

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 County Commission meeting room in the Old Charles Town Library located at 200 E. Washington Street, Charles Town, WV 25414 at 12 p.m. (An audio tape of the November 12, 2013 meeting is available through the Jefferson County Commission Office.)

PRESENT: Dale Manuel, President
Walt Pellish, Vice President
Patsy Noland, Commissioner
Jane Tabb, Commissioner
Lyn Widmyer, Commissioner

Elected Officials
Angie Banks, Assessor
Ralph Lorenzetti, Prosecuting Attorney
Jennifer Maghan, County Clerk

Legislature
The Honorable Herb Snyder, West Virginia Senator
The Honorable Paul Espinosa, West Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Tiffany Lawrence, West Virginia House of Delegates
The Honorable Stephen Skinner, West Virginia House of Delegates

Staff
Debbie Keyser, County Administrator
Jessica Carroll, Administrative Assistant

RE: **Jefferson County Commission 2013 Legislative Summit**

Commissioner Manuel called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

Commissioner Widmyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Jefferson County Commission 2013 Legislative Summit began with the elected officials presenting their legislative concerns and requests to the Commission. Pete Dougherty, Sheriff, was unable to attend, so Debbie Keyser, County Administrator, read Mr. Dougherty's legislative concerns to the public at the request of the Commission. The Commission then worked together to create a list of their top five legislative priorities to present to the Legislature. In no particular order, the Commission agreed upon the following priorities:

- Recapture the Transfer Tax from the State to the County level to assist with regional jail costs.
- Development of a regional in-patient mental health facility to serve county residents in the Eastern Panhandle and reduce costs to each county.

- Salary increase of 20% for elected county officials for 2014, as there is a continued increase in today's litigious environment which requires more work and involvement from Commissioners and elected officials, and there has not been an increase for the past eight years.
- Establishment of a joint Fire and Ambulance Emergency Services Agency Fee that is similar in legislation to the current Ambulance fee. This provision would only be applicable for counties that currently have an Emergency Services Agency Board.
- Reduction of Regional Jail Costs to reduce County costs.

After the Legislators introduced themselves, Commissioner Manuel presented the Commission's priority list, and a discussion was held between the Commissioners and the Legislators for each of these priorities.

Commissioner Manuel thanked everyone for participating in the Jefferson County Legislative Summit and adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.

DALE MANUEL, PRESIDENT

Respectfully submitted
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Executive Administrative Assistant