

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COMMISSION COURTROOM AT 409 VIRGINIA STREET EAST, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA THEREOF ON THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WAS HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WAS PRESENT:

**LANCE WHEELER, PRESIDENT
BEN SALANGO, COMMISSIONER**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
AT**

5:00 P.M.

The Commission intends to convene as the Board of Review and Equalization and for the purpose of general County business to include, but not be limited to, the signing of Orders, Check Registers, Emergency Checks, Budget Revisions, any other documents relating to County business. All documents will be available for public viewing and inspection.


Public Comment – Howard Swint informed the Commission that he has been battling the PSC for months regarding the WVAWC that is in the email he sent to the Commission. WVAWC is not a leader in our nation in water delivery. There are two sets of customers before Oct. 2003 and after. Mr. Swint said that he couldn't get anyone to tell him if there was an upper water pressure limit on delivery. The water company is putting a cost on the customers that they are to serve. Mr. Swint is hoping the PSC will hear this and stop this from damaging customers' homes. Commissioner Wheeler asked if Mr. Swint ever thought about getting a reducer on his main line. Mr. Swint said yes, we had to go through this complaint in 2001 and they gave them a reducer. Mr. Swint said the homeowner is still responsible for the excessive pressure damage on the lines into your home. Second, the reducers don't have a long life. Commissioner Wheeler said to answer his emails, when Commissioner Wheeler was invited to the event yesterday, he brought up that we don't always agree with WVAWC. This Commission has made it an important mission to complete water projects. Commissioner Wheeler said the Commission has six that are either completed or in the process. WVAWC contributed over \$2M and the Commission recognized the good things they have done. Commissioner Wheeler said that the Commission has no control over the PSC. Commissioner Wheeler asked if Mr. Swint had anything else. Mr. Swint said yes regarding the Charleston Building Commission and CURA regarding the parking garage. There is a dispute about whether the Hull Group can push the garage maintenance and repairs onto the taxpayers. Mr. Swint wished to thank Commissioner Salango when he went public with that, and it explained a lot to him. Mr. Swint said if he read the minutes right that is exactly what their position is. Commissioner Salango said if a private entity purchases the garage, it would not be the responsibility of the taxpayers. Commissioner Salango said that this is a lot of moving parts, and you can now start to see those parts moving for example with the Casci building. Commissioner Salango said that you will see a lot of progress soon. Mr. Swint said he really does think this will change the City for the good.

THE KANAWHA COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024, ADJOURNED AT 5:14pm. UNTIL THE 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES ARE APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.



COUNTY ATTORNEY



COMMISSIONER



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