

## **Minutes**

Wyoming County Planning Commission

July Board of Directors Meeting

July 27, 2016, 12:00 pm

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, Saulsville, West Virginia

**Call to Order:** 12:20 pm

**Roll Call:** Present: Christy Laxton, David Lord, Stephanie Lusk, Jackie Whitley, David “Bugs” Stover and Sue Cline.

Absent: Dvon Duncan, Tim Ellison, Michael E. Cook, Everett Frazier, Dwight Shorter, Jr., Michael Cochran, Vicki Clay, Larry Mathis and Dale Stewart.

**Introduction of Guests:** Christy DeMuth, WVU Law Clinic; Ruby Ingram, Wyoming County Farm to School; John Conley, Independent Herald; and Beth Lewis, RAIL VISTA.

**Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2016 meeting:** Bugs Stover made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2016. The motion was seconded by David Lord and the motion was unanimously approved.

### **New Business:**

**Under New Business,** President Laxton discussed the Community Fund Grant Application. President Laxton presented the sample Community Grant Applications provided by Beckley Area Foundation. After discussion from the board, it was decided that final approval of a grant application will be approved in October for a Spring grant award. The approved application will be presented to Beckley Area Foundation by November 1<sup>st</sup> and the deadline will be March 31<sup>st</sup> to include potential Boy Scout Projects as well.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Under Unfinished Business,** President Laxton asked Christy DeMuth to discuss the comprehensive plan. Discussion followed and handouts were distributed. The Stakeholder Interview Status was reviewed. Emphasis was placed on how important it is for the municipalities to participate in the process for them to be able to adopt the county plan as their plan. Chapter 2 was discussed on vision and goals. A FINAL DRAFT will be presented in October and the FINAL Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan will be presented in December 2016. There will need to be an open house and public survey completed in November 2016, then the adoption of the plan will take place in December/January. Mrs. DeMuth also added that the final draft will be reviewed by the public and we will have to follow the appropriate process for that to be officially approved as well. Further information will be provided at the October meeting.

**Great Eastern Trail Update** – Still having issues with Liability Insurance and concerns from the property owners.

**Scenic Drive Update** – Jackie Whitley gave a brief update on the corridor management plan. Sue Cline noted that signs are something that they would like to work on in the immediate future.

**Brownfields Clean-Up Grant** – President Laxton informed the Commission that the engineers are working on Sampling Analysis Plans that will then have to be approved by both WV DEP and the US EPA. The process is going much slower than they expected, but should still be completed by the end of the grant period, September 30, 2017.

**Groundwork Southern WV** – Sue Cline stated that Lily Kay is now working for Groundwork.

**Guyandotte Water Trail** – Sue Cline stated that Kody Crawford is working on water events and the mapping of the water trail.

**Wyoming County Day 2017** – President Laxton announced that Wyoming County Day at the Capitol in Charleston is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017.

**Wyoming County Community Fund** – President Laxton announced that the Annual Scholarship Fundraiser BINGO will take place on October 8th. Once school is back in, she will get the details of the location, but for convenience and space, Pineville Elementary is the best fit if they will volunteer to let us use the school again. Once the school is determined, it will then be determined who will do the concession. Ruby offered to allow Baileysville to do the concession if nobody at Pineville wanted to do it this year.

**Other Business:**

Ruby Ingram announced that the Farmers Market is at the MOC every Thursday from 10am-2pm through the end of September.

**Next Meeting Date:** October 26, 2016, 12:00 PM, at Southern WV Community & Technical College.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM from a motion made by Bugs Stover and seconded by David Lord.