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The **2016 Legislative Agenda** represents the Kanawha County Commission's legislative priorities and goals for the 2016 Session of the 82<sup>nd</sup> West Virginia Legislature. The Legislative Agenda is a compilation of important issues the County Commission believes need to be addressed to improve not only the quality of life for citizens of Kanawha County, but also to protect the financial integrity of the County.

*On behalf of Kanawha County and its citizens, the Kanawha County Commission will work with the Legislature on the following issues:*

## **X Business Personal Property**

We oppose any proposed legislation or constitutional amendment to exempt business personal property or to adjust the tax classification and levy rates related to such property. Furthermore, we oppose any attempt to replace the current business personal property county tax revenue generated by increasing the real estate property tax burden on individual property owners.

## **✓ Partial Jail Reimbursement Fund**

We support legislation that would increase revenues deposited into the Regional Jail Operations Partial Jail Reimbursement Fund which is composed of fees collected by magistrate and circuit court.



✓ **Administration of Estates**

We support legislation that would make claims period uniform among in all counties. During the 2015 legislative session, House Bill 2266 changed the claims period from ninety to sixty days in all counties that use a fiduciary commissioner system. Such legislation will make identical change in the counties that have elected to use the fiduciary supervisor system ( W.Va. Code 44-3A-1 et. Seq. Optional procedure for proof and allowance of claims against estate of decedent; county option.) Counties that have elected to optional fiduciary supervisor procedure are as follows: Marion, Summers, Putnam, Greenbrier, Kanawha, Braxton, Jackson, and Berkley.

✓ **Counties Authority to Deduct Delinquent Tax Collection Costs from Distribution to Levying Bodies**

We support legislation to authorize counties to deduct the cost of collection of delinquent taxes from the distribution of tax revenue to levying bodies. This would fairly divide the cost of the special effort between all groups who would share in this additional revenue.

✓ **Redistribution of Proceeds from Excise Tax on Transfer of Real Property**

We support legislation to redistribute an existing excise tax on the transfer of real property so that all monies collected will be paid to the county where the property is situated instead of to the State.

X **Protection of County 911 Fees**

We oppose any attempt to reduce 911 fees revenue distributed to counties.

✓ **Wireless 911 Fees**

We support legislation that would authorize county commissions to impose an additional one dollar per month wireless 911 fee in excess of the current three dollars per month for each valid retail commercial mobile radio service subscription. Further, 100% of the additional one dollar per month wireless fee imposed shall be distributed to the county where the fee was collected.