

County Commission

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Monongalia County is governed by the County Commission. It works to make Monongalia County a better, safer, more enjoyable place. How does the County Commission affect me?

The County Commission makes getting outdoors more enjoyable. When I was in sixth grade, I went to Camp Muffly for 4-H Camp. I met a lot of new friends and had a great time. It was the first time that I had ever been away from my family for more than a night. I felt safe and comfortable. Another way that the County Commission gets me outside is through BOPARC. The County Commission oversees everything that BOPARC does. In the summer, my family and I play tennis at Marilla Park. BOPARC makes sure that the facilities are properly maintained. It also provides places to walk our dog, Howie. I like to go on walks with him and my family. Our usual destinations include Dorsey's Knob, Deckers Creek, and the Rail Trail. Walks make Howie very happy, and when he is happy, we are all happy.

The County Commission keeps me safe. It is responsible for creating city ordinances. One of the more recent ordinances is the Vicious Dog Ordinance. It states that if a dog has attacked someone, the dog may need to switch owners or go to the pound. It protects the innocent civilians that the dog could hurt. It also protects the dog if their owner is cruel or negligent. The County Commission is also in charge of the Sheriff's Department. A few years ago, my mom was in a car accident. It was late at night, and my mom was not sure what to do. Before she even made a phone call, an officer quickly arrived on the scene. He made sure everything was alright, determined who was at fault, and fined the man who caused the accident. The officer was both concerned and professional.

The County Commission sets the budgets for taxes. You may be thinking that taxes are terrible, but the intention is to make the community a better place. These taxes are used for funding schools, libraries, and hospitals. The library is one of my favorite places in Morgantown. Recently, I signed up for the Teen Advisory Board there.



I love how I can read about anything for free. I am passionate about writing, and every time I walk inside, I am inspired.

The Monongalia County Commission affects my personal life a lot. Everytime I walk into a library, it is standing because of the taxes the County Commission set. I can play tennis because it makes sure the courts are maintained. It keeps me safe by providing the county with the Sheriff's Department. I feel safer, healthier, and more educated because of the Monongalia County Commission.