

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF UPSHUR, CITY OF BUCKHANNON, TO WIT:**

A scheduled meeting of the Stockert Youth & Community Center Board of Directors was held at the Stockert Youth Center, 79 East Main Street on Monday, 7 May, 2018 at 4:30 pm with the following in attendance:

Mayor	David McCauley	Present
City Recorder	Susan Aloï	Present
Director of Finance & Admin	Amberle Jenkins	Present
Board Member	Pam Cuppari	Present
Board Member	Robert Rupp	Present
Board Member	Pam Martin	Present
Board Member	Tammy Samples	Present
Board Member	Troy Brady	Present
Board Member	Nancy Shobe	Present
Board Member	Don Nestor	Absent
Board Member	Jessica Fabbriatore	Present
SYCC Director	Debra Brockleman	Present

**Meeting Agenda Posted 05-02-18**

*City of Buckhannon Stockert Youth & Community Center  
Board of Directors Meeting - 4:30 pm in SYCC Conference Room  
Meeting Agenda for May 7, 2018*

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- A. Call to Order
  - A.1 Moment of Silence
  - A.2 Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America
- B. Recognized Guests
- C. Financial Report
- D. Department Report- Debora Brockleman
  - D.1 Upcoming Events and Programs
  - D.2 Update on Fundraising Efforts
  - D.3 Grant Applications and 501(c)3 Status
- E. Correspondence & Information
  - E.1 Letter to Suddenlink re: City Partnership at Stockert Youth & Community Center
  - E.2 Press Release City Partnership with Suddenlink reaps laptops & tech deal for SYCC
  - E.3 Thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Culpepper Re; Gift Supporting Auditorium/Gym
- F. Consent Agenda
  - F.1 Approval of Minutes 04/02/18
- G. Strategic Issues for discussion and vote
  - G.1 Discussion Update-Auditorium/Gymnasium
  - G.2 Bumper Sticker Campaign/Contest/Sale Update
- H. Board Members Comments and Announcements
- I. Mayor's Comments and Announcements
- J. Adjournment

**\*\*Next Meeting SYCC BOD Meeting Date June 4, 2018\*\***

Posted 05/02/18

Mayor McCauley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The meeting began with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognized Guest:** none

**Financial Report** – Amberle Jenkins shared the April financial report. **Motion Shobe/Brady to accept the financial report; motion passed.**

SYCC CD           \$151,283.95  
SYCC SAVINGS \$32,732.03

**Department Report- Debora Brockleman –**

- Altice/Suddenlink donated 10 laptops to SYCC

- Summer camp begins on June 5, 2018; staff training will be completed prior
- New process for background checks for staff
- Ms. Brockleman is planning to submit a proposal to Weyerhaeuser to help support the new auditorium/gymnasium. **Motion Fabbriatore/Brady to approve a grant proposal to Weyerhaeuser for \$200,000; motion passed.**

**Correspondence & Information -**

- **Letter to Suddenlink re: City Partnership at Stockert Youth & Community Center**

April 12, 2018

Ms. Erin Jones  
 Director of Government Affairs  
 Suddenlink  
 4939 Teays Valley Road  
 Scott Depot, WV 25560

&

Mr. Peter Brown  
 VP of Operations  
 Suddenlink  
 68 Fifth Street  
 Buckhannon, WV 26201

RE: Partnership at Stockert Youth & Community Center

Dear Erin & Peter:

Thank you for sponsoring the very special afternoon at SYCC this past Monday afternoon, April 9. Suddenlink's gracious gift of 10 fully loaded laptop computers already is making a huge, positive difference in our SYCC computer lab. Our community's children will benefit immeasurably from this wonderful gift. The continued offering of free internet services and television cable services to our youth and community center similarly continues to be greatly appreciated enriching our kids' lives.

Your offer to provide internet services to families of financial need for the greatly reduced monthly subscription rate of \$14.99 is also a most excellent opportunity for so many who struggle to make ends meet here to connect to our ever-increasing, digital world. I applaud this fantastic initiative.

Finally, the gift of fiber to be installed in Trader's Alley to connect our Jawbone Park activities to our downtown, permitting live performances to be connected into our speaker system in our downtown simply elevates us to being an even more inviting, special place. I look forward to welcoming you both to a City Council meeting soon!

Very truly yours,

David W. McCauley, Mayor

cc: Members of City Council & Members of the City's Consolidated Public Works Board  
 Amby Jenkins, City Administrator  
 Jerry Arnold, Streets & Parks Superintendent  
 Debora Brockleman, SYCC Director + SYCC Board of Directors

- **Press release – City partnership with Suddenlink reaps laptops and tech deal for SYCC**  
<http://buckhannonwv.org/city-partners-with-suddenlink/>



## **City partnership with Suddenlink reaps laptops and tech deal for Stockert & community; Fiber connection to bring music from Jawbone to Main Street**

April 13, 2018

BUCKHANNON, WV: On Monday, the Stockert Youth & Community Center afterschool club received a visit from Suddenlink representatives to learn about how technology makes our lives easier. Along with the visit, Suddenlink donated 10 laptops and announced a special internet rate for households that have children in the public school system. In addition, Suddenlink is providing a connection from the Main Street sound system to Jawbone Park, so that live music at the park's stage can be heard downtown during Festival Fridays and other events.

The laptops will be used by the afterschool program, summer camp, and tutoring service. Community groups that utilize Stockert Youth & Community Center can also access them. Thanks to this program and partnership with the City of Buckhannon, families that have children in Upshur County public schools will now be able to sign up for high-speed internet access through Suddenlink for only \$14.99 per month. In order to qualify, the household must not have had high-speed internet at the home for the preceding 60 days. Erin Jones of Altice, Suddenlink's parent company, said that new subscribers need to "show proof of school enrollment, such as a report card, when subscribing."

Mayor McCauley participated in the afternoon event, fielding questions about how he uses technology as Mayor and how the City operations benefit from internet access. McCauley thanked Suddenlink saying, "Our community's children will benefit immeasurably from this wonderful gift." Debora Brockleman, Director of Stockert Youth Center, added that "the partnership benefits the kids by providing internet access for educational opportunities, homework help as well as learning through educational games and online programs."

To learn more about the technology programs at Stockert Youth & Community Center please contact Stockert Youth & Community Center at (304) 473-0145 or Buckhannon City Hall at (304) 472-1651. To apply for the low- cost internet offer visit [GetEconomyInternet.com](http://GetEconomyInternet.com) or call 844.358.3147.

- **Thank-you letter to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Culpepper re: gift supporting auditorium/gym**

April 17, 2018

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Culpepper  
616 Stonewall Drive  
Charleston, WV 25302-2933

RE: Stockert Youth & Community Center

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Culpepper:

On behalf of everyone associated with our City of Buckhannon, thank you so very much for your generous gift supporting the capital campaign to realize our new auditorium/gymnasium at the Stockert Youth & Community Center. If I could only get more folks to step up to the plate as you have done, we could break ground very soon on this much needed and exciting project. You are both now charter members of our Thousand Dollar Club, and I assure you- one way or another in the near future, this facility will come to fruition in no small part because of amazing contributions like yours.

As we edge closer to a ground-breaking, I will be in touch with you as we most assuredly would like to celebrate your presence at our ground-breaking. Next year marks 25 years of service of Stockert, and I can't think of a better way to celebrate our silver anniversary than to break ground on our new building. If I can ever be of service to you here in Buckhannon, please don't hesitate to call City Hall at (304) 472-1651. Again, on behalf of all of us associated with our City and our Stockert facility, thanks so very much!

Very truly yours,  
David W. McCauley, Mayor

cc: Members of City Council  
Members of Stockert Youth & Community Board of Directors  
Debora Brockleman, SYCC Director  
Amby Jenkins, City Finance & Administration Director  
Jerry Arnold, City Public Works Director  
Bob Skinner, WVWC

### **Consent Agenda:**

- **Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2018. Motion Cuppari/Martin to approve SYCC Board minutes from April 2, 2018; motion passed.**

### **Strategic Issues for discussion:**

- **Discussion/update – Auditorium/gymnasium** Mayor McCauley shared photos that Jerry Arnold provided of the proposed shell building. The cost of the shell is about \$250,000

without lighting and HVAC, which would be another \$130,000-\$140,000. Bleachers would cost \$110/seat; 200 of these would be another \$22,000. The Mayor explained that City Council suggests an operational plan to address the increase in utilities, insurance, and maintenance, and perhaps staffing that the new building will require.

The Mayor recommends that, in mid-July, SYCC board should sponsor a Town Hall meeting to discuss how the increases in operational costs can be addressed. City Council will be invited, of course, but the Mayor believes the SYCC board should organize and host the meeting. Council member Cuppari shared that she spoke with someone who might be willing to donate a significant amount, but he wants to see a breakdown of the items and costs that need to be funded. There should also be an opportunity for sharing how the facility could be used and who might contribute, financially, to the various functions.

**Motion Cuppari/Samples for SYCC Board to conduct public forum by middle-end of July 2018 to ask for input into the building use and operational sustainability.**

**Motion carried.**

- **Bumper sticker campaign/contest/sale update** – Debora Brockleman shared the designs children submitted for the contest. Board members reviewed and made suggestions of their favorites.

#### **Board Members Comments and Announcements**

- **J. Fabbriatore** – Do we as a Board need to come up with a written proposal for the new building? Board agreed we should start sharing ideas, and Jessica agreed to set up a Google Doc.
- **P. Martin** – Donating two Steeler/Raven tickets to raffle off for fundraising for the new building.
- **R. Rupp** – “Keep on keeping on”
- **S. Aloï** - None
- **T. Brady**- Doesn’t want to get the public too confused, and we need to move ahead. But, we don’t want to promise the public anything that we can’t deliver.
- **P. Cuppari** – None
- **T. Samples** – Suggested being very specific when advertising the purpose of the town-hall meeting. People should be encouraged to provide suggestions, but they should be focused and they shouldn’t expect all to be acted upon..
- **N. Shobe** - None
- **D. Nestor** - Absent

**Mayor’s Comments & Announcements** – Suggested the week of July 23 for the big meeting, 7pm in the Stockert gym.

**Motion Rupp/Samples to adjourn; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:37p.m.**

**Mayor David McCauley**

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**Recorder Susan Aloï**

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**The next meeting will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm**