

SPECIAL SESSION:

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

At a Special Session of the County Commission of said County and State continued and held at The Old Charles Town Library, 200 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414 thereof on Thursday, May 23, 2013, beginning at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: Dale Manuel, President,  
Walt Pellish, Vice President  
Patsy Noland, Jane Tabb and Lyn Widmyer; Commissioners.  
Debbie Keyser, County Administrator, Stephanie Grove, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Cynthia Schott, Administrative Assistant.

RE: **PUBLIC HEARING – On a Draft Ordinance Proposal by the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency for a Jefferson County Special Emergency Service Fee.**

A sign in sheet was provided for anyone wishing to address the Commission.

Commissioner Manuel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Doug Pittinger, Director, Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency (JCESA), made an opening statement explaining the necessity of enacting a fee.

The following citizens addressed the Commission:

- 1) Joe Grodzicki, Charles Town – is in favor of JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 2) Robert Leeper, Kearneysville – is not in favor of the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 3) Bob Aticheson, Charles Town – is not in favor of the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 4) Doug Rockwell, Charles Town – is not in favor of the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 5) Bill Smith, Shenandoah Junction - is not in favor of the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 6) Christie Leeper, Kearneysville – is not a proponent of the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 7) Debbie Royalty, Charles Town – is in support of the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 8) Paul Roasa, Charles Town – is opposed to the JCESA fee ordinance.
- 9) A.J. Myers, resident – is opposed to the JCESA fee ordinance as presented.

- 10) Mark Dyck, representing the Jefferson County Development Authority(JCDA) – read a letter on behalf of the JCDA stating the Authority has some concern with the current proposal and offered assistance in developing a fee structure. They support the concept, not the current proposal.
- 11) Rachel Fluke, Charles Town – is in support of the proposed JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 12) Tamra Trafford, Shepherdstown & JCESA employee – is in support of the proposed JCESA fee ordinance as proposed.
- 13) Don Elgle, Charles Town – is in support of the proposed JCESA fee ordinance as proposed.
- 14) David Tabb, resident – believes the JCESA should handle this fee on their own, not through the County Commission.
- 15) Marshall Demritt, Shepherdstown – is in favor of the proposed JCESA fee ordinance as presented if this is the only means to fund fire departments.
- 16) Ed Smith, President of the Independent Fire Company – is in favor of the proposed JCESA fee ordinance if it helps the fire companies.
- 17) Chris Higdon, President Friendship Fire Company – is in favor of the proposed JCESA fee ordinance as presented.
- 18) Ross Morgan, Fire Chief in Shepherdstown – is in favor of the proposed JCESA fee ordinances as presented if it helps the fire companies.

With there being no further citizens to address the Commission, Commissioner Manuel called the Public Hearing closed. Commissioner Manuel stated written comments will be accepted by mail or email for two weeks.

Upon rising, the Commission recessed at 8:04 p.m. until Thursday morning next beginning at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

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DALE MANUEL, COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Respectively submitted  
Cynthia C. Schott  
Administrative Assistant