

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

A virtual special meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at the Department of Revenue, State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Dave Hardy (designee for the Honorable Jim Justice)

The following members were on the phone:

James Bailey, Member  
Mark Polen, Member  
Brian Jones, Member  
Dan Vriendt, Member

The following members were absent:

Honorable Mark Maynard, West Virginia Senate  
Honorable Brandon Steele, West Virginia House of Delegates

Others present:

Allen Prunty, Deputy Secretary and General Counsel, WV Dept. of Revenue  
Anoop Bhasin, Deputy General Counsel, WV Dept. of Revenue

Others present on the phone:

Susan Economou, WV Municipal League  
Geraldine Roberts, Attorney for the City of Elkins  
Jerry Marco, Mayor, City of Elkins  
Steve Himes, Fire Chief, City of Elkins

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hardy at 10:30 a.m. It was reported that the notice of the meeting was lawfully given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was convened. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Vriendt and seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

## Chair's Report

None.

## Old Business

### Opinion of the Attorney General Regarding Court Fees:

Anoop Bhasin, Department of Revenue Deputy General Counsel, gave a report of the findings of the Attorney General's Opinion.

### Elkins Proposed Amendments - Continued from January 19, 2022:

- Municipal Court Technology and Maintenance Fee, and Assignment of Court Costs for Municipal Court Proceedings - Ms. Roberts presented the proposed amendments to raise the municipal court technology and maintenance fee from \$1.00 to \$10.00 per convicted individual, and to be able to raise the municipal court administrative fee to \$65 for each convicted individual to the Board. A brief discussion took place and a motion to approve was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Vriendt. The motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.
- Geraldine Roberts, counsel for the City of Elkins, wanted clarification as to whether the raising of the maximum age to apply for entry-level civil service fire positions that came before the Board at the January 19, 2022 meeting had in fact been passed and if the Board needed to take further action on that request. She was informed that the initiative had been passed and that the City of Elkins was approved for that matter.

## New Business

None.

## Next Meeting

Chair Hardy announced the next meeting will take place on July 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

## Other Business

None.

## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn until July 20, 2022, was made by Mr. Vriendt and seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The meeting concluded at 10:54 a.m.