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Sissonville Public Library

Meeting started: 5:04 pm

Next Scheduled Meeting: **Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 5 pm** in the Sissonville Public Library.

Voting Members Attending: **President Johnnie Brown, Vice President Dana Ferrell, Secretary Tom Crouser and Board Members Earl Scyoc, Tom Miller and Dr. David Santrock,**

Not in attendance: Treasurer Chad Taylor, Danny Bragg, Jason Fields, Buck Flynn, Lisa Godwin Calvin McKinney, Steve Poyet, and Kevin Shamblin.

Guests: John Luoni, Kanawha County Engineer, Delegate Ron Walters and Brandon Young, Travelers Insurance

The meeting was called to order **at 5:04 pm** by *President Johnnie Brown* who presided. A quorum was declared *“not present.”*

Minutes were not adopted as a quorum was not present.

Delegate Ron Walters update: Governor vetoed all Community Participation Programs but delegates are looking for a supplemental appropriation. Looking into Flint Elementary funding that may be still at Kanawha School Board.

Allen’s Road (not Allen’s Fork) is an orphan road and under state laws, you can only spend \$1,000 per year. Have requested that DOH start filling the pot holes. Pot holes will have to be done first before the drain is tackled.

Next year: going to take the two tax studies and come up with a new way to do taxes. Originally it was designed as an agricultural and industrial state. We’ve now moved on to Internet and more. Don’t think it will be a sweeping reform this year. Probably be phased in over a four to five year period. Discussed value added tax proposal and he proposed that it would have to be about 18% in order to make up the total amount. They have had a public meeting in the Eastern Panhandle and one is scheduled for the Beckley area. Where the two studies recommendations come into accord; they will probably pass.

Prevailing Wage: 50% of contractors in contractors’ association are union and the other half are non-union. Told WorkForce WV to use BLS data but they came before the Joint Committee and said they sent a survey out. In the near future you will see that not all the data was turned over. As of right now, there is no prevailing wage but about half of all contracts say they must use prevailing wage. Working on it. Committee is trying to maintain a revenue neutral situation.

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Question: discussion of Class III properties and what new reassessments will bring (probably lower overall revenue due to closing of certain plants and thus potentially higher property rates will be needed).

Going to honor Sissonville championship teams in January.

Kanawha County Engineer John Luoni: county has been trying to handle high water and flood related issues the past week or so. Clendenin got hit hard, Coal River is high, along with many areas of Sissonville. More rain is expected this evening.

Fall cleanup has not been set yet. Still working with State Bureau of Senior Services to transfer services from Putnam County to another entity that hasn't been identified yet.

New Coonskin bridge to be open and new entrance will be opened sometime by the first of September so you will not be able to enter the way we are accustomed to doing so.

Camp Virgil Tate: President Johnnie Brown reported that bids for timbering at the Camp have not yet been let so he doesn't see a lot of timbering will be accomplished this year. Estimates of \$150,000 or so revenue has been estimated which is less than what was expected. Taking bids to fix the large concrete steps that go up to the lodge but the estimates have come in over anticipated. Trying to get more bids.

Fall Festival: discussed. Sense of group that we don't have the manpower right now.

President Johnnie Brown: When we first started eleven years ago, we put a lot of time and effort into planning. We haven't revisited that. We need something to get energized about and get focused upon and try to get some new members. I would like to get new members and new blood in the organization.

President Brown will distribute the old plan via email to the board. Would like to focus on it over the next couple of meetings.

Sissonville.org URL donation to GSDC in exchange for contribution letter. Eddie Elmore. Quorum is not present. Hold over to the next meeting for a decision. Discussed to get a clean release with no reserve. Tom Miller to send Tom Crouser a sample letter.

Sidewalk gutters: filled with silt after winter. Discussed.

Received response from Department of Highways regarding signage. Council was directed to contact Cindy Cramer (304) 558-3063 DOH as instructed by the DOH commissioner's letter. Discussed. Carried forward to next month.

Support of North Charleston DOH terminal. Dana Ferrell has been communicating with Kenny Hamrick of the garage which covers this area. Suggested that we write a letter to the District

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Engineer in support of North Charleston DOH terminal. Dana said he would investigate to whom to address such a letter and report at the next meeting. **Carried forward to next meeting.**

Announcements

July 25th – NGK having an event, **Add Your Spark**, walk/run with proceeds benefiting Women's and Children's hospital. Would like to have as many people from the community involved as possible. Amanda Taylor of NGK is in charge of the event. Believe registration starts at 7 am and walk begins at 8 am. Entry fee: \$30 per person. Purpose to give children a healthy start.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm

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