

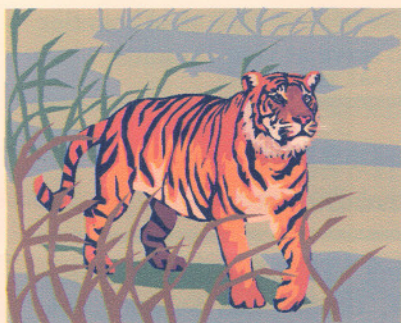
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CCA ANNUAL MEETING "IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!" AUGUST 5-7, 2007

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This is a monthly publication for county commissioners and their staff, Associate members and other interested parties.

Plans Underway for CCAWV 2007 Annual Conference in Wood County...

Plans are shaping up for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners' Association of WV, this year's theme will be "It's a Jungle Out There". The dates for the meeting are July 5-7, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Parkersburg. The Educational Training Series XXXI will start on Sunday at noon and finish around 5:00 p.m. Topics will include a Keynote Motivational Speaker, Risk Management Tips, Personnel Issues, Metro Government and Annexation Issues.

We will be holding a "Welcome Reception" at Fort Boreman Historical Park on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served along with a guest appearance by a "Confederate Civil War Spy". This is an excellent opportunity to network with other Commissioners and will be a great time. On Monday we will be having the Auditor's Training Seminar starting at 8:45 a.m.

The CCA Association Meeting will be held from 10:15-12:15 a.m. election of officers will take place at that time. There will be a variety of topics covered and the meetings are sure to be informative. Hope to see you there!

The CCA Board will meet on Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Board Members please remember to get your room reservations to include Saturday night.

We are planning our 5th Annual Golf Tournament for Saturday, August 4, 2007 starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Worthington Golf Club. If you are interested in playing a round of golf, please give us a call. It's always a blast.

On Monday night, August 6, 2007 we will be having a "It's a Jungle Out There" Dance and Door Prize Dinner. Come to the dinner wearing your jungle attire and be ready to become a party animal. We will have a D.J. playing our favorite Jungle tunes and there will be plenty of dancing. We are asking that each county donate at least one prize, the more the merrier. Be sure to attach your commission's name or a business card to the prize so the receiver will know where it came from. Commissioners will have the chance to share something positive about their county and we'll have a great time!



If you have any questions about the conference, please give us a call at (304) 345-4639!

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President's Perspective

By Karen Disibbio, CCAWV President

I would like to encourage you to attend our Annual Meeting August 5-7, 2007, at the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg. The agenda is very informative and offers topics of interest for all commissioners.



This is my last newsletter article as President of your County Commissioners Association. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve you for the past two years. Much has been accomplished. However, work remains that challenges our Association, especially during the legislative session.

We are so fortunate to have Vivian Parsons as our Executive Director. She has been invaluable to me during my time as President. I would like to thank Vivian for all of her dedicated work on behalf of the County Commissioners' Association.

Please accept my best wishes for continued success in your individual counties and my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Directors' Discussion

By Vivian Parson, Executive Director

Things are coming along with the Annual Meeting. To start off our Training Series on Sunday, we have a Motional Speaker, 1st Sergeant Steven Laick from Charleston, WV to give a presentation on "It's a Jungle Out There!" He will be advising us on how to deal with difficult people, setting and obtaining our goals.

1st SG Laick enlisted to serve in the United States Army in hopes of gaining a College Education. Instead he achieved both a worthwhile career and Graduated in June of 2007 from Columbia Southern University, Alabama with honors maintaining a 3.56 GPA "Cume Laude". He holds an Associate in Business Management and a Bachelors degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing. For the last 9 years of his career he has worked in the recruiting of young men and women from our local High Schools and Colleges while providing solid mentorship and guidance to all youths of our communities regardless of their interest in service to country.

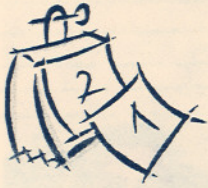


During his time in recruiting he has spoken to more than 150 audiences ranging from Students in High School to Colleges and organizations of more than 20,000 people. He is a high impact motivational speaker with a focus on the future and the accomplishment of setting and accomplishing goals.

1st SG Laick is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 5 Oak leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal 1 Bronze Star, Global War On Terrorism Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon.

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CCAWV Calendar of Events



August 4-7, 2007
CCA Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, WV

August 19-21, 2007
Interims, Charleston, WV

August 24-25, 2007
Local Government Leadership Academy
Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV

September 9-11, 2007
Interims, Charleston, WV

September 23-24, 2007
Fall Board & Leg. Meeting
Waterfront Place, Morgantown, WV

October 7-9, 2007
Interims, Charleston, WV

November 16-18, 2007
Interims, Charleston, WV

December 9-11, 2007
Interims, Charleston, WV

January 6-8, 2008
Interims, Charleston, WV

January 27-29, 2008
CCA Legislative Association Meeting &
Educational Training Series
Charleston, Marriott

Directors' Discussion (Continued)

We are certain that after you hear Steven's presentation you will leave our meeting ready to combat anything that your job will throw at you!!!

Please be sure and plan to attend our Sunday Training Series we will also have speakers to give presentations regarding Risk Management, Metro Government & Annexation and Personnel Issues. All of these topics are of great interest to County Commissioners.

If you haven't registered for the Annual Meeting yet, please give us a call or fax us your registration!

Courthouse Reflections

Sketches by Larry McCallister



FAYETTE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The original courthouse was built in 1838 at a cost of \$3,000. This first courthouse served the county until it fell victim to the ravages of the Civil War. The courthouse was burned to the ground by Union forces on October 19, 1861. A new courthouse was constructed after the end of the Civil War. West Virginia had separated from the state of Virginia in 1863 and the new courthouse represented an extension of the government of the new state. Due to the booming economy due to the C&O Railway through the New River Gorge in 1873 this courthouse was no longer able to meet the county's needs. In 1887, funds were allotted for a new courthouse which would reflect the increased prosperity and importance of the county. However, this new building would fall victim to the same fate as the first courthouse. On April 1893, after only six years of service, Fayette County again lost its courthouse to flames. Also the official records of the county were destroyed in the fire as well.

The present courthouse was completed in 1895 at a cost of \$58,297 by the Murray Brothers of Wheeling, WV. This courthouse has served the people of Fayette County proudly for over 100 years. It also holds a place of honor in the National Register.

SPOTLIGHT ON A COUNTY COMMISSION



JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSION



Commissioners: Don Stephens, Jim Waybright and Joe Pitts

Crowning achievement: Improvement/renovation to county facilities without debt and an efficient, well managed county government.

Biggest debacle or most embarrassing moment: During an interview, Commissioner Waybright asked a rather large woman if she liked to eat.

Best advice for other County Commissions: "Don't Beat around the Bush".

Commission Staff: Administrative Assistant Sandy Garrett and Office Assistant Pam Heis.

Don Stephens

Place where I grew up: Rock Castle, Jackson County

Real Life Occupation: Retired Teacher-Part Time Farmer

Years Experience as a County Commissioner: 20+ years

You would be surprised to know that I: Do barbecue's for weddings, businesses, fairs, etc. and enjoy ballroom dancing.

My personal philosophy: Be open minded and make desirable changes.

What I like most about being a County Commissioner: Making improvements in facilities and the operation of county government.

What I like least about being a County Commissioner: Termination of employees.

Who I would invite (living or dead) to the next County Commission meeting and what I would discuss: WV Legislature - County problems and the laws that could be helpful in solving those problems.

Jim Waybright

Place where I grew up: Gay, WV

Real Life Occupation: Self-employed water well pump wholesaler

Years Experience as a County Commissioner: 10 years

You would be surprised to know that I: Use to skate dance.

My personal philosophy: Always treat people like you want to be treated..

What I like most about being a County Commissioner: Being able to help people of the county with different problems.

What I like least about being a County Commissioner: People who get upset at things you cannot do for them.

Who I would invite (living or dead) to the next County Commission meeting and what I would discuss: Abe Lincoln, Lester Roloff and my dad-Talk about the faith that it takes to overcome this world.

Joe Pitts

Place where I grew up: Ripley

Real Life Occupation: Electrician

Years Experience as a County Commissioner: 5 months

You would be surprised to know that I: Love Saturdays in Morgantown.

My personal philosophy: Enjoy life and live within your means.

What I like most about being a County Commissioner: The process in general.

What I like least about being a County Commissioner: Late night phone calls.

Who I would invite (living or dead) to the next County Commission meeting and what I would discuss: My dad-Everything that has happened in the last ten years.