

POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION

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2026 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

Monday, March 9, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, March 13, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Additional Sessions may be scheduled and/or canceled, as necessary.

*All budget sessions will be held in the Office of the County
Commission located on the first floor of the Courthouse.*

Work Sessions were held at the Courthouse situate in Marlinton, West Virginia, on Monday, March 9, 2026 and Wednesday, March 11, 2026. The meeting scheduled for Friday, March 13, 2026 was not needed to complete the budget.

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IN RE: 2026-2027 BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

The commission met in work sessions for the purpose of preparing the 2026-2027 Budget. The County Commission reviewed revenues, expenditures, and proposals as presented. The commission set the revenues and expenditures with minor changes to some departments. The commission agreed to provide a \$100.00 per month increase for the number of employees in each department. This amount will be distributed at the Elected Official's discretion.

On Monday, March 9, 2026, Sheriff Troy McCoy met with the Commission to discuss pay raises and starting salary for a Deputy Sheriff. Sheriff McCoy requested the starting salary for a newly hired deputy sheriff upon certification be \$60,000.00. If approved, he was also requesting a \$4,000.00 increase for current Deputy Sheriffs and Chief Deputy. A motion was made by Commissioner Walker to approve the increase with the stipulation that a freeze would be placed on additional increases specific to Deputy Sheriffs for 2 years with the exception of yearly increases that are given. Noting no objections, motion carried.

The commission also discussed the K-9 Dog with Sheriff McCoy and asked that a report be provided at the next budget session.

On Tuesday, March 11, 2026, Sheriff McCoy presented a report for the K-9 Dog. The Commission agreed to continue one more year with the canine with a progress report of productivity and outcome being provided periodically. The Commission also requested a random presence of the K-9 Dog at the schools and doing away with training as a "bite dog"

On Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Elected Officials met with the commission to discuss and sign budget proposals for 2026-2027.

Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget will be on the agenda at a regular session of the County Commission to be held on March 17, 2026.


JOHN REBINSKI, PRESIDENT
POCAHONTAS COUNTY COMMISSION