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## Jefferson County Commission Approves Funding for Sportsplex and Convention Center Feasibility Study

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CHARLES TOWN, WV (February 6, 2025) – Today the Jefferson County Commission approved funding to match the Jefferson County Development Authority (JCDA) in conducting a feasibility study for a potential sportsplex or convention center in the County. This initiative is inspired in part by *The Bridge* Sports Complex in Bridgeport, WV, which has significantly boosted the local economy, generating an estimated \$18 million annually for businesses in and around Bridgeport.

The study will assess the feasibility, economic benefits, and development potential of such a facility in Jefferson County. By leveraging insights from *The Bridge*, Jefferson County aims to determine how a similar investment could support local businesses, attract tourism, and provide new opportunities for residents.

Jefferson County Commission President Pasha Majdi expressed his excitement about the project: "This is a bold step toward something that could transform Jefferson County. A sportsplex or convention center would not only bring in new revenue but also create a dynamic hub for local businesses, families, and young athletes. Imagine our kids competing in top-tier tournaments right here at home and visitors filling our hotels, restaurants, and shops. We're investing in a vision for the future—one that strengthens our economy and enhances the quality of life for everyone in Jefferson County."

The JCDA will present the findings of the study to the Commission later in 2025, helping guide future decisions on potential development and funding strategies.

Please call the Commission Office with questions (304) 728-3284. ##