

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

A meeting/teleconference of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at the State Capitol in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following member was present:

Joshua Jarrell (designee for Development Office Executive Director Keith Burdette)

The following members participated by teleconference:

Chris Fletcher, Member

Brian Jones, Member

Jim Morgan, Member

Floyd (Kin) McKinley Sayre III, Member

Patsy Trecost II (designee for the Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin)

The following member was absent:

Herb Snyder, Member

Others present by teleconference:

Lisa Dooley, West Virginia Municipal League

Susan Economou, City of Charleston

Paul Ellis, City of Charleston

The meeting was called to order by Chair Trecost. 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 Kin Sayre to approve the minutes of the Thursday, August 8, 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Ex-officio Member Jim Morgan abstained from voting.

Chair's Report

Chair Trecoast did not furnish a report.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Lisa Dooley informed the membership that the West Virginia Municipal League has partnered with the law firm of Spilman, Thomas and Battle (specifically Brian Helmick) to conduct application workshops in cities as needed/requested. Furthermore, she anticipates at least 14 cities to make application under the new Phase II Home Rule Program.

Member Kin Sayre initiated general discussion focusing on the home rule application selection process. As other members contributed to the conversation, it was determined that the membership should carefully review the current internal "Application Review/Procedures Checklist" and the proposed "Phase II Procedural Rules" and recommend modifications to the staff as deemed necessary. Staff will update the documents accordingly for the Board's consideration at the next meeting and for subsequent promulgation to interested cities.

Also, Lisa Dooley submitted several criteria elements for consideration by the Board.

Equally important, Member Brian Jones noted that the Board should continue to actively support legislation for common, widespread issues that new cities may propose in home rule applications. In addition, he would like the Board to be cognizant of the needs of all towns regardless of their classification.

Adjournment

Members agreed that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be held on January 9 at 10:30 a.m. in Bridgeport if accommodations could be arranged. Current home rule cities, as well as officials from the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue, would be encouraged to participate at this meeting. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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