

AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CARL HEVENER, PRESIDENT AND ROGER DAHMER AND JIMMIE BENNETT

COUNTY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: KAREN PITSENBARGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; ELISE WHITE, COUNTY CLERK; APRIL MALLOW, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Commissioner Hevener called the special meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

On motion of Commissioner Dahmer, all Commissioners voting in the affirmative, they convened into Executive Session at 8:41 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

No decisions were made in executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett, all Commissioners voting in the affirmative, to end the Executive Session at 2:25 p.m.

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

President

AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PENDLETON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS CARL HEVENER, PRESIDENT AND ROGER DAHMER AND JIMMIE BENNETT

COUNTY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: KAREN PITSENBARGER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; ELISE WHITE, COUNTY CLERK; APRIL MALLOW, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Commissioner Hevener called the special meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Dahmer, all Commissioners voting in the affirmative, they convened into Executive Session at 12:01 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

No decisions were made in executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Dahmer, all Commissioners voting in the affirmative, to end the Executive Session at 12:58 p.m.

Dayne Davis, Pendleton County Economic and Development Authority (PCEDA) chairperson, introduced Jay Mongold, Grant County Economic and Development Authority (GCEDA) chairperson, Derek Nesselrodt, GCEDA vice-chair, Jim Lensenmeyer, Regional Manager West Virginia Economic and Development Authority (WVEDA), and Josh Jarrell, attorney with Spillman, Thomas & Battle.

Laura Brown, PCEDA Director, introduced Sherry Mongold as the new secretary for PCEDA. Mr. Davis discussed with the Commission the joint venture they were working towards with GCEDA to form a regional development authority consisting of the two counties. He mentioned the larger impact and advantages there would be with them working jointly, in areas such as marketing and grants.

He stated that each county's commissioners would be appointing seven members to the regional development authority as per the recommendations under WV Code §7-12-3. The current EDA's boards would remain as advisory boards and would not be voting members on the regional level.

Mr. Jarrell mentioned that each of the Commissions would need a resolution authorizing the local EDAs to form a regional development authority. Each individual EDA would also need to amend and restate their by-laws.

Commissioner Hevener thanked the GCEDA and PCEDA for working towards this joint venture.

The director of the new regional development authority will be Laura Brown. Buddy Butler with New South Media will be assisting with determining the new name and branding of the regional authority.

On motion of Commissioner Dahmer, all Commissioners voting in the affirmative, they convened into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

No decisions were made in executive session. Motion was made by Commissioner Dahmer, all Commissioners voting in the affirmative, to end the Executive Session at 4:45 p.m.

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

President