

SPECIAL SESSION:

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, to-wit:

At a Special Session of the Jefferson County Commission, continued and held at the Jefferson County Commission Meeting Room, located at 200 E. Washington Street located in Charles Town, WV, 25414 on Thursday, June 14, 2018 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Josh Compton, President
Caleb Hudson, Vice President
Patsy Noland, Commissioner
Peter Onoszko, Commissioner
Jane Tabb, Commissioner

STAFF: Stephanie Grove, County Administrator
Jessica Carroll, Executive Assistant

In re: 2018 Road Summit/Discussion of MARC Train Funding

President Compton called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and stated the purpose for the meeting was to discuss ideas for MARC train funding for FY20.

The Commission was joined in this discussion by the following: Tom Smith, WV Secretary of Transportation; Ann Ehrling, Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor's Office; Jill Newman, Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Bill Robinson, Head of the WV Transit Office; Cindy Butler, State Rail Authority; Senator Craig Blair (via phone); representatives from Senators Manchin and Capito and Congressman Mooney's offices; Delegates Paul Espinosa, Riley Moore, Patricia Rucker, and Jill Upson; members of the Berkeley County Commission; Doug Pixler and Elaine Bartoldson of the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority, and Nic Diehl, Director of the Jefferson County Development Authority.

Together the group discussed potential funding sources to continue MARC Train service to the Eastern Panhandle, including contributions from the State General Fund, various municipalities, and neighboring states who also utilize the MARC train service, Federal contributions, a push to increase ridership, and a possible increase in fares. Those involved also discussed creating a working group and appointing members from various affected counties, municipalities, etc. to continue discussing this issue. Secretary Smith stated his office would take the lead in facilitating the first meeting in order to determine the players and the governance of the group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Josh Compton, COMMISSION PRESIDENT

