

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE KANAWHA COUNTY COMMISSION COURTROOM, LOCATED IN CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA THEREOF ON THE 12<sup>th</sup> day OF AUGUST 2021.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2021, BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBER WAS PRESENT:

W. KENT CARPER, PRESIDENT  
BEN SALANGO, COMMISSIONER  
LANCE WHEELER, COMMISSIONER

12:00 p.m. **CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Commissioner Lance Wheeler

Moment of Silence and Recognition

**AGENDA ITEMS**

12:00 p.m. Discussion regarding funding request from the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department in the amount of \$50,000 for assistance with an Education Campaign, PSA's and Social Media Campaigns for COVID-19 Vaccination efforts

Commission President Kent Carper

Commissioner Ben Salango

Commissioner Lance Wheeler

Jeremy Nelson, President, Kanawha-Charleston Board of Health

Jeremy Nelson informed the Commission that the KCHD sent a letter to the Commission asking for the \$50,000 from the PSG fund for assistance in advertising upcoming clinics and making PSA. Commissioner Carper stated when the Commission wrote the budget at the beginning of this year we knew COVID was not over and the Commission added the \$50,000 from the PSG for the Health Department. Commissioner Carper added the money was not earmarked for what the Health Dept had to spend it on. Commissioner Carper stated we are very close to flu season and asked Mr. Nelson if he had any idea where the HD is on flu shots.

Mr. Nelson stated some of this \$50,000 will be used for advertising flu shots as well. Commissioner Carper stated if there is a flu season, it will be a twindemic and the Health Dept. needs to go to the State and ask for money to purchase extra flu vaccinations. Mr. Nelson stated the KCHD would ask the State for that money and any agency willing to do so. Commissioner Carper moved to approve the \$50,000 from Public Safety Grant to the KCHD. Commissioner Salango seconded. Motion carried.

**Discussion regarding TEAM (Together Every Activity Matters) Vaccinate, a vaccination incentive program for Middle School and High School sports teams, cheer squads, bands, and show choirs, to include but not be limited to discussion regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Funds for the incentive program payment**

**Commissioner Ben Salango**

Commissioner Salango stated during last Commission meeting Reverend Watts suggested someone get with the youth & coaches to help encourage vaccinations in teens. Commissioner Salango stated we saw what happen last year with school & COVID. Parents protesting "Let them Play", every activity including games, proms, graduations canceled. Commissioner Salango stated if a school has a team with a 90% vaccinated, they will be eligible for the following contribution directly to their team:

- \$2,500 to a team's booster program for teams with 20 or fewer members;
- \$5,000 to a team's booster program for those teams with 21 to 35 members;
- \$7,500 to a team's booster program for those teams with 36 to 50 members.
- \$10,000 to the team's booster program for teams with 51 or greater members.

Commissioner Salango stated school teams always need money, and the Board of Education just doesn't always have it. This program will include every middle school, high school in Kanawha County along with WVSU and UC. Commissioner Wheeler stated he wished Reverend Watts was here so he could show how much his public comment meant to the Commission.

Commissioner Salango moved to approve Kanawha TEAM Vaccinate. Commissioner Wheeler seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Salango recognized Reverend Watts just walking into the meeting. Commissioner Salango informed the Reverend that he was taking notes when he was speaking at the last Commission meeting because he thought it was a brilliant idea. Commissioner Salango stated the Commission voted to make it 90% to keep from causing a bullying issue. Commissioner Salango stated the goal is to get shots in arms and to keep the kids playing. Commissioner Wheeler informed Reverend Watts that he wished to thank him for speaking at the last meeting and he proved how important the public input is. Commissioner Salango stated the estimate for all sports will be over \$187,500 for high schools and colleges total could be \$105,000. Commissioner Carper said this money would directly benefit the players. Commissioner Salango stated the Commission can work out the details on where

the money will go. It can either go to the school and be earmarked for a specific team or a check directly to that team's boosters. Andrew Gunnoe informed the Commission that outside legal counsel did review the program and agreed this is ARP eligible. Miss Amy Smith, choir director at Nitro High School informed the Commission that COVID ruined their show choir. The group went from 80 members to 26. They were not allowed to sing or perform. The Athletic Director from Sissonville High School informed the Commission that with Sissonville being a more rural area it will be hard to reach the 90% vaccination rate and he asked if the coaches are allowed to ask if they have been vaccinated. Commissioner Salango stated other vaccinations are required to attend any public school and the Commission understands there may be issues. However, the "Let them Play" rally's will be repeated if people are not vaccinated. Commissioner Carper stated he knew there would be pushback from some parents; however, it is better than doing nothing. Commissioner Wheeler stated that is why the Commission made it 90%, we know there will still be parents that say no. Commissioner Salango informed the Athletic Director that he would consider the percentages. Reverend Watts stated the schools needs to get the students that are vaccinated to speak to their peers, they carry more influence than any adult. Reverend Watts stated the power of social media and the youth they can get a message out in minutes. Commissioner Carper stated last year proved virtual learning is a failure and the one way to ensure that schools stay open is to get the kids vaccinated.

THE KANAWHA COUNTY SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 12, 2021, ADJOURNED AT 12:40 P.M., UNTIL THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2021.

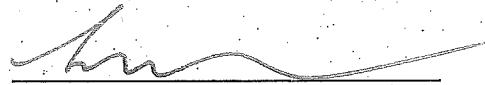
THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2021.



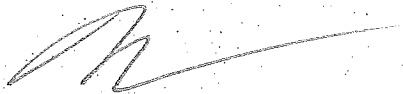
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COUNTY ATTORNEY

# Kanawha TEAM (Together Every Team Matters)

School	Team	# of Members	
Teams fewer than 20 Members			\$ 2,500
Nitro	Golf	3	
Nitro	Cheer	16	
Nitro	Cross Country	14	
Nitro	Boys Soccer	19	
Nitro	Dance Team	11	
St. Albans	Girls Soccer	18	
St. Albans	Golf	10	
St. Albans	Cross Country	9	
So. Chas	Golf	5	
So. Chas	Cross Country	18	
HHHS	Volleyball	18	
HHHS	Golf	13	
HHHS	Cheer	18	
HHHS	Boys Soccer	15	
HHHS	Girls Soccer	15	
HHHS	Cross Country	10	
Sissonville	Boys Soccer	20	
Sissonville	Cross Country	14	
Sissonville	Golf	3	
Sissonville	Cheer	16	
Total		20	\$ 50,000
Teams with 21-35 Members			\$ 5,000
Nitro	Volleyball	24	
Nitro	Girls Soccer	23	
Nitro	Showcats	27	
St. Albans	Boys Soccer	30	
St. Albans	Volleyball	23	
St. Albans	Cheer	27	
So. Chas	Boys Soccer	25	
So. Chas	Girls Soccer	31	
So. Chas	Volleyball	31	
So. Chas	Cheer	22	
HHHS	Band	27	
Sissonville	Football	35	
Sissonville	Girls Soccer	27	
Sissonville	Volleyball	22	
Sissonville	Band	35	
Sissonville	Show Choir	27	
Total		16	\$ 80,000
Teams with 36-50 Members			\$ 7,500
Nitro	Football	48	
Nitro	Band	41	
St. Albans	Football	45	
St. Albans	Band	40	
HHHS	Football	45	
Total		5	\$ 37,500
Teams over 50 Members			\$ 10,000
So. Chas	Football	57	
HHHS	Show Choir	65	
Total		2	\$ 20,000
Fall High School Grand Total			\$ 187,500

## Winter Sports

Girls Basketball  
Boys Basketball  
Wrestling  
Swimming

## Spring Sports

Baseball  
Softball  
Tennis Track

# Kanawha TEAM (Together Every Team Matters)

School	College	Team	# of Members	
Teams fewer than 20 Members				\$ 2,500
WVSU		Golf	4	
WVSU		Womens Tennis	7	
WVSU		Mens Tennis	11	
WVSU		Mens Basketball	20	
WVSU		Womens Basketball	16	
UC		Womens Golf	7	
UC		Mens Golf	16	
UC		Mens Tennis	15	
UC		Womens Tennis	19	
UC		Cheer	20	
UC		Mens Cross Country	17	
UC		Womens Cross Country	15	
UC		Mens Basketball	18	
			Total	13
				<u>\$ 32,500</u>
Teams with 21-35 Members				\$ 5,000
WVSU		Volleyball	26	
UC		Womens Soccer	35	
UC		Mens Varsity Soccer	30	
UC		Volleyball	26	
UC		Womens Basketball	23	
WVSU		Softball	23	
			Total	6
				<u>\$ 30,000</u>
Teams with 36- 50 Members				\$ 7,500
WVSU		Soccer	37	
UC		Mens JV Soccer	37	
WVSU		Baseball	43	
			Total	3
				<u>\$ 22,500</u>
Teams over 50 Members				\$ 10,000
WVSU		Football	112	
UC		Football	121	
			Total	2
				<u>\$ 20,000</u>
				College Grand Total Spring
				<u>\$ 105,000</u>

Spring Sports