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Happy Fathers' Day!!!

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Plans Underway for CCAWV 2008 Annual Conference in Hancock County...



Plans are coming together for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners' Association of WV. This year's theme will be "A Winning Team!" The dates for the meeting are August 2-5, 2008, Mountaineer Race Track & Gaming Resort, Chester, WV. The CCA Board will meet on Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Board members please remember to get your room reservations to include Saturday night. The Educational Training Series XXXIII will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2008. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday evening we will close the first day of the conference with a "Welcome Dinner," complete with entertainment provided by a very special guest, "The Mayberry Deputy!" ("The Mayberry Deputy", "Abe Lincoln", and "Ebenezer Scrooge" are just a few of the aliases of David Browning from Bristol, Virginia.) As an impersonator, improvisational master and speaker, Browning uses costuming, gestures, facial expressions, and audience participation to bring out the flavor of the characters and to provide an atmosphere of good, clean fun. He provides a bit of Americana which is worth preserving and celebrating. People are entertained and enlightened by the Mayberry Deputy character because it reminds them of a time gone by. "We live in a world where people are searching for their own Mayberry," Browning says. "I value this character for what it gives people today...a laugh, a lift and memories." Browning has appeared with many of the original stars of "The Andy Griffith Show."



West Virginia's own Don Knotts, Actor & "Barney Fife" from The Andy Griffith Show said this about Mr. Browning... "The Mayberry Deputy/David Browning is A BRIDGE between the Andy Griffith Show and today."

Special thanks to CCAWV associate member, E.L. Robinson Engineering and Associated Architects who are helping to making this event possible. Make sure to include Sunday in your conference attendance plans, it will be great fun for everyone!!! As usual, we will continue with the Auditor's In-service Training Seminar starting at 9:00 a.m on Monday through Tuesday 12:30 pm. There will be a variety of topics covered and the meetings are sure to be informative. Our annual business meeting will be on Monday before lunch. Hope to see you there!!! (Continued on Page 5)

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President's Perspective

By Sam Hicks, CCAWV President

Hello Fellow Commissioners,

Spring is in full bloom and summer is almost here. I hope everyone has a relaxing and safe summer.



At least, the primary election is over. Congratulations to those who won and are now facing the general election. Best wishes to those who were defeated and can now move on in other areas. God's speed I send to anyone who has served in public office or has gone through a campaign for public office. It can be tough, challenging and rewarding at the same time. Most people have no idea how difficult it is to serve the public or endure a campaign. I salute all of you for your efforts and dedication.

I'm looking forward to seeing those who will be at Chief Logan State Park on June 8-10. I'm certain we will have a busy schedule with positive results. Please feel free to call about any concerns. I will be glad to chat with you. Take care 'n God bless!!!

Director's Discussion...

Vivian Parsons, Executive Director

Happy Father's Day to all you "Daddy" Guys! Hope you had a glorious day! The County Commissioners' Association board met June 8th & 9th at Chief Logan State Park, Logan County for the spring board meeting to wrap up the 2008 legislative session and adopt a budget for FY 2008-09. We had an excellent attendance, the facilities were wonderful, and the work of the Association was accomplished without a hitch!



Now it's time to concentrate on the upcoming annual meeting... and this year's theme – "A winning team!" Seems appropriate... it's an election year and we're meeting at the Mountaineer Race-track and Gaming Resort! It is our goal to put together a fun and informative meeting, one that will help insure that County Commissioners in West Virginia are part of a "winning team!" We are especially excited about our nationally recognized, motivating guest speaker, Mr. David Browning, posing as the "Deputy of Mayberry." Mr. Browning was recognized by West Virginia's own Don Knotts, to be a great impersonator of the loveable character, Deputy Barney Fife, portrayed by Mr. Knotts for so many years! We are excited to be able to offer this wonderful occasion to laugh together, to learn together, and to allow ourselves to "lifted" in spirit! We'd also like to thank CCA WV Associate Member, E.L. Robinson and the Associated Architects, Inc. Because of their support and participation we are able to make this excellent opportunity happen! Reviews:

"I'd never seen The Andy Griffith Show but I still had tears of laughter rolling down my cheeks... This was a great way to have fun and fellowship and build a FEELING OF TOGETHERNESS - THROUGH SHARED EXPERIENCE."

Chaplin Officer from Scotland at the Officer Alive! Conference, Oregon
"You had a great impact on our entire group. I can't remember when I've received so much feedback, all very positive, regarding your keynote presentation..." (Continued on page 5)



Seven Important Reasons Why Your County Should Be A Member of CCA...

As the time approaches to decide on payment of membership dues for another year in the County Commissioners' Association of WV consider the benefits of being a part of a unified group with common goals and concerns...

- 1) **Lobbying/CCA Represents County Commissions in Charleston...**CCA strives to get legislation approved that provides benefits for your county and its citizens. We also play the defense on legislation that is detrimental to your county's well-being. No matter how far from Charleston your county may be located, as a member of CCA, your voice is heard and we're looking out for you.
- 2) **"The Legislative Line-up"...**CCA provides this weekly publication during the Legislative Session to keep commissioners informed of county legislation from introduction to passage and all stages in-between. Includes a final wrap-up edition summarizing all passed legislation with county commission impact. This communication is provided as a benefit of membership and is **NOT** available to Non-members.
- 3) **"Commissioners' Corner"...**The monthly publication for member County Commissioners across the State. Subscriptions are included with membership. Know what's happening all year long!
- 4) **Conferences/Workshops...**CCA's Annual Conference is held in conjunction with "mandated" State Tax In-service Training for maximum cost-savings to counties. This conference is a great place to acquire information to make "informed decisions" and membership in CCA gives you the lowest registration fees. Non-members will pay considerably higher registration fees. As needed one-day workshops are also sponsored by CCA on timely topics of Commission interest.
- 5) **County Commissioners' Training Series...**This on-going Training Series, co-sponsored with the Department of Public Affairs at WVU, offers commissioners the opportunity to stay up on new management techniques and to explore "hot topics" as they affect local county governments. Session are held twice a year and Association members are offered lowest registration fees. Non-members rates are considerably higher.
- 6) **Research/Information/Surveys/ CCA of WV Web Site (www.polsci.wvu.edu/ccawv/)...**When you need answers or info.... CCA's staff "goes to work for you." By way of survey, newsletter, e-mail, or other means - we'll search for the info you need! The "Members Only" Commissioners' Bulletin Board provides quick responses from fellow "member" commissions!
- 7) **Networking with other County Commissioners/Directory of County Commissioners...**Last but certainly not least, CCA provides the opportunity for invaluable interaction with other county commissioners across the State. And to make that communication easier, CCA compiles an annual list of County Commissioners, courthouse and home addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, courthouse hours, and most importantly, county commission meeting dates and times. This directory of invaluable information that allows commissioners to stay in touch, is provided free to CCA members!

Can Your County Afford "NOT" to be a member???

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CCAWV Calendar of Events



July 27-29, 2008

Interims
Charleston, WV

August 3-5, 2008

CCA Annual Meeting
Mountaineer Racetrack & Resort
Chester, WV

August 24-26, 2008

Interims
Charleston, WV

September 7-9, 2008

Interims
Bridgeport, WV

September 28-30, 2008

Fall Board & Leg. Meeting
Holiday Inn, Weston, WV

October 12-14, 2008

Interims
Charleston, WV

November 16-18, 2008

Interims
Charleston, WV

December 7-9, 2008

Interims
Charleston, WV

January 11-13, 2009

Interims
Charleston, WV

February 22-24, 2009

CCA Legislative Association Meeting &
Educational Training Series
Charleston, Marriott

Director's Discussion

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Jerry Eggleston, Virginia Department of Correction
"A PERENNIAL FAVORITE-an extraordinary entertainer who excites the delegates and evokes pleasant memories of the delegate's own "Mayberry". He has become a welcome member of the Safety and Health Congress family. Board of Directors, Tennessee Safety and Health Congress, Nashville, TN
(The Deputy of Mayberry will perform at the Sunday Welcome Dinner....be there!)

CCA Annual Meeting

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On Monday, August 4, 2008 we will be having "A Winning Team" NASCAR Theme Party. Please come dressed as your favorite NASCAR driver. We will be proving a D.J.

Don't forget "Show Case your County" -We will again this year, be giving out Door Prizes at the NASCAR Theme Dinner. We are asking for each county to donate at least one door prize, the more the merrier. Please don't forget! Be sure to attach your commission's name or business card to your gift 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!



Registration packets soon will be mailed soon!!! Look for the bright envelope in the mail and get your rooms booked early! If you have any questions, please give us a call at 345-4639!

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SPOTLIGHT ON A COUNTY COMMISSION



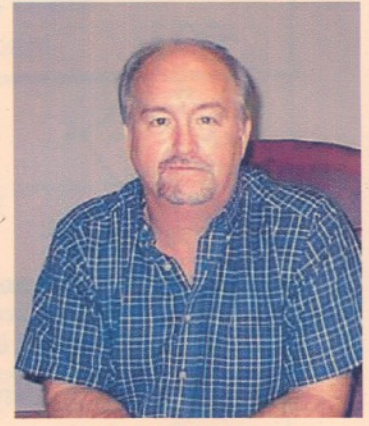
LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION



Charles McCann



Buster Stowers



Dr. Charles Vance

Crowning Achievement: Our new state of the art 911 Center.

Biggest debacle or most embarrassing moment: Went to say the Pledge of Allegiance and couldn't find the flag.

Best advice for other County Commissions: Don't believe everything you are told because it may come back to bite you.

Funniest thing to ever happen at a commission meeting: A member of the public went to sleep and his snoring was louder than the speaker.

Commission Staff: Judy Johnson-Chief Administrative Officer / Linda Pritchard - Secretary.

Charles McCann

Place where I grew up: Harts, WV

Real Life Occupation: Teacher/
Administrator (Retired)

**Years Experience as a County
Commissioner:** 11 years.

**You would be surprised to know that
I:** Like to Cook

My personal philosophy: Treat people
with love and respect.

**What I like most about being a
County Commissioner:** Working to
make Lincoln County a better place to
work and live.

**What I like least about being a County
Commissioner:** Lack of money to do
worthwhile projects.

**Who I would invite (living or dead) to
the next County Commission meeting
and what I would discuss:** Governor
Manchin-Funding for infrastructure Pro-
jects (water, sewer and roads).

Buster Stowers

Place where I grew up: Palermo, WV.

Real Life Occupation: Owner Lumber
Company/Timber (Retired)

**Years Experience as a County
Commissioner:** 28 Years

You would be surprised to know that I:
Still drive my 1930 Model T-Ford.

My personal philosophy: Live each day to
its fullest for you never know when it will
be your last.

**What I like most about being a County
Commissioner:** Helping people in Lincoln
County when you can.

**What I like least about being a County
Commissioner:** Not having the money to
provide safe drinking water to every house-
hold in Lincoln County.

**Who I would invite (living or dead) to the
next County Commission meeting and
what I would discuss:** George Johnson-
Fellow County Clerk- Talk about all the
changes at the courthouse.

Dr. Charles Vance, III

Place where I grew up: Lincoln County

Real Life Occupation: Physician

**Years Experience as a County Com-
missioner:** 8 Years

**You would be surprised to know that
I:** Enjoy both my jobs.

My personal philosophy: With truth
there is always justice.

**What I like most about being a County
Commissioner:** Infrastructure develop-
ment

**What I like least about being a County
Commissioner:** Estate Hearings

**Who I would invite (living or dead) to
the next County Commission meeting
and what I would discuss:** Senator
Byrd—The need to enforce the constitu-
tion at all levels of government.