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WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026

PRESENT: *TRAVIS THOMPSON PRESIDENT*
JAY MARCUM COMMISSIONER-ABSENT
RYAN TURNER COMMISSIONER

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Thompson at 10:09 a.m.

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Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to approve the Exonerations, Appointments made in Vacation and Invoices. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to approve Regular County Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2026. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to reappoint Todd Alexander, Park Ferguson, Jesse McChristian, Robert Plymale and Dustin Shreve to the Wayne County Economic Development Authority Board of Directors for a new 3-year terms effective July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to reappoint Michael Todd Wentz and Bill Likens to the Wayne County 911 Advisory Board for a new 3-year terms effective July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner seconded by Thompson to reappoint Bill Likens to the Wayne County Board of Health for a new 5-year term effective July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to reappoint Commissioner Travis Thompson to the Huntington Tri-State Airport Authority Board for a new 1-year term effective July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Thompson, seconded by Turner to reappoint Commissioner Ryan S. Turner to the Huntington Tri-State Airport Authority Board for a new 1-year term effective July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to reappoint Carol Damron to the Board of the Huntington Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for a new 1-year term effective July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027. Vote: Unanimous.

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Jimmy Marcum with Louisa Construction Company, Shawn Kelly with E. L. Robinson Engineering, Jesse Allen with Crum PSD and Jamie Hundley were present to explain the need for change order no. 1 as it pertains the Radnor Bridge to Hurricane Branch Waterline Extension Project which resulted in budget increase of $21,215.00.

Mr. Kelly explained that while installing one of the creek crossings, the contractor could not safely dig a planned bore pit due to sandy soil conditions which were susceptible to collapse. As a result, the contractor had to extend the drill lengths to ensure that the pipe installed under the stream had adequate depth and proper angle to turn and exit on the opposite side of the stream which resulted in the usage of additional pipe not included in the original bid price.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to approve Radnor Bridge to Hurricane Branch Waterline Extension Project, change order no. 1 ($21,215.00 increase). Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to approve in-house budget transfer for the Wayne County Commission $5,000.00 from account no. 401-230 (contractual services) to account no. 401-222 (subscriptions & dues). Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to approve WV Marine Corps coordinating council request for $500.00 donation for the 15th annual "Military and Veterans Appreciation Picnic" to be held on Saturday May 30, 2026 at Harris Riverfront Park, Huntington, WV. Vote: Unanimous.

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Shawn Kelly & Randall Lewis, E.L. Robinson Engineering, were present to discuss the Big Lynn Waterline Extension Project. Mr. Kelly presented the Commission a copy of the completed design plans as well as a copy of the updated project cost estimate. Mr. Kelly informed the Commission that two (2) easements needed to be obtained for the project (water tank & booster pump station). Mr. Kelly further informed the Commission that a railroad permit would need to be obtained and stated that several previously obtained permits were scheduled to expire. Commission requested that E.L. Robinson proceed with the acquisition of necessary easements and renewal of the Public Health and Department of Highways permits. Commission said that they would defer acquisition of the necessary railroad permit until said time that project financing was fully committed.

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Elijah Wellman & Tyler Brown, Aegisinsure, were present to discuss 2026 Health Insurance Renewal Proposal Options and Health Insurance Benefits and Services offered by Aegisinsure.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to go into Executive Session at 11:28a.m. to discuss pending litigation. Vote: Unanimous.

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Commission returned from Executive Session at 11:49 p.m.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to authorize Commissioner Thompson, as President, to execute the combined subdivision participation and release form for the new remnant defendants' settlement agreement dated February 23, 2026 (National Opioid Litigation Settlement). Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Turner, seconded by Thompson to come to terms with the contract with Van Guard Cyber for a new VOIP phone systems. Vote: Unanimous.

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Motion by Thompson, seconded by Turner to adjourn at 12:09 p.m. Vote: Unanimous.

PRESIDENT

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