

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2009, at the City of Morgantown Public Safety Building in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Chris Fletcher, Member
Brian Jones, Member

The following members participated by teleconference:

Edwin Bowman, Member
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member
Jim Morgan, Member
Emmett S. Pugh III, Member (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

The following member was absent:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Kelley Goes)

Others present:

Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League (teleconference)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Emmett Pugh. It was reported that notice of the meeting was lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Members Jim Morgan and Edwin Bowman abstained from voting.

Chair's Report

The chairman did not give a formal report. However, he expressed concern that the home rule proposals are not advancing very quickly. Despite the sluggish momentum, Chair Pugh is hopeful the cities make greater progress before the law sunsets.

Additionally, Chair Pugh communicated that the City of Huntington, the West Virginia Insurance Commission, and the West Virginia Insurance Federation are participating in good faith discussions about the debris removal ordinance and indicated that proposed legislation resolving the issue may be forth coming. Similarly, Lisa Dooley of the West Virginia Municipal League furnished a brief summary of a meeting held on August 14 with the Governor and other interested parties regarding the same. Ms. Dooley explained that the cities of Charleston and Wheeling are interested in the outcome as well.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

The members received progress reports from the cities of Bridgeport and Huntington. These documents are included as part of the official meeting minutes.

During a brief discussion regarding the reports from Bridgeport and Huntington, Chair Pugh reiterated that the group was established merely as an overview board.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Board was reminded that the next meeting is slated to be held on Thursday, November 19 in Morgantown. Written reports will be requested from Charleston and Wheeling.

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