

**WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010**

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at the West Virginia Development Office in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Jon Amores (designee for Development Office Executive Director Kelley Goes)  
Jim Morgan, Member  
Emmett S. Pugh III, Member (designee for the Honorable Joe Manchin III)

The following members participated by teleconference:

Chris Fletcher, Member  
Brian Jones, Member  
Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member

The following member was absent:

Edwin Bowman, Member

Others present:

Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League  
Susan Economou, City of Charleston  
Paul Ellis, City of Charleston  
Jack Harrison, Charleston City Council  
Charles Holley, City of Huntington  
Brandi Jacobs-Jones, City of Huntington  
Scott McClure, City of Huntington  
Charles Roskovensky, West Virginia House of Delegates

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 by Jon Amores to approve the minutes of the Thursday, August 20, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Jones and unanimously approved. Member Jim Morgan abstained from voting.

#### Chair's Report

The chairman did not give a formal report. He expressed his gratitude to the cities for what they have accomplished thus far and encouraged them to continue with the implementation of their proposals. In addition, Member Jim Morgan informed the group that the House of Delegates Government Organization Committee may want to meet with the Board to quantify the successes of the Municipal Home Rule cities.

#### Old Business

It was noted that a ruling was made as regards the annexation of acreage in Harrison County. The Court ordered that the City of Bridgeport's petition for appeal be granted and that the May 21, 2009, order of the county commission which granted Clarksburg's application for annexation be reversed, set aside, and vacated.

#### New Business

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

Additionally, Jon Amores noted that House Bills 4038 (statutory lien on fire insurance proceeds for debris removal) and 4034 (vacant building registration program) resulting from issues of current home rule cities passed during the recent legislative session. He advised the group that the Governor is very interested in assisting the cities as conflicts arise.

#### Adjournment

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

The Board was reminded that the next meeting will be on Thursday, June 17 in Morgantown.

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