

WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

A meeting of the West Virginia Municipal Home Rule Board was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Department of Revenue, State Capitol Complex in Charleston, West Virginia.

The following members were present:

Larry Pack (designee for the Honorable Jim Justice)  
Mark Polen, Member  
James Bailey, Member  
Dan Vriendt, Member  
Honorable Jack Woodrum, Senator, West Virginia Senate

The following members appeared via telephone:

Brian Jones, Member

The following members were absent:

Honorable Chris Phillips, West Virginia House of Delegates

Others present:

Anoop Bhasin, Deputy General Counsel, WV Dept. of Revenue

Others present via telephone:

Anna Harvey, Town of Anmoore  
Wendy Posey, Town of Anmoore  
Joshua Thompson, Town of Pineville  
Aaron Hatfield, Mayor, Town of Pineville  
Victoria Knight Clay, Recorder, Town of Pineville  
Susan Economou, WV Municipal League

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pack at 10:31 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 October 11, 2023, meeting was made by Mark Polen and seconded by Brian Jones. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

## Chair's Report

None.

## Old Business

None.

## New Business

### Town of Pineville:

- Chair Pack confirmed that the Town of Pineville complied with all legal requirements as provided in WV Code § 8-1-5a in order to submit their proposed plan application to the Home Rule Board. The Town of Pineville proposes to implement the 1% sales and use tax.
- Chair Pack asked for a motion to accept the Town of Pineville into the Home Rule Program. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and was seconded by Mr. Polen. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Joshua Thompson presented the proposed plan application for the Town of Pineville. A brief discussion regarding the proposal of the 1% municipal sales and use tax was held, and a motion was made to approve the plan application by Mr. Polen, with a second by Mr. Jones. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

### Town of Anmoore:

- Chair Pack confirmed that the Town of Anmoore complied with all legal requirements as provided in WV Code § 8-1-5a in order to submit their proposed plan application to the Home Rule Board. The Town of Anmoore proposes to implement the following: 1) on-the-spot citations for code violations concerning public nuisance, safety, and health; 2) disposition of town property without auction; and 3) implement a 1% municipal sales, service, and use tax.
- Chair Pack asked for a motion to accept the Town of Anmoore into the Home Rule Program. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and was seconded by Mr. Polen. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- Anna Harvey, Volunteer Project Coordinator, and Wendy Posey, Town Council Member, presented the proposed plan application for the Town of Anmoore. A brief discussion was held regarding each proposed initiative. It was suggested that a cap of \$10,000 be amended into the Town's plan

application with regards to the disposition of town property without auction. A motion to amend this initiative was made by Mr. Bailey with a second by Mr. Polen. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. A motion was made to approve the plan application as amended and as a whole by Mr. Polen, with a second by Mr. Vriendt. The motion was carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

#### Other Business

- Anoop Bhasin, Managing General Counsel, Department of Revenue gave a brief legislative update on bills affecting the Municipal Home Rule Program that have been introduced so far in the 2024 Legislative Session.

#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bailey with a second by Mr. Polen. The meeting concluded at 11:03 a.m.