

West Virginia Board of Public Works
November 17, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.
Governor's Cabinet and Conference Room
Minutes

Attendees:

Members

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin
Secretary of State Natalie E. Tennant
Attorney General Patrick Morrissey
State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael J. Martirano
Josh Stowers for State Treasurer John D. Perdue
Michael Sizemore for State Auditor Glen B. Gainer III
Robin Gothard for Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick

Guests:

Jeff Amburgey, State Tax Department
Gilbert Brewer, Deputy Tax Commissioner
Eric Hudnall, Division of Highways
Fenway Pollack, Division of Highways
Kathy Schultz, Attorney General's Office
Brittany Vascik, Governor's Office
Ashley Summitt, Secretary of State's Office
Amber Epling, Secretary of State's Office
Sheryl Webb, Secretary of State's Office
Shonette Kingston, Secretary of State's Office
Phil Kabler, WV Gazette Mail

The West Virginia Board of Public Works met on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Governor's Cabinet and Conference Room, Building 1, Suite 10 of the State Capitol Complex. The meeting was called to order and chaired by Governor Earl Ray Tomblin.

(Attached is a transcript of the meeting.)



Natalie E. Tennant,
Secretary of State
And Ex-Officio Secretary of the
Board of Public Works

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1 is on Route 340/16.

2 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Okay. So that means
3 Jefferson County has to mow the lawn now.

4 MR. POLLACK: Yes.

5 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Do we hear a motion to
6 approve the transaction?

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL MORRISEY: So move.

8 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The Attorney General has
9 moved. Second?

10 SECRETARY TENNANT: Second.

11 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The Secretary of State has
12 seconded. Discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: If not, all those in favor
15 of the motion will say aye.

16 (Ayes responded.)

17 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Opposed, no.

18 (No response.)

19 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The ayes have it. I
20 declare the motion adopted. Thank you, sir. The next
21 one is between the Berkeley County Development Authority
22 and the Department of Transportation, Division of
23 Highways.

24 MR. POLLACK: Yes. This is a project

1 for Tabler Station Road, and what this project is doing
2 is connecting two business parks in Berkeley County, one
3 of which was down near Corning Way, if anyone wants to
4 know where it's at. Previously all the business traffic
5 for this one business park needed to go off Interstate
6 81 over to West Virginia 11 and down. This road will
7 make access to the southern business park and the
8 northern one quicker, easier and less impacting
9 residential traffic, and this parcel is owned by the
10 Berkeley County Commission.

11 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Is there a question of
12 counsel?

13 (No response.)

14 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Is there a motion to
15 approve the transfer?

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL MORRISEY: So moved.

17 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The Attorney General
18 moves. Second?

19 DR. MARTIRANO: Second.

20 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The Superintendent of
21 Schools seconds. Discussion?

22 DR. MARTIRANO: Just a quick question.
23 Does that have any impact in terms of buses and schools
24 and things such as that? You talked about residential

1 traffic and things such as that. Are you aware of?

2 MR. POLLACK: It's going to be a public
3 road, but I was told by the District that this will cut
4 down on that.

5 DR. MARTIRANO: It should improve it?

6 MR. POLLACK: It should improve the
7 traffic in the neighborhood.

8 DR. MARTIRANO: Okay. Thank you.

9 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The question before the
10 Board is to approve the motion. All those in favor will
11 say aye.

12 (Ayes responded.)

13 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Opposed no.

14 (No response.)

15 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The ayes have it. I
16 declare the motion adopted. The third transaction is
17 between the Kanawha County Parks and Recreation
18 Commission and the Department of Transportation,
19 Division of Highways.

20 MR. POLLACK: This is merely a property
21 exchange between the Kanawha County Parks and Division
22 of Highways involving the Coonskin bridge. We're
23 exchanging a small parcel. They're giving us one and
24 we're giving them one. On ours we're accepting drainage

1 and on theirs we're giving to them and prevent the
2 removal of a building.

3 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Any questions of counsel?

4 (No response.)

5 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Do I hear a motion to
6 approve the transaction?

7 SECRETARY TENNANT: So move.

8 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Secretary of State. Josh,
9 you want to do anything today?

10 MR. STOWERS: Sure. Second.

11 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: All right, the Treasurer's
12 representative seconded. Discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: If not, all those in favor
15 of the motion will say aye.

16 (Ayes responded.)

17 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Opposed no.

18 (No response.)

19 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The ayes have it. I
20 declare the motion adopted.

21 ATTORNEY GENERAL MORRISEY: We were
22 contemplating going into executive session. I think we
23 can handle that at the next meeting and ideally have a
24 settlement proposal for a recommendation.

1 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Okay.

2 SECRETARY TENNANT: As part of new business,
3 Jeff was prepared to address a question and concern from
4 the last meeting, and I'm wondering if I can call him
5 forward to address the preliminary tax year estimates.

6 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Without objection. Jeff.

7 SECRETARY TENNANT: Amburgey.

8 MR. AMBURGEY: Jeff Amburgey, Property
9 Tax Division. At the last meeting when we were
10 discussing utility assessments I had mentioned that it
11 increased about 530 million from the previous year. The
12 Governor asked me would that be enough to cover the
13 losses that we expect to see in the coal fields. I told
14 him at that time that the numbers were too preliminary,
15 we had not completed them.

16 We still have not completed the oil and gas
17 figures. They're not due to be completed until December
18 1st and the counties are also still working on their
19 values; however, these are preliminary rough estimates.
20 I've highlighted in yellow anything that increased or
21 decreased more than five percent. We anticipate the
22 total statewide estimates will go up at least two
23 percent, a couple billion dollars.

24 But big decreases, ten percent in Boone

1 County; seven percent in Logan; eight percent in
2 McDowell; six percent in Mingo; and seven percent in
3 Wyoming, basically attributable to coal minerals and
4 coal equipment. And you see large increases in
5 Doddridge, Ritchie, Tyler, and again those oil and gas
6 numbers are tentative. They may go up even more than
7 that. The Marcellus counties are getting richer and
8 southern coal counties are getting poorer.

9 You had asked for this, and Natalie asked
10 could I have something preliminary for this meeting and,
11 if you have any questions, I'll be glad to try to
12 entertain them.

13 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Okay. Are there questions
14 for Mr. Amburgey?

15 (No response.)

16 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: If not, thank you.

17 SECRETARY TENNANT: I just want to thank you
18 for doing this.

19 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Okay, is there any other
20 business to come before the Board?

21 (No response.)

22 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: If not, do I hear a motion
23 to adjourn?

24 MS. GOTHARD: (Indicated.)

1 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Ms. Gothard moves we
2 adjourn. All those in favor will say aye.
3 (Ayes responded.)
4 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Opposed no.
5 (No response.)
6 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The ayes have it. I
7 declare the Board adjourned. Oh, no, no, no. We're not
8 going to do that. We needed to recess. We take all
9 that back. Let's get it right. I got carried away
10 there. She moves that we recess until --
11 MS. LEWIS: Thursday, December 10th,
12 11:00 AM.
13 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Thursday, December 10th at
14 11:00 AM. All those in favor of the motion to recess
15 then will say aye.
16 (Ayes responded.)
17 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: Opposed no.
18 (No response.)
19 GOVERNOR TOMBLIN: The ayes have it, and I
20 declare the Board in recess. Thank you all.
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22 (WHEREUPON, the hearing was
23 adjourned at 2::12 PM.)
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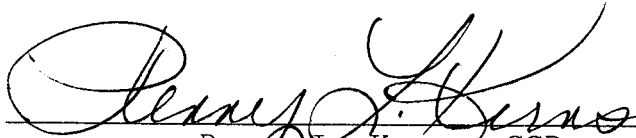
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