

HARRISON COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

February 9, 2022

TO: HARRISON COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

RE: MEETING

A meeting of the Harrison County Mayors' Association is scheduled for:

**DATE AND TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: CLARKSBURG CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
222 WEST MAIN STREET
CLARKSBURG, WV**

Please contact Annette Wright, Clarksburg City Clerk, by calling 304-624-1673 or by e-mail at awright@cityofclarksburgwv.com to inform as to whether or not you will be attending the meeting. Also, please extend an invitation to your Councilmembers/City Managers to attend this meeting, as well.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Todd Somers

Todd Somers, President

cc of Agenda to: News Media

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TIME: 6:00 P.M.

**PLACE: CLARKSBURG MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS (2ND FLOOR)
222 WEST MAIN STREET
CLARKSBURG, WV**

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES -
DECEMBER 1, 2021
3. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:
 - A. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RACHEL ROMANO
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICE
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING
 - DISCUSSION REGARDING TEEN COURT
4. COMMENTS BY MAYORS/DISCUSSION OF CONCERNS AND/OR FUTURE TOPICS
5. NEXT MEETING - MARCH 9, 2022
6. ADJOURNMENT

HARRISON COUNTY MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Harrison County Mayors' Association was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Clarksburg City Hall, 222 West Main Street, Clarksburg.

Present: Todd Somers, Mayor (Town of West Milford) – President
Joanie Oliverio (Town of Lost Creek)
Dave Oliverio, Mayor (Town of Lost Creek)
Patrick Kovalck, Mayor (City of Shinnston)
Bobby Samples, Mayor (City of Salem)
Jimmy Marino, Mayor (City of Clarksburg)
Andy Lang, Mayor (City of Bridgeport)
Jeff Barnhart, Recorder (Town of West Milford)
Jim Terango, Mayor (City of Stonewood)
Mike Perri, West Virginia State Treasurer's Office
Mark Kiddy, Police Chief (City of Clarksburg)
Chad Riley, WV State Delegate
Annette Wright, HCMA Recording Secretary, City Clerk (City of Clarksburg)

President Somers called the meeting to order with roll call taken by the Recording Secretary upon arrival.

MOTION by Mayor Kovalck, **SECONDED** by Mayor Lang for approval of the meeting minutes of November 3, 2021. **MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

- **OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER - MIKE PERRI, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPECIALIST** – Mr. Perri apprised that he is the liaison for the Treasurer's Office, covering five counties and making himself available to all the municipalities. Mr. Perri informed that he would be attending the various Council meetings throughout the county to introduce himself and advise of the many programs offered by the Treasurer's Office.
- **ARPA FUNDS - DELEGATE CLAY RILEY** – Discussed the ARPA funding uses which include Covid-19 health relief, assisting essential workers, subsidizing revenue lost due to the pandemic and the development of infrastructure (i.e., water, sewer and broadband). Delegate Riley apprised that the State has received its money, \$1.355 billion, with \$90 million thereof allocated for broadband. The funds must be committed by 2024 and must be spent by 2026. Delegate Riley opined that he could see the State setting up some new programs to promote economic development, create jobs, etc.

Mayor Terango expressed discontent with the inability to utilize ARPA funds toward the USDA loan that they have already applied for and USDA is unwilling to make a change to the loan application. Mayor Terango remarked that the Town wanted to keep costs down for the citizens that have to pay the bill and they did not want to have to pass that increase onto the citizens. Delegate Riley stated that he would talk to Auditor McCuskey regarding this matter.

- **POLICE CIVIL SERVICE MATTERS (ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ETC.) - CHIEF WALKER AND CHIEF KIDDY** – Clarksburg Police Chief Mark Kiddy informed of a change to State Code that now allows the hiring of individuals on the police eligibility list when there is less than three individuals remaining on said list. Chief Kiddy commented that changes may be able to be made under Home Rule to benefit respective municipalities. Chief Kiddy opined that something that needed to be looked into is a way to hire certified officers without going through the lengthy eligibility list process.
- **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMUNITY SERVICE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING**
- **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION REGARDING TEEN COURT** - Mayor Terango noted the community service alternative sentencing options that were at one time available and how such programs benefited the communities. Mayor Samples stated that his Council was interested in information on Teen Court. The Association was in agreement to invite Prosecuting Attorney Rachel Romano to the next meeting to discuss these proposed programs/ideas in more detail.

COMMENTS BY MAYORS/DISCUSSION OF CONCERN AND/OR FUTURE TOPICS

The following items were noted for the next/future agendas:

- Community Service Alternative Sentencing
- Teen Court
- Alternative Energy
- Continue the discussion regarding volunteer fire departments
- Region VI representative
- Mayor Samples suggested a presentation by North Western College

The Association was in agreement to meet on the second Wednesday of every month.

Meeting adjourned.

President

Approved: _____

(Date)

Secretary/Treasurer