

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

NO. 1 COURT SQUARE, SUITE 203
PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

PRESENT: DAVID BLAIR COUCH, PRESIDENT
JAMES E. COLOMBO, COMMISSIONER
JAMES E. HAMRIC, COMMISSIONER

At 9:30 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and other correspondence.

AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

At 9:30 A.M., Public Comments – Charles Roberts addressed the County Commission regarding the proposed Lubeck Public Service District rate increase. He asked that the Commission ask the Public Service District for full transparency and that they have taken steps to save money.

At 9:33 A.M., the County Commission asked those in attendance for an update on the fire at People's Cartage. Sheriff Rick Woodyard stated the fire is 100% contained and 35% under control. He stated the air quality has improved from yesterday. Dale McEwuen, Director of the E-911 Telecommunications Center, stated the fire has remained down, and the air particulates have dropped drastically. Sydney Weber from the Resiliency Center stated they opened the building as an emergency shelter. Stacy DeCeccio from United Way stated they received no calls via 211 for shelter. Dave Foggin asked a question regarding gardens as well as the effect on cattle. Scot Heckert stated everyone is working together in this crisis, including the Governor.

The County Commission Declared a Local State of Emergency. Said Declaration is attached to these minutes and shall be made a part thereof.

Due to the fire, the 10:00 A.M. meeting with WVU Medicine regarding ambulance services was moved to July 13th at 11:00 A.M.

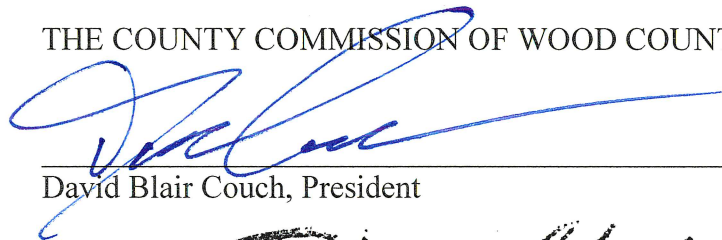
Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

ORDERS APPROVED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

No Orders

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

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David Blair Couch, President

A black ink signature of James E. Colombo, written in a cursive style.

James E. Colombo, Commissioner

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James E. Hamric, Commissioner



Wood County Commission
Agenda

July 6, 2026 | 9:30 A.M.
328 Second Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101

9:30 A.M.	Public Comment	
10:00 A.M.	Discussion between County Commission and WVU Medicine regarding Ambulance Service	
	Administrator's Report	Marty Seufer, County Administrator
	County Commission Reports	

Discussion, Review, and Approval of expenditures and disbursements identified on Exhibit 1, hereto attached

Correspondence for this meeting will be available for public review during regular office hours in Room 205 of the Wood County Courthouse two (2) days before the meeting

Discussion, Review and Approval of the following items may be included during this meeting and are available for public inspection in the Office of the County Administrator two days prior to this meeting.

Budget revisions

Purchase orders and requisitions

Revisions, reimbursement requests, resolutions and correspondence for grants

Grant disbursements to other entities

Invoices for expenditures to be paid

Reimbursements for travel expenses

Bid specifications and procedures for bids previously authorized by the Commission

Monthly Hotel Occupancy Tax Collection disbursements

Disbursements for previously approved Innovative Programming Grants

Tax refunds, exonerations, improprieties and consolidations

Probate items, including settlements, petitions and Fiduciary Commissioner reports

General Fund disbursements to entities

Funding requests from local organizations by written form

Payroll modification as submitted by elected officials

Updates on Board and Commissions, if needed:

Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department

Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council

Parkersburg/Wood County Visitors & Convention Bureau

Parks & Recreation Commission (Mountwood Park)

Wood County Community Corrections

Wood County Solid Waste Authority

WVU Extension Service Committee

Wood County Airport Authority

Wood County Commission on Crime, Delinquency & Correction

Wood County Development Authority

Wood County Recreation Commission

Work Force Investment Act Board

Downtown Task Force

E-911 Communications Advisory Board

Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Committee

Wood County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Wood County Planning Commission

Wood-Washington-Wirt Interstate Planning Commission

The County Commission of Wood County

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DAVID BLAIR COUCH
President

JAMES E. COLOMBO
Commissioner

JAMES E. HAMRIC
Commissioner

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF WOOD COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

SIGN-IN SHEET

3 MINUTES PER PERSON

JULY 6, 2026

PLEASE PRINT NAME	ADDRESS

Wood County Commission Meeting
Held July 6, 2026

Please Print

1.	Charles Roberts
2.	Dave Foggia
3.	Scott Hecker
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**WOOD COUNTY COMMISSION
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, a significant fire emergency has occurred at the Peoples Cartledge property/facility in Wood County, West Virginia, creating an immediate threat to public health, safety, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Wood County Commission has determined that extraordinary measures are necessary to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Wood County and to support emergency response operations; and

WHEREAS, local emergency response agencies are actively engaged in fire suppression, public safety, and recovery efforts, and additional resources may be required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood County Commission hereby declares a **Local State of Emergency** effective immediately in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia, chapter 15 article 5 WSC.

The Wood County Commission authorizes all appropriate county departments and emergency management agencies to:

1. Coordinate all emergency response and recovery operations.
2. Request assistance from the State of West Virginia and any other available governmental agencies.
3. Utilize all available county personnel, equipment, and resources necessary to protect life and property.
4. Take all lawful actions necessary to safeguard the public and support emergency response operations.

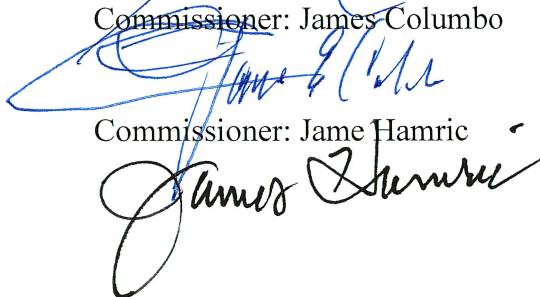
This Declaration shall remain in effect until the emergency conditions have been resolved or until it is rescinded by the Wood County Commission.

Adopted this 5 day of July, 2026.

WOOD COUNTY COMMISSION

President, Wood County Commission: Blair Couch


Commissioner: James Columbo


Commissioner: Jame Hamric