

AT A COUNTY COMMISSION HELD FOR PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AT THE COURTHOUSE, ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026 AT 9:00 A.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; MIKE ALT; APRIL MALLOW, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY; BRADLEY KIMBLE, SHERIFF; ANNIE HUMES, CVB DIRECTOR; TARA KEENE, MOUNTAIN HEART COMMUNITY SERVICES; STEPHEN SMOOT, THE PENDLETON TIMES (BY PHONE)

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 April 21, 2026 meeting, on motion of Commissioner Dahmer, were unanimously approved.

Tara Keene, Mountain Heart Community Services, read a Proclamation for Childcare Provider Appreciation Day. On motion of Commissioner Bennett, vote unanimous, the Commission approved May 8, 2026 as Provider Appreciation Day in Pendleton County.

Rick Gillespie, Emergency Services Coordinator, said that the PSD will be moving into their new offices at the Pendleton County General Services Center (PCGSC) on May 20. The Forestry and Wildlife Resources will move into their new offices at the end of May, beginning of June.

On motion of Commissioner Dahmer, vote unanimous, the Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the County to receive rent for the Family Court rooms in the Annex.

On motion of Commissioner Dahmer, vote unanimous, a payout for the Courthouse Annex in the amount of \$377,614.40 was approved.

Karen Pitsenbarger, County Administrator, mentioned that the next Commission meeting will be in the new conference room on the second floor of the Annex. She anticipates having the Certificate of Occupancy on May 15, 2026.

Mike Alt stated that they have already started receiving calls for water due to the drought conditions. He anticipates the situation to get worse as the forecast does not call for much rain.

Bradley Kimble, Sheriff, reported to the Commission the various types of calls that law enforcement responded to in April 2026.

The Commission reviewed the Sheriff's May delinquent list. On motion of Commissioner Bennett, vote unanimous, the list was approved for publication.

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.

More than 31 days since the date of death or the surviving spouse or heir, upon a motion, NANCY BERGDOLL was appointed and qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the estate of SUSIE MAE THOMPSON, deceased. Bond was 100,000.00.

The said estate of MERLIN PHILLIP HARPER, deceased was referred to G. ISAAC SPONAUGLE, III, a FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER for the Pendleton County, for settlement thereof.

There were no settlements or exonerations.

Commissioner Hevener stated that there have been many comments made in the public about the Commission cutting budgets. He reminded everyone that the Commission meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and the public are welcome to attend and ask questions for accuracy.

Rick Gillespie, Emergency Services Coordinator, also mentioned that they had to cut over \$100,000 from 911 to help balance the budget.

Sheriff Kimble asked the Commission if they had reconsidered the overtime budgeted for law enforcement. Commissioner Hevener said they are still working on and reviewing the budget.

ORDERED THAT THE FOLLOWING ALLOWANCES BE MADE PAYABLE OUT OF:

GENERAL COUNTY FUND:	Check Nos. 36565 – 36589	\$16,266.53
COAL SEVERANCE FUND:	Check Nos. 200347 - 200350	\$1,536.61
MAGISTRATE COURT FUND:	Check No. 300255	\$24.00
911 FUND:	Check Nos. 4632 - 4639	\$84,200.93
PARKS & RECREATION FUND:	Check Nos. 1642 - 1647	\$1,542.79
CLINTON HEDRICK CB FUND:	Check No. 1209	\$190.00
PENDLETON COUNTY CB FUND:	Check No. 1299	\$270.00
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND:	Check No. 172	\$1,227.00

ORDERED THAT COMMISSION DO ADJOURN ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER BENNETT, VOTE UNANIMOUS, UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026.

President