amended appraisal is still incorrect and there is a question of missing monies. In addition, she said there is a criminal case to address the alleged missing gold from John Roy Bowers, Jr. estate. Heirs Diana Smith and Roy Bowers also addressed the Commission with their concerns of the accuracy of the amended appraisal.

Ms. Alt requested that the Commission not approved the amended appraisal and that they request from the fiduciary commissioner that he obtain copies of the bank statements for review.

The Commission reviewed all of the information presented to them and declined to approve the amended appraisal. They will request from the fiduciary commissioner to obtain the bank records for review.

The Commission reviewed the Sheriff's January 2026 financial statement and the employee's January timesheets.

The following appointments of administrators, executors, etc., done by the clerk in vacation of the Commission, were this day presented to the Commission, approved on motion of Commissioner Dahmer, and unanimously confirmed.

United States of America

State of West Virginia



County of Pendleton, ss:

Clerk's Fiduciary Report

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**Estate from Monday, February 2, 2026, through Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

The County Commission of Pendleton County this day proceeded to examine the report of the Clerk of the Commission of the Fiduciary and Probate matters had before her during the vacation of the Commission, and it appearing to the Commission that all of the proceedings had therefore ordered that the said report and matters thereto contained be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed. Said report is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

**On, Monday, February 9, 2026, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:**

More than 31 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, **RICHARD NESSELRODT** was appointed and qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the estate of **LILLIAN JANE ECKARD**, deceased. Bond was 20,000.00.

**On, Tuesday, February 17, 2026, the following matters were disposed of in the presence of the Clerk:**

The said estate of **SHIRLEY B. YOKUM**, deceased was referred to **G. ISAAC SPONAUGLE II**, a FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER for the Pendleton County, for settlement thereof.

*Elise M. White*

Elise M. White  
Clerk of the Pendleton County Commission

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Confirmed

The following exonerations were this day presented to the Commission and approved on motion of Commissioner Dahmer:

James Page, Sugar Grove District, \$34.54, 2024  
 James Page, Sugar Grove District, \$37.75, 2025  
 Fay Steele, Franklin Corporation, \$104.51, 2025

**ORDERED THAT THE FOLLOWING ALLOWANCES BE MADE PAYABLE OUT OF:**

GENERAL COUNTY FUND:	Check Nos. 36381 – 36415	\$33,589.05
COAL SEVERANCE FUND:	Check Nos. 200333 - 200335	\$223.11
911 FUND:	Check Nos. 4604– 4609	\$810.27
HOME CONFINEMENT FUND:	Check No. 381	\$463.50
PARKS & RECREATION FUND:	Check No. 1625	\$64.13
CLINTON HEDRICK CB FUND:	Check No. 1205	\$35.82
PENDLETON COUNTY CB FUND:	Check No. 1292	\$1,129.11
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:	Check Nos. 157 – 161	\$24,111.00

ORDERED THAT COMMISSION DO ADJOURN ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BENNETT, VOTE UNANIMOUS, UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026.

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 President

DATE: 2/05/26      SHERIFF'S ACCOUNTING SYSTEM      PAGE: 1  
 TIME: 15:58:22      BANK BALANCE AS OF 01/31/2026      PROG: SA0068

PENDLETON COMMUNITY BANK	BANK BALANCE	OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEBITS	OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/CREDITS	BOOK BALANCE
GENERAL COUNTY CHECKING	1,390,536.22	92,188.01-	11,906.06	1,310,254.27✓
PENDLETON COUNTY 911	53,608.44	6,665.75-	.00	46,942.69✓
HOME DETENTION	75,053.45	336.00-	125.00	74,842.45✓
PARKS & REC	60,143.30	64.03-	.00	60,079.27✓
CHCB	120.31	.00	.00	120.31✓
FCCB	4,376.61	.00	.00	4,376.61✓
OPIOID SETTLEMENT	94,995.03	.00	.00	94,995.03✓
CO FIRE PROTECTION	1,494.16	.00	.00	1,494.16✓
EMS SALARY ENHANCEMENT	6,918.95	.00	.00	6,918.95✓
HEALTH REIMB	121,178.89	.00	.00	121,178.89✓
ASSESSOR'S VAL	88,333.67	11,351.70-	1,583.94	78,565.91✓
CONCEALED WEAPONS	13,592.44	425.00-	50.00	13,217.44✓
ELECTION ADMIN	16,595.98	.00	.00	16,595.98✓
REAL PROP-E RECORDING	16,595.98	.00	.00	16,595.98✓
SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	9,057.60	.00	.00	9,057.60✓
AMER RES PLAN ACT	262,767.71	14,009.19-	.00	248,758.52✓
PENDCO BLDG COMM	6,568.92	3,951.56-	.00	2,617.36✓
CERTIFIED TO STATE	11,137.78	.00	.00	11,137.78✓
BOARD OF HEALTH	270,882.58	4,377.19-	.00	266,505.39✓
CLEARING ACCOUNT	.00	.00	.00	.00
RESER FOR SPEC EMERG MM	61,123.23	.00	.00	61,123.23✓
FINANCIAL STAB.-MONEY MAR	1,694,004.37	.00	.00	1,694,004.37✓
GENERAL CO MONEY MARKET	1,298,320.38	.00	.00	1,298,320.38✓
PEN CO 911 FEES FUND MM	383,181.72	.00	.00	383,181.72✓
911 CD FEES FUND	110,844.01	.00	.00	110,844.01✓
*** BANK TOTAL ***	6,051,431.73	133,368.43-	13,665.00	5,931,728.30

  

SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK	BANK BALANCE	OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEBITS	OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/CREDITS	BOOK BALANCE
WORTHLESS CHECK	2,043.40	.00	.00	2,043.40✓
*** BANK TOTAL ***	2,043.40	.00	.00	2,043.40

  

THE GRANT COUNTY BANK	BANK BALANCE	OUTSTANDING CHECKS/DEBITS	OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS/CREDITS	BOOK BALANCE
*** BANK TOTAL ***	.00	.00	.00	.00

  

*** COUNTY TOTAL ***	6,053,475.13	133,368.43-	13,665.00	5,933,771.70
CASH ON HAND				200.00
*** TOTAL ***				5,933,971.70

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	CURRENT MONTH COLLECTIONS	ORDERS ISSUED	BALANCE PER BOOKS
FUND - 001	GENERAL COUNTY				
301-01-RP-	GC-TAX REPAYMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND 001	TOTALS	2540964.21	323366.82	383237.21-	2481093.82 ✓
FUND - 002	COAL SEVERANCE				
FUND 002	TOTALS	9118.11	4395.02	764.99-	12748.14 ✓
FUND - 003	DOG AND KENNEL				
FUND 003	TOTALS	7511.10	.00	518.66-	6992.44 ✓
FUND - 004	GENERAL SCHOOL				
FUND 004	TOTALS	25034.34	4303.54	.00	29337.88 ✓
FUND - 005	MAGISTRATE COURT				
FUND 005	TOTALS	5613.54	304.00	96.00-	5821.54 ✓
FUND - 006	WORTHLESS CHECK				
FUND 006	TOTALS	2043.23	.17	.00	2043.40 ✓
FUND - 007	PEND CO 911				
FUND 007	TOTALS	520080.05	174854.83	153966.46-	540968.42 ✓
FUND - 008	HOME DETENTION				
FUND 008	TOTALS	73328.45	1850.00	336.00-	74842.45 ✓
FUND - 011	RES FOR SPEC EMERG				
FUND 011	TOTALS	61017.94	105.29	.00	61123.23 ✓
FUND - 013	BOARD OF PARKS				
FUND 013	TOTALS	56800.87	4978.68	1700.28-	60079.27 ✓
FUND - 024	PEND CO HOUSING				
FUND 024	TOTALS	.00	.00	.00	.00
FUND - 025	CHCB				
FUND 025	TOTALS	156.13	.00	35.82-	120.31 ✓
FUND - 026	PCCB				
FUND 026	TOTALS	3999.23	701.68	324.30-	4376.61 ✓
FUND - 040	OPIOID SETTLEMENT				
FUND 040	TOTALS	94986.96	8.07	.00	94995.03 ✓
FUND - 041	CO FIRE PROTECTION				
FUND 041	TOTALS	1493.97	.19	.00	1494.16 ✓
FUND - 042	EMS SALARY ENHANCE				
FUND 042	TOTALS	6918.48	.47	.00	6918.95 ✓
FUND - 052	HEALTH REIMB				
FUND 052	TOTALS	132587.96	10.58	11419.65-	121178.89 ✓
FUND - 056	ASSESSOR VALUATION				
FUND 056	TOTALS	118556.70	1938.58	41929.37-	78565.91 ✓
FUND - 058	FINAN STABIL FUND				
FUND 058	TOTALS	1690224.83	3779.54	.00	1694004.37 ✓
FUND - 059	CONCEALED WEAPONS				
FUND 059	TOTALS	12987.44	550.00	320.00-	13217.44 ✓
FUND - 061	ELECTION ADMIN				
FUND 061	TOTALS	16358.27	237.71	.00	16595.98 ✓
FUND - 062	REAL PROP- E-RECORD				
FUND 062	TOTALS	16358.27	237.71	.00	16595.98 ✓
FUND - 073	SPEC LAW ENF INVEST				
FUND 073	TOTALS	6433.03	2624.57	.00	9057.60 ✓
FUND - 207	AMER RES PLAN ACT				
FUND 207	TOTALS	317656.49	15034.60	83932.57-	248758.52 ✓

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	CURRENT MONTH COLLECTIONS	ORDERS ISSUED	BALANCE PER BOOKS
FUND - 277	PENDCO BLDG COMM				
	FUND 277 TOTALS	2617.36	444319.94	444319.94-	2617.36 ✓
FUND - 312	CRIMINAL CHARGES				
	FUND 312 TOTALS	.00	323.00	323.00-	.00 ✓
FUND - 313	COURT REPORTER				
	FUND 313 TOTALS	.00	20.00	20.00-	.00 ✓
FUND - 314	STATE FINES				
	FUND 314 TOTALS	.00	.00	.00	.00 ✓
FUND - 315	STATE POLICE				
	FUND 315 TOTALS	.00	450.00	450.00-	.00 ✓
FUND - 316	STATE CURRENT				
	FUND 316 TOTALS	.00	441.85	441.85-	.00 ✓
FUND - 361	CERTIFIED TO STATE				
	FUND 361 TOTALS	16064.39	1132.45	6059.06-	11137.78 ✓
FUND - 364	TAX LIEN				
	FUND 364 TOTALS	68007.19	.00	.00	68007.19 ✓
FUND - 365	DELINQ NONENTERED				
	FUND 365 TOTALS	4773.64	.00	.00	4773.64 ✓
FUND - 366	BOARD OF HEALTH				
	FUND 366 TOTALS	248173.04	39712.35	21380.00-	266505.39 ✓
FUND - 369	DEP SHERIFF FUND				
	FUND 369 TOTALS	.00	40.00	40.00-	.00 ✓
FUND - 373	GEN CURRENT EXPENSES				
	FUND 373 TOTALS	.00	33423.80	33423.80-	.00 ✓
FUND - 378	FRANKLIN CURRENT				
	FUND 378 TOTALS	.00	2424.73	2424.73-	.00 ✓
FUND - 903	CLEARING ACCOUNT				
	FUND 903 TOTALS	.00	701.68	701.68-	.00 ✓
	FINAL TOTALS	6059865.22	1062271.85	1188165.37-	5933971.70
	BALANCE IN COUNTY DEPOSITORIES AT END OF MONTH:	6,053,475.13			
	ORDERS/DEBITS OUTSTANDING:	133,368.43-			
	DEPOSITS/CREDITS OUTSTANDING:	13,665.00			
	NET BANK BALANCE	5,933,771.70			
	CASH ON HAND	200.00			
	TOTAL IN COUNTY DEPOSITRIES AND OFFICES:	5,933,971.70			

I, Bradley D Kimble, Sheriff of Pendleton County, West Virginia,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the finances of  
Pendleton County, for the month ending Jan. 31, 2020 showing the balance on  
hand at the beinning of the month, the amount received, the amount distributed and the  
remaining in the Treasury and County Depositories; to the Best of my abilities and knowledge.  
Given under my hand this 10th day of February 2020

Bradley D Kimble Sheriff of Pendleton County