

COUNTY COMMISSION OF LEWIS COUNTY

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COMMISSIONERS:
Agnes Queen, Commissioner
Patrick Boyle, Commissioner
Rod Wyman, Commissioner

LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION
110 Center Avenue, 2nd Floor
Weston, WV 26452
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 7, 2020

SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. 10:00 AM **Call Meeting to Order**
2. 10:05 AM **Organizational Meeting***(action required)*
RE: As required by West Virginia State Code§7-1-1, the Lewis County Commission will recess the regular meeting and convene their 2020 Organizational Meeting. The Organizational Meeting is under separate agenda attached to this document. Upon adjournment of the Organizational Meeting, the Lewis County Commission will reconvene into regular session.
(action required)

APPOINTMENTS

3. 10:10 AM **John Breen, Lewis County Assessor**
RE: Exonerations, Consolidations, Apportionments
Draft copies will be available for review on Friday, January 3, 2020.
(action required)
4. 10:15 AM **Terri Flint and Kim Nicholson, HOPE , Inc.**
RE: Proclamation: Human Trafficking Awareness Month: The Lewis County Commission will be asked to execute a proclamation declaring January 2020 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Lewis County. *(action required)*
5. 10:20 AM **Terri Flint and Kim Nicholson, HOPE Inc.**
RE: Proclamation: Stalking Awareness Month
The Lewis County Commission will be asked to execute a proclamation declaring January 2020 as Stalking Awareness Month in Lewis County.
(action required)

CORRESPONDENCE

6. **Upshur County Commission Meeting Agenda:** The Upshur County Commission meeting agenda for December 19, 2019 is presented for review. *(information only)*
7. **Notification of Grant Workshop:** A grant Workshop sponsored by Congressman Alex Mooney on January 27, 2020 from 10am to 3pm will be held in Martinsburg, West Virginia. *(information only)*
8. **Property Valuation Training and Procedures Commission (PVC) Monitoring Report:** The Property Valuation Training and Procedures Commission (PVC) met to review the results of the monitoring activity for the Tax Year 2019 and it was found that there have been deficiencies in the Assessor's Office during the last five years. The Assessor is asked to appear before the PVC with future plans to address these deficiencies and bring the county into compliance. *(information only)*
9. **West Virginia Air National Guard Expansion of Evers Military Operations Area:** The West Virginia Air National Guard West Virginia Air National Guard extends an opportunity to send a representative to address questions and concerns that may be regarding the proposed expansion of the Evers Military Operations Area (MOA). This area services air space over West Virginia and Northern Virginia. *(information only)*
10. **Senator Joe Manchin Response Regarding Frontier Communications:** Senator Manchin has had communication with Frontier on improving their infrastructure in Lewis County. At this time Frontier has no plans to upgrade wireline infrastructure in Lewis County but the Public Service Commission is conducting an audit of Frontier's service quality. Senator Manchin recommends that Lewis County provide information about Frontier service by filing on the WVPSC website. Lewis County has already filed for this audit. *(information only)*

BUSINESS

11. **Boards and Committee Meetings:** Commissioners will give reports on any board(s) or committee(s) meeting attended including: North Central West Virginia Airport Authority *(information only)*.
11. **Internal Revenue Rates for Mileage and Per Diem for 2020:** The Lewis County Commission will review the 2020 Internal Revenue Rates for consideration of adoption. *(action required)*
12. **Lewis County Commission Policy for Security of Voting Equipment:** The Lewis County Commission is asked to approve a policy in compliance with West Virginia Code §3-4A-10 and §3-4A-26 regarding security of county voting equipment. *(action required)*
13. **Appointment of Emergency Absentee Voter Ballot Commissioners:** In accordance with West Virginia Code §3-3-5C the Lewis County Commission is asked to approve Stella W. Poling, Non-Partisan and Terri L. Walker, Republican, to serve as a Emergency Absentee Voter Ballot Commissioners for the February 8, 2020 Lewis County Board of Education Levy election. *(action required)*
14. **Emergency Absentee Voting Policy:** The Lewis County Commission is asked to execute an Emergency Voting Policy per West Virginia Code §3-3-5C. *(action required)*
15. **Lewis County Fire Board Member Appointments:** The Lewis County Firefighters Association requests the Lewis County Commission appoint Steve Byers (Firefighter) and William Everett (Citizen) as members of the Lewis County Fire Board. If appointed Mr. Byers term will expire 6/30/22 and Mr. Everett will fill an unexpired term ending 6/30/21. *(action required)*
16. **Approval to Hire Temporary Assistant Prosecuting Attorney:** Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney, Christina Flanigan requests advice and consent per West Virginia Code §7-7-7 to hire a temporary Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. This is to fill the vacancy created by resignation and military leave of absence. *(action required)*

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LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA JANUARY 7, 2020

1. **Call to order 10:00 AM**
2. **Election of President for the 2020 Year (in accordance with WV Code Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 1) (action required)**
3. **Oath of Office for the Commission President (action required)**
4. **Hours of Operation (action required)**
 - Currently Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM except on holidays as determined under item 10 of this agenda.
5. **Notice and Schedule of County Commission Meetings for 2020 (action required) (list attached)**
6. **Agenda: Notice of Meetings and Meeting Management (action required)**
 - a. Regular Meeting Agendas will be posted and available to the public before closure two (2) business days prior to meeting dates.
 - b. Agenda matters to be reviewed and/or considered during the meeting are at the discretion of the County Commission or as required by statute.
 - c. Appointment to speak with the County Commission must be scheduled before 10:00 AM three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Appointments will be given a ten (10) minute time allowance.
 - d. Agenda items may require an executive session.
 - e. Open discussion by the Commission unless executive session is motioned per WV Code §6-9A-4.
 - f. Input or recommendation from other constitutional officials, staff or public that are not listed specifically on the agenda will only be allowed if requested by the Commission or if required by statute.
 - g. If not scheduled on the agenda you must sign up for public comment fifteen (15) minutes at a minimum prior to the start of a meeting. No decisions can be made by the Commission. Public Comment is limited to five (5) minutes per person.
 - h. Motion required for consideration of vote-no second required.
 - i. All votes unanimous unless otherwise stated.

- j. Roberts Rules of Order are utilized as a guide only. The Commission controls meeting management, discussion and input.
- k. Commissioners may participate and vote via conference call if two (2) commissioners are in attendance.

7. Schedule Board of Equalization Meetings*(action required)*

- Designate February 26th (Minerals only as set by the WV State Tax Department), January 31, February 3, February 7, February 13 and February 20, 2020 for Board of Equalization and Review. All meetings will be held at 10:00 AM in the Lewis County Commission Meeting Room, Lewis County Courthouse, 110 Center Avenue, 2nd Floor, Weston, WV 26452 with the exception of the February 26th Mineral Hearing Date which will begin at 10:00 AM at the same location.

8. Date to Lay the Levy (as set by WV Code) *(action required)*

- Lewis County Commission will meet to lay the levy for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year the 3rd Tuesday in April (April 21, 2020) at 9:00 AM.

9. Appointment of Lewis County Commission or representative to boards/committees for 2020.
(action required) (list of boards and committees attached).

10. Approval of 2020 Holiday Schedule *(action required) (list attached)*

**The Lewis County Commission will now continue with the
January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting.**

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ROD WYMAN
Commissioner

Notice of Regular Meetings for 2020

The Commissioners of the County Commission of Lewis County hold regular meetings every Tuesday (unless a State or Federal Holiday) from 10:00a.m., prevailing time, until the close of business or adjournment sine die, at the Lewis County Commission Meeting Room located at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, 110 Center Avenue, Weston, West Virginia. This will be the location for all Commission Meetings, unless specified by special notice. All meetings are open to the press and public and any person interested in such are encouraged to attend.

President, Lewis County Commission

Date: January 7, 2020

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LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING DATES 2020

Tuesday, January 7, 2020	Tuesday, January 14, 2020	Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	Tuesday, February 4, 2020	Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Tuesday, March 17, 2020	Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	Tuesday, April 7, 2020	Tuesday, April 14, 2020
Tuesday, April 21, 2020	Tuesday, April 28, 2020	Tuesday, May 5, 2020
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	Tuesday, May 19, 2020	Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Tuesday, June 23, 2020	Tuesday, June 30, 2020	Tuesday, July 7, 2020
Tuesday, July 14, 2020	Tuesday, July 21, 2020	Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Tuesday, August 4, 2020	Tuesday, August 11, 2020	Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Tuesday, August 25, 2020	Tuesday, September 1, 2020	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Tuesday, September 15, 2020	Tuesday, September 22, 2020	Tuesday, September 29, 2020
Tuesday, October 6, 2020	Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Tuesday, October 20, 2020
Tuesday, October 27, 2020	Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Tuesday, November 17, 2020	Tuesday, November 24, 2020	Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Tuesday, December 8, 2020	Tuesday, December 15, 2020	Tuesday, December 22, 2020
Tuesday, December 29, 2020		

APPROVED:

JANUARY 7, 2020

PRESIDENT
LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION

LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION

MEETING MANAGEMENT

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**LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION
BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2020**

BOARD/COMMITTEE	2019 REPRESENTATIVE	2020 REPRESENTATIVE
Lewis County Ambulance Authority	Commissioner Wyman	
26 th Judicial Circuit Community Corrections	Commissioner Wyman	
Lewis County Convention & Visitors Bureau	Commissioner Wyman	
Lewis County 911 Advisory Board	Commissioner Boyle	
Lewis County Fire Board	Commissioner Wyman	
Lewis Upshur Local Emergency Planning Committee	Cindy Whetsell, County Administrator	
Lewis County Economic Development Authority	Commissioner Queen	
Lewis County Safe Sites and Structures	Commissioner Queen	
Lewis County Park Board	Commissioner Queen	
Region VII Planning & Development Council	Commissioner Queen	
WVU Extension Service	Commissioner Boyle	
Region VI Workforce Investment Board	Commissioner Wyman	
Lewis County Planning Commission	Cindy Whetsell, County Administrator	

Any Commissioner may attend the following:
 Lewis County Firefighters Association
 Lewis Gilmer Solid Waste
 Lewis County REAP

Lewis County Courthouse Holiday Schedule 2020

January 1, 2020	Wednesday	New Years Day
January 20, 2020	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 17, 2020	Monday	Presidents Day
May 12, 2020	Tuesday	Primary Election Day
May 25, 2020	Monday	Memorial Day
June 19, 2020	Friday	WV Day Observed
July 3, 2020	Friday	Independence Day Observed
September 7, 2020	Monday	Labor Day
October 12, 2020	Monday	Columbus Day
November 3, 2020	Tuesday	General Election Day
November 11, 2020	Wednesday	Veterans Day
November 26 & 27	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24, 2020	Thursday	1/2 Day Christmas Eve
December 25, 2020	Friday	Christmas Day
December 31, 2020	Thursday	1/2 New Years Eve

Plus any other day(s) declared by the President and/or Governor.

President

Lewis County Commission

[commissioners-listserv] 2020 PAY/HOLIDAY Calendar from the State of WV

From: Kathy Yates (kathy@wvaco.org)

To: commissioners-listserv@wvaco.org; sheriffs-listserv@wvaco.org; clerks-listserv@wvaco.org; assessors-listserv@wvaco.org; circuitclerks-listserv@wvaco.org; prosecutors-listserv@wvaco.org

Date: Monday, December 16, 2019, 12:56 PM EST



2020 Pay/Holiday Calendar

JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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Jan 1	New Year's Day	May 25	Memorial Day	Oct 12	Columbus Day	Nov 27	Day After Thanksgiving
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr.	Jun 19	West Virginia Day (Observed)	Nov 3	General Election Day	Dec 24	Christmas Eve (1/2 Day)
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 Pay Day
 Holiday
 Pay Day/Holiday

HAPPY MONDAY!

Kathy Yates
Member Services
WVACO
WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, since 2007 the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) has been tracking hotline calls from across the nation; and

Whereas, according to NHTH, West Virginia has had 358 hotline calls totaling 99 cases: and

Whereas, in 2017, 8,759 cases of human trafficking were reported to the NHTH, representing over 10,000 individual victims, almost 5,000 potential traffickers, and more than 1,500 businesses involved in human trafficking; and

Whereas, Human Trafficking is significantly under reported nationally and throughout West Virginia; and

Whereas, the Lewis County community has come together to support victims of human trafficking and provide much needed services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lewis County Commission hereby proclaims the month of January 2020 to be —
NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

And urges all citizens to participate actively in scheduled events and programs to eliminate Human Trafficking.

President _____

Commissioner _____

Commissioner _____

Attest: _____ Lewis County Clerk

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, under the laws of all fifty states, the US Territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime;

Whereas, 6-7.5 million people were stalked in a one-year period in the United States, and many victims are stalked by someone they know;

Whereas, 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner had been stalked by that intimate partner;

Whereas, many stalking victims lose time from work and experience serious psychological distress and lost productivity at a much higher rate than the general population;

Whereas, many stalking victims are forced to protect themselves by relocating, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders;

Whereas, many stalkers use technology---such as cell phones, global positioning systems (GPS), cameras, and spyware---to monitor and track their victims;

Whereas, there is a need for great public awareness about the nature, criminality, and potential lethality of stalking;

Whereas, communities can better combat stalking by adopting multidisciplinary responses by teams of local agencies and organizations and by providing more and better victim services; and

Whereas, HOPE INC. is joining forces with other victim service providers, Lewis County Commission, Criminal Justice Officials, and Concerned Citizens throughout Lewis County WV and the United States to observe:

JANUARY 2020 as STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lewis County Commission hereby proclaims the month of January 2020 to be NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH and applaud the efforts of the may victim service providers, police officers, prosecutors, national and community organizations and private sector supporters for their efforts in promoting awareness about stalking.

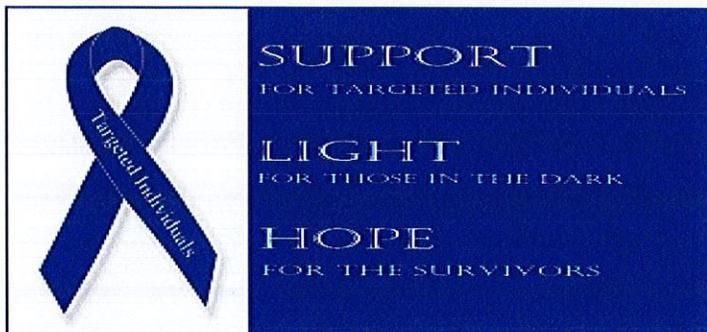
President: _____

Commissioner: _____

Commissioner: _____

Attest: _____

Lewis County Clerk



Upshur County Commission Meeting Agenda

Agenda packets are available electronically at http://www.upshurcounty.org/agenda_and_minutes/index.php or by request to the Upshur County Commission Office at 304-472-0535

Location of Meeting: Upshur County Courthouse Annex

Date of Meeting: December 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. Moment of Silent Meditation --- Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

- December 12, 2019

Items for Discussion / Action / Approval:

1. Order appointing the Sheriff of Upshur County as the Administrator for the Estate of Ronnie W. Jackson, deceased. *
2. Correspondence from Tasha Harris, WVU Extension Agent, requesting the donation of pool passes to utilize as auction / raffle items during the Upshur County Youth Livestock Association elimination dinner to be held on January 18, 2020. *
3. Review suggested revisions to the Upshur County Floodplain Ordinance, previously adopted on September 16, 2010. Upon consideration, set dates for public hearings. *
4. Review and approval of Upshur County Animal Control Officer Job Description. *
5. Approve Invoices for Payment, Purchase Card Invoices for Payment, Budget Revisions / Financial Reports or Information, Correction of Erroneous Assessments, Exonerations/Refunds, Grant Updates / Requests for Reimbursements, Final Settlements, Vacation Orders, Consolidation of Land Tracts, Facility Maintenance Concerns or Updates, Road Name Requests, Project Reports / Updates, Request to Attend Meetings, Request for Day(s) Off.

For Your Information:

(Certain Items May Require Discussion, Action and/or Approval by the Commission)

1. Proclamation made by Governor Jim Justice on December 10, 2019 permitting public employees of this State to generally cease business the entire workday of Tuesday, December 24, 2019, in acknowledgement of the holiday season. This proclamation further reads that public employees of this State may be excused from their work duties the entirety of the day without charge against accrued annual leave. In accordance with subsection (c), section one, article two, chapter two of the WV Code, County Commissions may treat the day as if it were a legal holiday, and the Courts may do the same. The Courthouse and Annex will be closed per the 2019 Calendar Year Legal Holiday Schedule revised on July 11, 2019.
2. Upshur County Sheriff's Financial Statement for Period Ending November 2019
3. Appointments Needed or Upcoming:

Newsletters and/or Event Notifications, Agendas and/or Notices of Meetings, Meeting Minutes and Scheduled Meetings can all be found by visiting: http://www.upshurcounty.org/agenda_and_minutes/index.php

Tabled Items

(Certain Items May Require Discussion, Action and/or Approval by the Commission)

Next Regular Meeting of the Upshur County Commission
January 9, 2020 --- 9:00 a.m.
Upshur County Courthouse Annex

*The regularly scheduled Commission Meetings on Thursday, December 26, 2019
and January 2, 2020 have been CANCELLED*



Congressman Alex X. Mooney

Representing West Virginia's Second Congressional District



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Grants Workshop

January 27, 2020

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Purple Iris

1956 Winchester Ave. Martinsburg, WV 25405

Seating is limited

RSVPs required for admittance

Who Should Attend?

- ✓ Chambers of Commerce
- ✓ Law Enforcement
- ✓ Fire Fighters
- ✓ Broadband Leaders
- ✓ Elected Officials
- ✓ Drug Prevention/Recovery Groups
- ✓ Nonprofits
- ✓ Economic Development Leaders
- ✓ Community Leaders

This event is **free** and **lunch** will be provided.

RSVP by January 13th at (304)-925-5964 or GrantWorkshopWV2@mail.house.gov



Dave Hardy
Secretary of Revenue

Dale W. Steager
State Tax Commissioner

STATE TAX DEPARTMENT

December 2, 2019

Mr. John Breen
Assessor of Lewis County
108 Center Avenue
P. O. Box 706
Weston, West Virginia 26452-0706

Dear Mr. Breen:

The Property Valuation Training and Procedures Commission (PVC) met on November 18, 2019 to review the results of the monitoring activity for Tax Year 2019. During the meeting it was brought to the attention of the PVC that the Lewis County Assessor's Office has had deficiencies in the last five tax years that may materially affect value.

As Chairman of the PVC, I am requesting that you make arrangements for you, or a knowledgeable member of your staff, to attend a meeting of the PVC in January 2020 (date and venue details will follow). In addition, I am requesting that you provide the members of the PVC with your written detailed future plans to address the deficiencies identified in the attached report that will bring your office into compliance with the standards established by the PVC. In order for the plan to be reviewed prior to the January meeting, you should forward the information to the below indicated address no later than January 2, 2020.

I will, by copy of this letter, notify the president of your county commission, along with the other levying bodies, that your office is not in compliance with assessment standards established by the PVC and that you, or a knowledgeable member of your staff, are being requested to appear before the PVC to provide the members with your future plans to address the deficiencies identified in the attached report and to bring your county into compliance with assessment standards established by the PVC.

Mr. John Breen
Assessor of Lewis County
December 2, 2019
Page Two

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jeff Amburgey
Chairman
Property Valuation Training
and Procedures Commission

JA/ha

Attachment

cc: Members, Property Valuation Training and Procedures Commission
President, Lewis County Commission
Superintendent, Lewis County Schools
Mayor, All Municipalities, Lewis County
Dale W. Steager, State Tax Commissioner



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
1703 COONSKIN DRIVE
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25311-1085

James A. Hoyer
Major General, WVNG
The Adjutant General

(304) 561-6317
DSN: 623-6317
FAX (304) 561-6327

December 19, 2019

The Honorable Patrick Boyle
Commissioner
Lewis County Commission
110 Center Ave 2nd Floor
Weston, WV 26452

Dear Commissioner Boyle,

The West Virginia National Guard, in conjunction with the National Guard Bureau and the District of Columbia Air National Guard (DCANG), would like to extend an opportunity to send a knowledgeable representative to address any questions or concerns you or your constituents may have regarding the proposed expansion of the Evers Military Operations Area (MOA).

Currently, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is taking place for the proposed modification and addition of airspace utilization for the Evers MOA located over portions of West Virginia, to accommodate the DCANG's 113th Wing training requirements. In July, each designated agency potentially affected by the Evers MOA expansion received a letter outlining the proposed action, EA process, details on the type of training that may be conducted and potential impacts. In addition, the letter provided information on a public comment period for any potential issues related to the proposal.

If your county, commission, delegation or interested party would like to invite a representative from the ANG to a forum of your choice, please reach out to the West Virginia National Guard Public Affairs Office at 304-561-6689 or via email at ng.wv.wvarng.mbx.public-affairs@mail.mil no later than January 10, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James A. Hoyer".

JAMES A. HOYER
Major General, WVARNG
The Adjutant General

JOE MANCHIN III
WEST VIRGINIA

SUITE 306
HART BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510
(202) 224-3954

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4804

December 20, 2019

COMMITTEES
APPROPRIATIONS
ARMED SERVICES
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Honorable Agnes Queen
Commissioner
Lewis County
110 Center Avenue
Weston, West Virginia 26452-1964

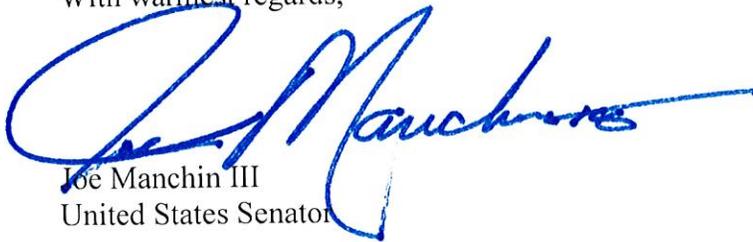
Dear Honorable Queen:

Thank you again for contacting my office regarding problems with Frontier Communications. Please see the enclosed letter from the Federal Communications Commission in response to my inquiry on your behalf.

I was happy to contact the appropriate officials about this matter and I hope you find the enclosed information beneficial. Please feel free to contact my office in the future if I can be of assistance to you in any other way.

Additionally, if you would like to provide feedback on how my office assisted you, a Customer Service Form is included. Please complete and return the enclosed form to my Charleston office, located at 900 Pennsylvania Avenue Suite 629, Charleston WV 25302, in the envelope provided so that my staff and I provide the best possible service to all West Virginians. You may always reach my office at 304-342-5855.

With warmest regards,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator

JM/sva



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554



December 11, 2019

In Reply Refer To:
19-617

The Honorable Joe Manchin, III
United States Senate
900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 629
Charleston, West Virginia 25302-3542
Attn: Sylvia Asbury
sylvia_asbury@manchin.senate.gov

Dear Senator Manchin:

Thank you for your August 23, 2019 e-mail on behalf of your constituent, the Honorable Agnes G. Queen, regarding the difficulties that residents of Lewis County are experiencing with Frontier Communications (Frontier). Commissioner Queen reports that poor quality service from Frontier has begun to severely impact 911 service in the county. While our colleagues in the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau previously addressed this matter, I was asked by Chairman Pai to look into the matter from a public safety perspective.¹

My staff spoke with William Rowan, Director of the Lewis Gilmer E911 Center and the Lewis County Office of Emergency Management, to better understand the issues and concerns with 911 service. Mr. Rowan stated that Lewis County has limited wireless connectivity and that most of the public is dependent on wireline infrastructure. He noted that Lewis County dispatchers face longstanding issues speaking with 911 callers any time it rains, and that during wet weather, 911 calls arrive but the connection is poor and the line is often full of static.

My staff has spoken with Frontier to better understand the steps that they are taking to address the service issue in Lewis County. Frontier has indicated that it does not have plans to upgrade its wireline infrastructure in Lewis County at this time, due to the expense. Based on the limited information we have before us, because Frontier is transmitting 911 calls to the Lewis Gilmer E911 Center, Frontier appears to be complying with applicable Federal Communications Commission requirements with respect to completing 911 calls. I note, however, that the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (WV PSC) is currently conducting an audit of Frontier's service quality. I recommend that Lewis County provide information about the quality of Frontier's 911 service to the WV PSC so that it can be incorporated as part of WV PSC's investigation. Comments may be filed through the WV PSC website, selecting "Submit A Comment" from the menu on the left of the main page and referencing case 18-0291-T-P. Please let me know if my staff may be of assistance in this regard.

¹ Letter from Gregory V. Haledjian, Office of the Bureau Chief to The Honorable Joe Manchin, III, United States Senator (Sept 12, 2019).

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December 11, 2019
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If you have additional questions, please contact John Adams at (202) 418-0394 or john.adams@fcc.gov, or Ryan Hedgpeth at (202) 418-7095 or ryan.hedgpeth@fcc.gov. I appreciate your commitment to a robust public safety communications infrastructure. Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa M. Fowlkes".

Lisa M. Fowlkes
Chief
Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

IRS has Announced the Standard Federal Mileage Rates for the Tax Season 2020



by **Kyle Matthews** — November 22, 2019 in **Business** 2 min read 0

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they drive for the job, medical reasons and are part of a charity effort. The standard mileage rate for vehicles from the beginning of the calendar year used for work, medical and charitable purposes are 58 cents per business mile, 20 cents per mile for medical purposes and 14 cents per mile for people working on behalf of charities.

2020 mileage rate is also allowing to claim a milage tax deduction if someone is doing something related to their business. It is also helpful for the employees who can not deduct the cost of their commute from work and employees that can not deduct the standard milages reimbursement deduction for moving to a place for work outside of their office. This is valid until 2025.

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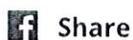
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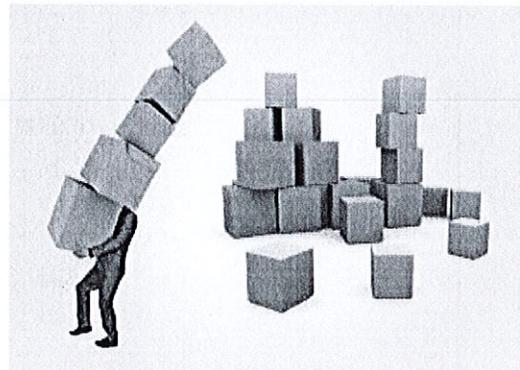
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Standard Rate	Applies for all locations without specified rates	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96
Charleston	Kanawha	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107	\$107
Morgantown	Monongalia	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99	\$99

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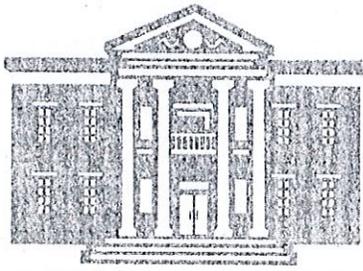
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Primary Destination ⁱ	County ⁱ	M&IE Total	Continental Breakfast/Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidental Expenses	First & Last Day of Travel ⁱ
Standard Rate	Applies for all	\$55	\$13	\$14	\$23	\$5	\$41.25

Primary Destination ⓘ	County ⓘ	M&IE Total	Continental Breakfast/Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidental Expenses	First & Last Day of Travel ⓘ
	locations without specified rates						
Charleston	Kanawha	\$56	\$13	\$15	\$23	\$5	\$42.00
Morgantown	Monongalia	\$56	\$13	\$15	\$23	\$5	\$42.00

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Cynthia S. Rowan
Lewis County Clerk

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LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSION
POLICY FOR SECURITY OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

The Lewis County Commission has a room for the specific reason to house the County voting equipment. This room is heated and air conditioned to maintain a constant environment for the best condition to protect the equipment. The Lewis County Commission has specifically taken into account West Virginia Code 3-4A-26 in storing our ExpressVote Markers even though the equipment has no tabulating capabilities. Access to this equipment is in compliance with the West Virginia Code 3-4A-10 and 3-4A-26.

Dated this _____ day of January, 2020.

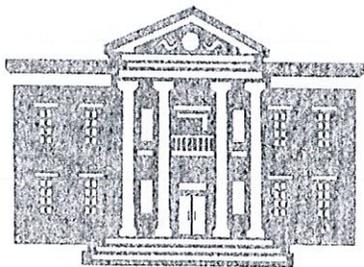
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TO: Lewis County Commission
FROM: Cynthia S. Rowan
RE: Emergency Absent Voter Ballot Commissioners
DATE: December 27, 2019

In reference to West Virginia Code 3-3-5c, it is my opinion for the February 8, 2020, Board of Education Levy Election, one set of Emergency Absent Voter Ballot Commissioners would be needed.

Therefore, with your approval, Stella W. Poling, a Non-Partisan, and Terri L. Walker, a Republican, will be appointed to serve as Emergency Absent Voter Ballot Commissioners.

Cynthia S. Rowan
Clerk of the Lewis County Commission

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Approved this the _____ day of January, 2020.

President

Commissioner

Commissioner

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING POLICY

WHEREAS, West Virginia Code §3-3-5c authorizes County Commissions in West Virginia to adopt a policy extending emergency absentee voting procedures in their County; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of this Commission that the adoption of such a policy would benefit the citizens of Lewis County;

THE FOLLOWING POLICY IS HEREBY ADOPTED BY THIS COMMISSION

A person qualified to vote an absent voter's ballot, as defined by West Virginia Code §3-3-1, who is admitted on or after the seventh day next preceding an election, to:

(1) A hospital or other duly licensed health care facility within a County adjacent to Lewis County or within thirty-five miles of the County Seat of Lewis County, for medical treatment; or

(2) A nursing home within the County;

And who remains confined and is unable to vote in person on election day, may vote an emergency voter's ballot under the procedures set forth in West Virginia Code §3-3-5c.

Dated this _____ day of January, 2020.

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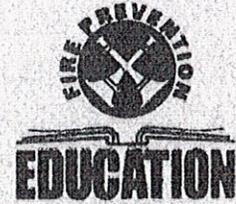
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LEWIS COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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November 19, 2019

Lewis County Commission,

Following our monthly meeting on November 18, 2019, the County Firefighter's Association recommends Steve Byers (Firefighter) and William Everett (Citizen), to be appointed to the Fire Board of Lewis County as the replacement of vacant positions

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Joe Spray II".

Joe Spray II, Secretary/Treasurer

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