

RESOLUTION

In a matter of supporting Barbour County, Our Schools, Our Emergency Services, Our Seniors and Our Families

At a regular session of the County Commission of Barbour County, West Virginia, held at the Courthouse thereof on the 1st day of February, 2021, the following resolution was made and entered:

BE IT RESOLVED:

- I. The citizens of Barbour County are hardworking and resilient individuals who are productive members of society and deserve nothing but the absolute best operating government imaginable;
- II. Barbour County takes pride in providing the services its citizens have earned and deserve;
- III. Barbour County citizens rely heavily on the responsiveness and effectiveness of their local government and local government agencies to provide the services they need;
- IV. Barbour County, West Virginia, the United States and the world have faced unprecedented struggles as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that has gripped society;
- V. Citizens have earned the right for stability and predictability in how their communities are managed;
- VI. Counties and all government entities face great difficulty predicting budgets during unprecedented economic times like those we face now;
- VII. The citizens of Barbour County deserve safe communities, strong schools and reliable emergency services;
- VIII. Any statewide changes to ad valorem tax assessments must be carefully studied and managed;
- IX. Reduction in funding to counties for schools, emergency services, law enforcement, seniors and other important services would cripple local economies, harm our families and bring about devastating consequences;
- X. Further, adopting statewide ad valorem tax assessment policies that change predictability and reduce county services at any point is harmful; however, particularly during a global pandemic such changes would add unnecessary burdens on local communities across West Virginia at a time when workers have been displaced and our citizens are relying upon county services more than ever;
- XI. Senate bill 655 from the 2019 regular session of the West Virginia Legislature would have caused dramatic harm to counties and greatly hampered the ability to provide services that the citizens of Barbour County deserve and need;
- XII. We oppose any and all efforts by the West Virginia Legislature to adopt policies and laws that alter the calculations of the ad valorem tax assessments in a manner that reduces county budgets and the ability to serve our citizens;
- XIII. We further oppose any efforts, be it through rulemaking, regular legislation, or any other means, to resurrect the language of Senate Bill 655 from the 2019 regular session of the West Virginia Legislature; and,

XIV. We continue to support the citizens of Barbour County and will work hard every day to ensure their safety and harmony.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution having been moved by Jamie Carpenter and seconded by David Strait

Whereby, Susie Cvechko, President declared said Resolution duly adopted and it is, therefore, ADJUDGED and ORDERED, that said Resolution be and the same is hereby adopted.

Susie Cvechko
Susie Cvechko, President

Jamie Carpenter
Jamie Carpenter, Commissioner

David Strait
David Strait, Commissioner

2-1-2021
Date