

**AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**

**PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CARL HEVENER, PRESIDENT AND ROGER DAHMER**

**OTHERS PRESENT: ELISE WHITE, COUNTY CLERK; KAREN PITSENBARGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; LAURA BROWN, EDA DIRECTOR/BROADBAND COUNCIL MEMBER; JP MOWERY, PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS BUSINESS MANAGER/TREASURER; CHARLES HEDRICK, PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT; TRAVIS HEAVNER, PENDLETON COUNTY SCHOOLS DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION**

President Hevener called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Laura Brown, EDA Director & Broadband Council member, updated the Commission on the 2023 LEAD #2 grant application that is due to be submitted this week. Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone (SKSRT), has submitted three different projects under this grant as follows:

Project 1 consisting of 83 addresses - Dickenson Mountain to Route 33

Project 2 consisting of 129 addresses – Smith Creek, Mt. Hope, Reeds Creek

Project 3 consisting of 112 addresses – Thorn Creek, Sandy Ridge, Broad Run, Millers Run

SKSRT is contributing approximately \$199,000 of their own funds. The Broadband Council is requesting the Commission to pledge \$200 per address passed for this grant as matching funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were earmarked for broadband.

On motion of Commissioner Dahmer, vote unanimous, the above request was approved.

Charles Hedrick and JP Mowery, Pendleton County Schools, informed the Commission that they are looking at ways to finance a proposed athletic facility. One way to do this would be through the Pendleton County Building Commission. They would transfer the property to the Building Commission, lease it back from them, and rental payments would go to paying off the debt. Once the debt was paid off, the Building Commission would transfer the property back to the schools.

They plan to put out for bid and if the bids are reasonable, would like to move forward and meet with the Building Commission.

Commissioners Hevener and Dahmer stated that they saw no issues with the school moving forward with this endeavor.

**ORDERED THAT COMMISSION DO ADJOURN ON MOTION OF COMMISSIONER DAHMER, VOTE UNANIMOUS.**

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President