

# Greater Sissonville Development Council Minutes# 2014

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**August 12, 2014**

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Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: 5:06 pm

Fruit plate supplied by Buddy Burford, owner, Buddy B's Market, 6083 Sissonville Road, Charleston, WV 25312 – Fruit Tray

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 5 pm** in the Sissonville Public Library.

*Voting Members Attending:* Vice President Dana Ferrell, Treasurer Chad Taylor, Secretary Tom Crouser and Board Members Danny Bragg, Tom Miller, Calvin McKinney, Jason Fields, Steve Poyet *Not in attendance:* President Johnnie Brown, Dr. David Santrock, Kevin Shamblin and Earl Scyoc

The meeting was called to order by *Vice President Dana Ferrell* who presided. VP Ferrell declared a quorum was present.

*Guests:* John Luoni, Kanawha County Engineer; L. Bruce and Sue McClung, John Jarman (Sissonville Town & Country Newspaper), Alex Urban, Jacob Miller and Diana Strickland

Tom Miller moved the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with. Tom Crouser seconded. Motion carried.

### *Topics discussed:*

1. **Sissonville recognition** as fastest growing community in West Virginia and the one with the highest level of home ownership.
2. **Sissonville.org website** – Jason Field discussed updates of site especially in recognition of the community's publicity. Dana Ferrell moved, Calvin McKinney seconded that Jason Fields and Tom Crouser update the site. Also discussed SEO (search engine optimization) and increasing Google rankings.
3. **Traffic Signal at Call Road** and Sissonville Drive: discussed that it would be a Department of Highways decision and not the council's. Tom Miller reported that he believes it has been scheduled by the Department of Highways. No motion was made. (Department of Highways, Traffic Engineering is apparently in charge of the installation.) Danny Bragg will follow up with DOH and attempt to find more information.
4. **Sissonville Heritage Festival** – Dianne Strickland reported that the Library was going to do a celebration in conjunction with Sissonville High's homecoming, September 19, 2014. She has arranged for Sissonville High's field to be used by GSDC on Saturday, September 20, 2014 following the game for the Sissonville Heritage Festival. We have no stage as of this time. Rodney Loftis, Jr. was recommended as a contact to perhaps obtain a trailer to use as a stage.

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Discussed that Sissonville Junior High might be a better spot. No motions were made during the discussion.

5. John Jarman introduced as Diane Chandler of Clendenin as new publisher of Sissonville Town & Country newspaper. John is moving back to Florida to be with family and has sold the Town & Country publications to Diane. This includes both the Clendenin Town & Country as well as the Sissonville Town & Country. Diane reported that she had no plans to change anything. Kathy Maynard, her assistant who is primarily responsible for production of the newspapers was also introduced.
6. Rash of Local Fires: mention was made that there had been seven fires in the community since the previous Saturday and that it could be an arsonist(s). Tom Miller of the Sissonville VFD announced that there is a \$5,000 award leading to arrest and conviction of anyone involved in it. Apparently there are currently "persons of interest."

Tom Crouser moved to adjourn, Calvin McKinney seconded and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02

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