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## CCA Legislative Meeting and Educational Training Series to be held January 21—24, 2012...

The County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia invites and encourages you to attend the CCAWV Legislative Association Meeting / County Commissioners' Continuing Educational Training Program. The meeting is scheduled for January 21-24, 2012 at the Marriott Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia.

Sunday, January 22, 2012 registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The Legislative Association Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. and we will be discussing legislation of interest to counties.

Monday, January 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. we will be holding "Commissioners' at the Capital" we would like to have as many of our members attend as possible. This is your chance to help promote our Legislative Agenda.

Monday from 1:30-5:30 we will be holding the CCA Educational Training Series where we will discuss topics regarding resources for county government.

Monday evening CCA will host our Legislative Reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure and invite your legislators.

Tuesday, January 24, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will be doing a Legislative De-Briefing to discuss what we learned at the capital on Monday.

The CCA Membership will elect their members to serve on the 2012 WVACO Board of Directors at the Legislative Association Meeting on January 22, 2012. Please, mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

### Remember...

*January 22-24, 2012*

*Charleston Marriott Hotel*

*CCAWV Legislative Association Meeting and Training Series*

*The CCA Board will have a meeting on*

*January 21, 2012 from*

*4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott*

Please call if you have questions (304) 345-4639. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## President's Perspective

by Cindy Pyles, CCAWV President

The legislative agenda has been set. When you receive this newsletter most of the legislative roundtables ( and yes I know that most of your tables were square or oblong) in your region will have already taken place. The roundtables are a great way for county commissioners and legislators to become informed in detail about our agenda.

The Association will need you to continue your input throughout the session. If you have any questions concerning an issue that may pop up, call Vivian, your local county commission representatives and read the list serve.

Our goal is to have everyone on the same page. Even though you personally may not agree on an issue, you need to stand by the association.

I hope to see everyone in January at the Legislative Association Meeting in Charleston. Have a Very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!!!

## Director's Discussion...

By Vivian Parsons, Executive Director

### Remembering our own...

The County Commissioners' Association lost two of its own this month. CCAWV board member Bernie Kazienko, Brooke County Commissioner, and CCAWV association member, Wayne Stutler, Marion County Commissioner. Both will be sadly missed, by their families and friends, the county constituents they so faithfully represented, and by their Association Family! May they each rest in sweet peace, until we meet again. God Bless.

### Bernie Kazienko, Brooke County Commissioner, CCAWV Board Member

Bernard "Bernie" Lee Kazienko, 59, of Wellsburg, W.Va., died Monday, December 5, 2011, at Trinity West Hospital in Steubenville, Ohio. He was born January 8, 1952, to the late Clara Evelyn Yonder and John Kazienko. Bernie proudly served the citizens of Brooke County as a Sheriff's Deputy for 22 years, served as Sheriff for eight years, and was finally elected as a Brooke County Commissioner, which he served until his passing. He was a Catholic by faith and a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg.



He is survived by his son Kirk and his wife Carrie of Wellsburg; daughter Shaney Clifton and her husband Tracy of Columbus, Ohio; Monica Sickles of Arlington, Va.; and Lindsay Dolfi and her husband Mike, also of Columbus, Ohio; two grandsons, Tyrus Clifton and Dominic Dolfi. Brothers Charles of Hoschton, Ga.; Tom of Wellsburg, W.Va.; Mike of Germantown, Md.; sisters Eleanor "Bubs" Manack of Follansbee, Marion Kleiner of Follansbee; and Marsha Kazienko of Wellsburg. Bernie is also survived by his loving companion Tina Konkle of Wellsburg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother John Kazienko of Downers Grove, Ill.

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## Director's Discussion

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### Wayne A. Stutler, Marion County Commissioner

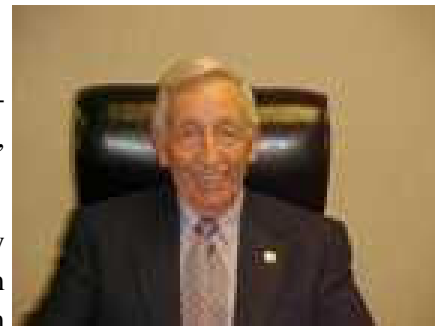
Wayne Allen Stutler, 78, of Fairmont crossed over to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at his home. He was born in Marion County on May 5, 1933, the middle child of the late Harley V. and Cora (Brown) Stutler.

Wayne was a dedicated public servant. He currently served as Marion County Commissioner since 2006. In his earlier years he worked at Owens-Illinois from 1952-1955, then went on to work at the City of Fairmont Police Department from 1955 to 1987, serving as chief of police for 14 of the last 15 years of his tenure and then went on to serve two four-year terms on Fairmont City Council and as Mayor in 1988. He was a life member of the IACP and was a loyal member of the Republican Party and served as parliamentarian for the Marion County executive committee. He enjoyed playing golf and taking care of his property.

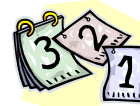
He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine (Ash) Stutler of Fairmont, one son, David Stutler of Ocala, Florida, two grandchildren, Stacy Lovingood of Ocala, FL and Tyler Stutler of Ocala, FL and also two great-grandchildren, Alyssa Lovingood and Derick Ackley. Also surviving is his brother-in-law, David Kirby and his companion Bunny Zirkle, two sisters-in-law, Margaret Stutler and Diane Podnak and her husband Don, an uncle, Pastor Don Stutler and family of Spartansburg, SC, nieces and nephews, Kay White, Pastor Bill Stutler, Brenda Morris, Nari Todd and Yasmin Zughni, as well as several great nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Todd Wayne Stutler in January of 2011, a brother, Edward Stutler, a sister, Dorothy Kirby, and a grandson, Zachary Stutler.

In keeping with the wishes of the deceased, his body will be cremated. The family will receive friends at Carpenter and Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant St., Fairmont on Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm. A memorial service will be held in the funeral home on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 1 pm with Rev. D.D. Meighen and Pastor Bill Stutler officiating.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice caregivers Mark and Paula and also friends Alan and Bill who were always there for support, compassion and care, as well as all friends who were always there for support during Wayne's illness. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amedisys Hospice, 67 Casino Drive, PO Box 366, Anmoore, WV 26323 or to a charity of choice. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.carpenterandford.com](http://www.carpenterandford.com).



### CCAWV Calendar of Events



**January 8-10, 2012**  
Interims

**January 11, 2012**  
Session Begins

**January 21, 2012**  
CCAWV Board Meeting  
Marriott Charleston

**January 22-24, 2012**  
CCAWV Legislative Association Mtg.  
Marriott Charleston

**May 20-22, 2012**  
CCAWV Spring Board Mtg.  
Mardi Gras Resort  
Cross Lanes, WV

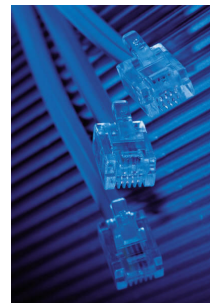


**Merry Christmas**  
**and**  
**Happy New Year!**

## Statewide WV Broadband Infrastructure

By WV Office of Technology

The West Virginia Statewide Broadband Infrastructure Project extends broadband services across the state by leveraging existing infrastructure to build a middle mile network with Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) over Microwave and Fiber technology. The proposed network will provide a backbone to community anchors, including schools, libraries, hospitals, public safety agencies, county courthouses, and jails.



The broadband services will be built utilizing fiber technology. An agreement was made with county representatives that details the plan for county courthouses to upgrade to a 10 meg circuit, tripling most counties current bandwidth. The cost to each county to increase the bandwidth to 10 meg will be approximately \$130 per month. The increased bandwidth will provide access to services that may have previously been unattainable such as Disaster Recovery and backup solutions. Once fiber has been supplied to an area, they will then have to ability to order a 10 meg circuit through an existing service provider.

The West Virginia Statewide Broadband Infrastructure Project is divided into three initiatives: fiber build out, microwave towers, and Greenbank – WVU. The main objective for the fiber build out is to improve broadband network access to consumers in underserved areas of the State of West Virginia, while improving access to broadband service for public safety agencies. Additionally, the purpose is to stimulate the demand for economic growth and job creation. The purpose of the microwave tower initiative is to upgrade the current microwave network to provide the backhaul for broadband data connectivity to anchor tenants; incorporate fiber segments to provide new infrastructure to extend middle mile deeper into rural areas of West Virginia; and establish 12 new tower locations to allow for redundancy and provide for future growth opportunities. The Greenbank - WVU initiative will provide direct broadband network access between Greenbank Research Observatory and West Virginia University. This will increase bandwidth capacity for educational and Internet purposes. The West Virginia Office of Technology is assisting in the implementation of the fiber build out and the development of the IP network to be placed over the Microwave System.

The overall costs of the project is approximately \$159 million, with \$126 million of the funding coming from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant and \$33 million supported through the state. The grant allows for each identified community anchor to receive a router that will allow for continuous growth for at least 5 to 7 years. A project plan detailing the fiber deployment to the 1,062 identified anchor tenants has been developed and a schedule for the build out is being developed. The plan will track the fiber deployment for each site and provide status updates for executive reports created.

According to the grant, the project is to be completed by February 2013. The build out is being engineered on a regional basis throughout the state and engineering of the entire state is expected to be completed by the end of 2011. The fiber build out will continue throughout the duration of the grant.

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