

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

A regular meeting of the Stockert Youth & Community Center Board was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., in SYCC Conference Room with the following in attendance:

Mayor	David McCauley	Present
City Recorder	Randy Sanders	Present
Assistant Recorder/Finance Director	Amberle Jenkins	Present
Board Member	Pam Bucklew	Absent
Board Member	Sam Nolte	Present
Board Member	Troy "Buddy" Brady	Present
Board Member	Tammy Samples	Present
Board Member	Melissa Franke	Present
Board Member	Don Nestor	Present
Board Member	Robert Rupp	Absent
Board Member	Nancy C. Shobe	Present
Board Member	Pam Martin	Absent
SYCC Executive Director	Debora Brockleman	Present
City Attorney	Tom O'Neill	Absent

Also, in attendance: Larry Carter; Katie Kuba, My Buckhannon

**City of Buckhannon Stockert Youth & Community Center  
Board of Directors Meeting - 4:30 pm in SYCC Conference Room  
Meeting Agenda for March 2, 2020**

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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**
    - B.1**
  - C. Financial Report**
  - D. Department Report- Debora Brockleman**
    - D.1 Staff Report: Upcoming Events and Current Programs**
  - E. Correspondence & Information**
    - E.1 Thank you letter to Band of Brothers-Capital Campaign Gift**
    - E.2 Thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Collett -Capital Campaign Gift**
    - E.3 Emails to Senator Capito & Senator Hamilton RE: Funding -New Multi-Purpose Building**
    - E.4 SYCC Donor Model & Recognition Status**
    - E.5 SYCC Origins/Narrative**
  - F. Consent Agenda**
    - F.1 Approval of Minutes: 02/03/2020**
  - G. Strategic Issues for Discussion and/or Vote**
    - G.1 Discussion Update- Multi-Purpose Building/Gym  
-Review Building Plan Options/Cost Estimates**
    - G.2 Bingo Fundraising Event Planning for March 29, 2020**
    - G.3 Elimination Dinner 2020- Event Planning Date/Time, Etc.**
    - G.4 Additional Fundraising Ideas**
    - G.5 Remembering Joyce Stockert-Dedication on March 5, 2020 at 6:30pm in front of SYCC**
  - H. Board Members Comments and Announcements**
  - I. Mayor's Comments and Announcements**
  - J. Adjournment**

Posted 02/27/2020

Next SYCC Meeting Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 4:30pm

**A. Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order led by a moment of silence. This was followed by the pledge to the US flag led by Larry Carter.

The Mayor presented the following statement to the Board:

*CITY OF BUCKHANNON - MAYOR'S OPENING STATEMENT  
STOCKERT YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD MEETING*

*March 2, 2020*

*Good afternoon ladies & gentlemen of the Board. As you all know, we relaunched our Stockert capital campaign in December of 2017. At that time, our City had about \$149,000 toward building expansion here. Since jump-starting that campaign, we have amassed nearly \$340,000, or another \$190,000+. We are thankful for the gifts of the Jenkins family & Jenkins Ford (\$25,000) the Minsker family & Buckhannon Toyota (\$20,000), Weyerhaeuser (\$15,000), Tim Critchfield & High Point Construction (\$11,000), Mike Ross (\$10,000), and a host of other gracious donors including many people in this room. Council member Dave Thomas also has pledged \$12,000.*

*In April of 2018, this Board approved a donor model that would authorize naming rights of our new building, the fill-in-the-blank Arena at Stockert Youth & Community Center. Acquisition of naming rights required a gift of \$100,000. The largest gift ever received by our City has been the \$25,000 gift of the Jenkins family & Jenkins Ford made just last year toward our Stockert capital campaign. I have been courting several people and enterprises in hopes of selling our naming rights. I am pleased to report this afternoon, that subject to City Council's final acceptance this Thursday evening as part of a larger transaction, i.e., the City's purchase of the bank's drive-thru property on Madison Street- Citizens' Bank will gift our campaign with \$100,000 to take our capital campaign to about \$440,000. Citizens' CEO, Nathaniel Bonnell, & the Citizens' board of directors are friends of Buckhannon & our SYCC programs & facilities.*

*As we await word, nearly any day now, on our Abandoned Mine Land (AML) grant application filed last summer seeking \$3.8 million for Stockert & river trail expansion, this gift will only help with that application as Buckhannon further establishes its strong ownership in and support for this facility. Needless to say, this is a monumental moment in the nearly 26-year history of the Stockert programs. I remind you that Mrs. Joyce Stockert died on March 16, 1994, and we can only imagine how very pleased she would be about the work going on within this facility, including our plans to grow this facility and our excellent programs. You are reminded that we will again celebrate her life this Thursday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. right out front of our building here. We are averaging 13,000+ youth hours monthly, and another 1,000 hours of volunteer service time monthly. This facility enjoys nearly universal support of our B-U community.*

*I encourage as many of our Board members as possible to attend this Thursday's City Council meeting to speak favorably about acceptance of this gift while our City also develops more, much needed parking for our downtown that also will serve Jawbone Park, our public safety complex, & of course our own Stockert facility. The bank property is located but a block away from Stockert. I think Citizens' Arena at SYCC has a really cool ring to it! We thank everyone with Citizens' Bank for this wonderful gift.*

A discussion with the Board took place, as well as a Q&A with the media, concerning this statement.

**B. Recognized Guests:**

**B.1** None

**C. Financial Report** – Amberle Jenkins provided the following financial information.

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CITY OF BUCKHANNON  
REVENUE & EXPENSE REPORT (UNAUDITED)  
AS OF: FEBRUARY 29TH, 2020

001-GENERAL FUND

% OF YEAR COMPLETED: 66.67

REVENUES	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	TOTAL ENCUMBERED	BUDGET BALANCE	% YTD BUDGET
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>						
001-362-000-00 SYC CONTRIB. UCC AND BOE	45,000	0.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
001-362-000-01 SYC UTILITY REVENUE	2,500	210.50	1,693.00	0.00	807.00	67.72
001-362-000-02 SYC CAMP BUCANNEER FEES	18,000	260.00	19,171.00	0.00	(1,171.00)	106.51
001-362-000-03 SYC DRILL TEAM FEES	5,000	97.00	3,599.50	0.00	1,400.50	71.99
001-362-000-04 SYC BASKETBALL FEES	20,000	1,705.00	13,989.00	0.00	6,011.00	69.95
001-362-000-05 SYC ROOM RENTAL FEES	6,000	610.00	5,575.00	0.00	425.00	92.92
001-362-000-06 SYC ART/DRAMA FEES	0	0.00	875.00	0.00	(875.00)	0.00
001-362-000-07 SYC AFTER SCHOOL FEES	30,000	2,888.63	32,512.69	0.00	(2,512.69)	108.38
001-362-000-08 SYC DRINK/SNACK MACHINE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-09 SYC DONATIONS	2,000	1,100.00	70,527.00	0.00	(68,527.00)	3,526.35
001-362-000-10 SYC KARATE FEES	2,000	240.00	1,045.00	0.00	955.00	52.25
001-362-000-11 RED RIBBON WEEK	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-12 SYC GIRLS GO GOLFING	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-13 UCARE/SYC	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-14 SYC BINGO FUND RAISER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-15 SYC CHILDRENS FESTIVAL DO	500	0.00	1,851.00	0.00	(1,351.00)	370.20
001-362-000-16 SYC TEEN DANCES	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-17 ZUMBA REVENUE	0	90.00	750.00	0.00	(750.00)	0.00
001-362-000-18 YOGA FITNESS CLASS REVENUE	1,000	0.00	635.00	0.00	365.00	63.50
001-362-000-19 GUITAR LESSONS REVENUE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-362-000-20 SYC MISC ACTV REVENUE 1TI	500	0.00	195.00	0.00	305.00	39.00
001-362-000-99 SYC BEQUEST	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>	<b>132,500</b>	<b>7,201.13</b>	<b>197,418.19</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(64,918.19)</b>	<b>148.99</b>

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001-GENERAL FUND

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DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT PERIOD	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	TOTAL ENCUMBERED	BUDGET BALANCE	% YTD BUDGET
<b>STOCKERT YOUTH CENTER</b>						
<b>SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>						
001-907-101-00 STOCKERT YOUTH CENTER SAL	129,000	11,000.12	88,409.52	0.00	40,590.48	68.53
001-907-103-00 CAMP BUCANNEER SALARIES	23,600	1,998.01	21,582.52	0.00	2,017.48	91.45
001-907-103-01 SYC BUS DRIVERS	1,000	0.00	330.00	0.00	670.00	33.00
001-907-104-00 FICA TAX	12,100	993.82	8,435.65	0.00	3,664.35	69.72
001-907-105-00 GROUP INSURANCE	25,300	2,269.42	21,497.10	0.00	3,802.90	84.97
001-907-106-00 GROUP RETIREMENT	7,500	649.39	4,939.02	0.00	2,560.98	65.85
001-907-109-00 COMPENSATED ABSENCE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>198,500</b>	<b>16,910.76</b>	<b>145,193.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>53,306.19</b>	<b>73.15</b>
<b>CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>						
001-907-211-00 TELEPHONES	2,500	210.96	2,013.03	0.00	486.97	80.52
001-907-213-00 UTILITIES	15,000	1,704.72	11,872.19	0.00	3,127.81	79.15
001-907-214-00 TRAVEL EXPENSE	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
001-907-216-00 MAINTENANCE	6,000	2,343.54	5,835.96	170.00	(5.96)	100.10
001-907-218-00 POSTAGE	250	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
001-907-221-00 TRAINING	275	0.00	80.00	0.00	195.00	29.09
001-907-226-00 INSURANCE & BONDS	13,500	87.71	5,852.66	0.00	7,647.34	43.35
001-907-230-00 SYC CONTRACTUAL BUS SER	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-230-01 WORK STUDY/AMERICORP	6,500	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	5,500.00	15.38
<b>TOTAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES</b>	<b>44,525</b>	<b>4,346.93</b>	<b>26,653.84</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>17,701.16</b>	<b>60.24</b>
<b>COMMODITIES</b>						
001-907-341-00 MATERIALS & SUPPLIES EXPE	6,000	539.97	3,026.53	0.00	2,973.47	50.44
001-907-341-01 OPERATING EXPENSES	2,500	164.33	1,410.76	0.00	1,089.24	56.43
001-907-343-00 SYC AUTO SUPPLIES	2,500	0.00	794.08	0.00	1,705.92	31.76
001-907-354-00 DRILL TEAM	5,000	853.10	3,044.54	0.00	1,955.46	60.89
001-907-355-00 DANCE TEAM	1,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
001-907-356-00 YOUTH BASKETBALL	18,000	1,720.85	6,556.35	0.00	11,443.65	36.42
001-907-357-00 TUTORING	250	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00
001-907-358-00 MISC. DANCE/PARTIES	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
001-907-359-00 ART/DRAMA PROGRAM	250	0.00	819.00	0.00	(569.00)	327.60
001-907-360-00 CAMP BUCANNEER SUPPLIES	3,500	0.00	1,138.26	0.00	2,361.74	32.52
001-907-361-00 AFTER SCHOOL SUPPLIES	4,300	485.19	2,515.40	0.00	1,784.60	58.50
001-907-362-00 DRINK/SNACK MACHINE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-363-00 KARATE CLASS INSTRUCTION	2,000	100.00	716.00	0.00	1,284.00	35.80
001-907-364-00 SKATEPARK	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-365-00 RED RIBBON WEEK EXPENSE	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-366-00 FUND RAISER	2,000	0.00	5,719.97	0.00	(3,719.97)	286.00
001-907-367-00 GIRLS GO GOLFING	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-368-00 UCARE/SYC	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-368-01 ZUMBA	100	60.00	672.00	0.00	(572.00)	672.00
001-907-368-02 YOGA FITNESS CLASS	1,000	0.00	572.00	0.00	428.00	57.20
001-907-368-03 GUITAR LESSONS	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
001-907-368-04 MISC ACTIVITIES-ONE TIME	500	0.00	179.50	0.00	320.50	35.90
001-907-368-05 GRANT EXP SYCC	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL COMMODITIES</b>	<b>49,400</b>	<b>3,923.44</b>	<b>27,164.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>22,235.61</b>	<b>54.99</b>
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
001-907-458-00 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (BOE & U	0	0.00	32.70	0.00	(32.70)	0.00
001-907-458-01 SYC CHILDRENS FESTIVAL	1,000	0.00	1,223.44	0.00	(223.44)	122.34
001-907-459-00 CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,000	0.00	995.15	0.00	2,004.85	33.17
001-907-477-00 SYC TEEN DANCES	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,251.29</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,748.71</b>	<b>56.28</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>						
001-907-570-00 DEPRECIATION EXP CURR YR	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL STOCKERT YOUTH CENTER</b>	<b>296,425</b>	<b>25,181.13</b>	<b>201,263.33</b>	<b>170.00</b>	<b>94,991.67</b>	<b>67.95</b>

12/05/2019	D Thomas	687226	\$50.00	appraisal		
12/09/2019	Weyerhauser	687885	\$5,000.00			
						put in savings by 102200475 trans 1-2-
12/19/2019	David McCauley	690117	\$100.00		\$ 38,619.00	2020
	book interest 9/30/19		\$ 16.69			
	book interest 12/31/19		\$19.79		\$ 36.48	interest on savings
01/06/2020	Zuls	693128	\$ 100.00			
01/17/2020	Band of Brothers	695949	\$ 2,000.00			
02/03/2020	Collett,	699348	\$ 1,000.00			
02/21/2020	David McCauley	703367	\$ 100.00		\$ 3,200.00	
			\$ 172,658.72		\$ 172,658.72	
capital campaign	\$ 324,595.62					
Contributions						
from Utility Bills		needs updated				
						D Thomas Pledge not \$12,000.00 received yet
Total receive	\$ 324,595.62					
with pledges	\$ 336,595.62				\$12,000.00	

**Motion to approve the Financial Report made by Shobe/Brady. Motion carried.**

#### **D. Department Report- Debora Brockleman**

**D.1 Staff Report: Upcoming Events and Current Programs** – Director Brockleman gave a report on all activities and programs as outlined here:

***Stockert Youth & Community Center  
March 2, 2020  
Staff Report-Debora Brockleman***

*After School and Tutoring is going very well. With approximately 58-60 attending daily. We currently have 13 students tutoring weekly and 15-20 receiving homework help.*

*SYCC Basketball Winter season ended this past Saturday with tournaments all day. Overall, the season went very well with very few issues other than gym time being a scheduling issue.*

*We are planning a BINGO fundraiser; the date is March 29 at the Buckhannon Moose Club. Doors open at 12:00 pm and Bingo will begin at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$25 for 20 games including a “cover all”.*

*Over spring break, we will have open gym and we are planning a spring dance/teen activity in April. We will also have an activity of sorts with the Strawberry Festival Jr. Royalty Parade.*

*We will be planning for summer camp in the coming weeks and registration forms will be available April 1. The first day of summer camp is tentatively June 1<sup>st</sup>, depending on the last day of school.*

*We would like to consider adding a seat of the Board to be filled by a parent to allow the parents of the children utilizing the SYCC to have input. The first step would be to organize a parent’s group and have them appoint a representative.*

*Youth Involvement hours for February 2020 were 12,597.*

The Board and the SYCC Director participated in discussions on many of the topics covered in the report.

**E. Correspondence & Information** – The Mayor reviewed the following with the Board:

**E.1 Thank you letter to Band of Brothers-Capital Campaign Gift**

February 18, 2020

Band of Brothers  
c/o Al Tucker  
98 West Lincoln Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

RE: Stockert Youth & Community Center

Dear Gentlemen:

Thank you for your very generous \$2,000 gift supporting the capital campaign to realize our new multi-purpose building at the Stockert Youth & Community Center. If more folks would step up to the plate as you have done, we could break ground very soon on this much needed and exciting project. The Band of Brothers are a charter member of our Thousand Dollar Club, and I assure you- one way or another in the near future, this facility will come to fruition.

As we edge closer to a ground-breaking, I will be in touch with you as we most assuredly would like your presence at this celebratory event. If I can ever be of service to you, please don't hesitate to call City Hall at (304) 472-1651. Again, on behalf of everyone 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  
Debora Brockleman, SYCC Director  
Amby Jenkins, City Finance & Administration Director  
Jerry Arnold, City Public Works Director

**E.2 Thank you letter to Mr. & Mrs. Steve Collett -Capital Campaign Gift**

February 18, 2020

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Collett  
244 Circle Drive  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

RE: Stockert Youth & Community Center

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Collett:

Thank you for your very generous gift supporting the capital campaign to realize our new multi-purpose building at the Stockert Youth & Community Center. If more folks would step up to the plate as you have done, we could break ground very soon on this much needed and exciting project. You are a charter member of our Thousand Dollar Club, and I assure you- one way or another in the near future, this facility will come to fruition.

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David W. McCauley, Mayor

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

**E.3 Emails to Senator Capito & Senator Hamilton RE: Funding -New Multi-Purpose Building**

**STOCKERT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER HELP:**

From: Don Nestor <[donnestor67@gmail.com](mailto:donnestor67@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 10, 2020 at 10:17 AM  
Subject: STOCKERT YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

To: <[Max\\_hyman@capito.senate.gov](mailto:Max_hyman@capito.senate.gov)>

Cc: David McCauley <[mccauley@wvwc.edu](mailto:mccauley@wvwc.edu)>, Debora Brockleman <[debora.brockleman@buckhannonwv.org](mailto:debora.brockleman@buckhannonwv.org)>, Amberle Jenkins <[amby.jenkins@buckhannonwv.org](mailto:amby.jenkins@buckhannonwv.org)>, Callie Cronin-Sams <[callie.csams@buckhannonwv.org](mailto:callie.csams@buckhannonwv.org)>

Max,

I talked to a gentleman in your office On February 7 concerning funding of of a multi-purpose building for the above youth center located in Buckhannon, WV. Senator Capito has visited the current SYCC facility and she assisted us several year ago in acquiring flooring for our existing gym. We are finding now that the success of our program has greatly outgrown the current SYCC building in the past. Since then we have exceeded the available gym space in our own sym as well as space available in Upshur County schools. We have been in the process of raising funds for a new gym for SYCC and we have accumulated over \$366,000 to date, but we now have determined that in order to construct a building that will meet the needs of year-round youth programs at SYCC as well and expand into year-round programs for our more senior citizens we will need funds much in excess of that amount.

SYCC was initially funded by Mrs. Joyce Stockert in her will with a gift of \$500,000 for creation of a youth center.. The Upshur County Board of Education had closed a small grade school on Main Street in Buckhannon and instead of tearing it down or allowing it to deteriorate they transferred it to SYCC contingent on a youth center being placed there. Upgrading that historic grade school building to make it secure and to meet current regulations is where most of Mrs. Stockert's gift were used. We now have a very safe and secure facility, but our program needs have exceeded the size of the facility. We track the number of hours that a young person will utilize SYCC programs to monitor our success and we are very proud of that progress. The average number of hours that youth are involved in SYCC programs per month are normally between 10,000 and 12,000 per month. For last month, January 2020, youth involvement in SYCC programs were over 13,000 hours.

As I mentioned above, SYCC offers numerous programs to the youth of Upshur County such as basketball, baton, tutoring, karate, and as an after school location for children waiting for parents to get off work. We offer these and many more other programs as specific requests are received and as volunteer instructors become available. SYCC is a perfect example of local cooperation. This center is managed by the City of Buckhannon and assisted by all its departments. The Upshur County Commission and the Upshur County Board of Education work together to meet needs of our youth and assist where possible. West Virginia Wesleyan College (WVWC) is located only a few blocks from SYCC and its students volunteer each month as tutors, coaches, and mentors. The experience WVWC students are a tremendous resource to SYCC impacting our youth and contributing to our programs, but WVWC volunteers also gain experience in a program that works well which they can take to their future homes and places of employment and implement there.

In order to bridge this funding gap for a new facility we have sought local donations of all sizes as well as applied for grant from various sources. We applied in August of last year for funding from the Abandoned Mine Land Economic and Community Development Pilot Program (AML) for development of various trails and other facilities connected to mining facilities located near Buckhannon such a the Sago Mine area. This grant application included a new multi-purpose building on SYCC property to be the base for the outreach to prior mining areas in and around Buckhannon that would also include the gym facilities listed above needed for SYCC to meet its current and future needs. We have not heard back from this grant application at this point. We are hopeful our request will be granted but we also realize those funds may be allocated elsewhere in West Virginia. We at SYCC see the great success we are having with so much youth involvement and community support, but we also anguish with the realization that each month and each year there are youth and older citizens of our community who will not be able to participate in our programs at critical times in their lives where a safe, constructive program and facility are needed. That is what led leads me as a Board Member of SYCC to reach out to Senator Capito and to you for assistance in any way possible to help us secure funds and to construct this facility.

In order to construct a gymnasium to meet the minimum needs of our expanded programs our current estimate of additional funds beyond the \$336,000 on hand now is approximately \$1,000,000. Our AML Grant application was for \$3,800,000 which included enhancements for the building to address AML program additions for the mine lands in our area as well as construction of a new multi-purpose gymnasium. The new building will be the "trail head" for our expanded river trails to mining areas in Sago and Pringle Tree, Upshur County. Our desire is to continue and expand our youth outreach and programs and to reach out to potential use by our more senior citizens to make it a complete community facility.

I have personally known Senator Capito for many years and I have worked with her and her father here in West Virginia in my 48 year career a a CPA working mainly with oil and natural gas companies. I also worked as the Grant Fund Administrator for the Sago Mine Fund which disbursed funds from public donations and from the owners of the Sago Mine to the 13 families involved in that tragedy. During the approximate 2 years that we disbursed this Sago Mine funding I worked with Mr. Wilbur Ross and his company officials. Senator Capito and I have discussed this connection with Upshur County and the commitment of Mr. Ross to assist families in that situation, just as Senator Capito cares about individual needs and responds to those needs daily. Mr. Ross may also be of assistance in our search for funds for SYCC, if Senator Capito feels it would be appropriate to contact him. As a side note, since the Sago Mine accident on January 2, 2006, all coal mining in Upshur County has ceased. Many workers who live in Upshur County do currently drive to other counties to work in mines. We still have families of the 13 miners as county residents who are involved with SYCC.

Thank you very much for reading the above data and sharing this with Senator Capito. You can tell from the above we are very passionate about the needs of our youth and our more senior citizen needs, We are very proud of our success at SYCC to date and we also are committed to continue growing our program outreach. We are hopeful Senator Capito will be able to help us continue our current program and grow SYCC service to our community.

Please give Senator Capito my sincere best wishes and I look forward to hearing back from you. I am sending a copy of this email to Buckhannon Mayor David McCauley (304-472-1651) and to the SYCC Executive Director Debora Brockleman (304-473-0145) for their information. Please contact any of us at any time with your questions and suggestions.

Thanks,  
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Date: Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:25 PM  
Subject: Stockert Youth & Community Center help  
To: Bill Hamilton <[bill.hamilton@wvsenate.gov](mailto:bill.hamilton@wvsenate.gov)>

Good afternoon Senator Bill, pardon my intrusion. During yesterday's monthly Board meeting, Don Nestor & I were assigned the task of reaching out to you and Mike Ross- to see if there's any prospect of a group of us from Buckhannon having five or ten minutes with Governor Justice to discuss our substantial need for funding with the new multi-purpose building at Stockert. As you may know, we've applied for \$3.8 million in Abandoned Mines Land grant funding. We understood we would find out about our application in October, but we've received no word yet.

About one million \$ of the \$3.8 million would be applied to the new building with the rest being allocated to river trail extensions. We have \$336,000 thus far from our capital campaign launched about two years ago, so some pretty good seed money. The turnkey building will cost about one million dollars & change. We're not trying to get the governor to announce something he's not ready to announce yet, but- perhaps there are other funding sources that he might make available to us. Any help you may render to arrange a meeting, put in a good word for us- would be hugely appreciated. Thanks as always Bill! Best- Dave McCauley

#### **E.4 SYCC Donor Model & Recognition Status**

##### SYCC DONOR MODEL & RECOGNITION STATUS

(adopted April 2, 2018)

- 1) \$100,000 = naming rights to new "arena"
- 2) Platinum Club = \$15,000+
- 3) Gold Club = \$5000 - \$14,999
- 4) Silver Club = \$1,000 - \$4,999
- 5) Bronze Club = \$500 - \$999
- 6) Copper Club = \$100 - \$499
- 7) Red Club = \$25 - \$99
- 8) Contributor = \$1 - \$24.99

All "Club" members will be recognized in our SYCC foyer

#### **E.5 SYCC Origins/Narrative**

As our City celebrates the honor of our Stockert Youth & Community Center being recognized as the outstanding organization of the year by the Buckhannon-Upshur Chamber of Commerce, it seems appropriate to revisit how our wonderful SYC came to be. Buckhannon's Joyce S. Stockert died on March 16, 1994. By her last will & testament drafted by attorney, Roy Law, Mrs. Stockert provided that upon the Upshur County Commission's acceptance within six (6) months following the probate of her will, that \$500,000 was to be bequeathed for the purchase, construction, & operation of a youth center facility to be designated & named "The Stockert Youth Center." Mrs. Stockert specifically provided that "the operation of the youth center shall ... provide for entertainment, instruction, recreational athletics, sport & other wholesome activities for the youth of Upshur County."

On September 15, 1994, the Commission formally & unanimously accepted the bequest in accordance with Mrs. Stockert's will. The County entered into a rent-free, year-to-year lease with the Upshur County Board of Education to use the old East Main Street School which had closed at the end of the 1994 school year to house the youth center. The very first SYC program was the drill team featuring sometimes more than 100 little pompom, baton, flag, & rifle toting girls. Later, a director was hired & after-school programs were established. Until 2004, the County Commission honored the spirit & express purpose of the Stockert bequest. During Binky Poundstone's tenure as mayor from 1996-2000, the City of Buckhannon began to contribute financially & through in-kind services to improve SYC. Wesleyan College also was substantially involved in SYC program administration & development since SYC's inception, with SYC having benefited from the hundreds of Wesleyan students' dynamic service, mentoring, & leadership involvement.

SYC was sustained during its first decade during the ownership & operation by the County Commission while relying heavily upon financial & other assistance from the City, the Upshur County Board of Ed, the College, & other individuals & entities, & SYC remained viable due to the informal partnership which existed among the several entities & other contributors.

In 2004, the partnering County, City, & Board of Education, recognized & agreed that notwithstanding the previous sustaining of SYC facilities & programs under County ownership & operation, that a different method whereby the City would assume SYC ownership & operation with future financial & other assistance forthcoming from the County Commission & the Upshur County Board of Education, & other assistance from the College, would best assure SYC's continued, long-term operation together with improvement of SYC facilities, programs, & staffing. A declaratory judgment action was filed before Judge Tom Keadle, who approved the new arrangement, & for the past 14 years, SYC has flourished under City ownership & the direction of a board comprised of all of the primary partnering entities.

In 2005, a Small Cities' Block grant combined with in-kind services by the City permitted substantial remodeling of the facility gifted by the Board of Education. A retired bus was acquired from the Board of Ed. to permit transportation of SYC kids to parades, Camp Buccaneer at the county pool, & trips to Kennywood for kids, many of whom would never otherwise have been able to enjoy such fun, summer fieldtrips. Basketball, martial arts, Stock-Art, wrestling, & other programs have been added to provide fun, safe, after-school & summer experiences for the children of our B-U community. No child has ever been turned away from SYC. In its 24<sup>th</sup> year, thousands of kids from our community have benefited from our SYC programs. Next year, we will celebrate the silver anniversary of our beloved Stockert Youth Center, & we hope to break ground soon on our new multi-purpose auditorium/gymnasium to even better meet the needs of our most precious assets- our children. Additionally, plans are being made to expand the programs at SYC to permit senior citizens & other adult groups to use the facility. Thank you to our B-U community for your excellent support!

## **F. Consent Agenda**

### **F.1 Approval of Minutes: 02/03/2020**

**Motion to approve minutes made by Samples/Shobe. Motion carried.**

## **G. Strategic Issues for discussion and vote**

### **G.1 Discussion Update- Multi-Purpose Building/Gym**

**-Review Building Plan Options/Cost Estimates** – Nothing further to discuss.

### **G.2 Bingo Fundraising Event Planning for March 29, 2020** – Discussed earlier

**G.3 Elimination Dinner 2020- Event Planning Date/Time, Etc.** – It was agreed to choose a date - either November 6, 7, 13 or 14. Preferably, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**G.4 Additional Fundraising Ideas** – The Mayor suggested that we continue to develop new fundraising ideas.

**G.5 Remembering Joyce Stockert-Dedication on March 5, 2020 at 6:30pm in front of SYCC** - The Mayor acknowledged the legacy of Joyce Stockert and the importance of her initial gift of \$500,000 for the SYCC. She will be honored with a plaque, in front of SYCC, to be dedicated Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 6:30 PM.

### **\*\* JOYCE S. STOCKERT\*\***

MRS. JOYCE E. SULLIVAN STOCKERT WAS BORN IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1914, HER PARENTS BEING LEONARD & MARY OGDEN TURPIN SULLIVAN. SHE LATER MARRIED THOMAS L. STOCKERT, JR., OF BUCKHANNON. MRS. STOCKERT ONCE WORKED AS A SECRETARY FOR THE B & O RAILROAD.

JOYCE STOCKERT LIVED IN HER HUSBAND'S SHADOW HERE IN BUCKHANNON FOR MOST OF HER LIFE. HE WAS A LOCAL LAWYER WHO DIED ON AUGUST 8, 1992. UPON HIS DEATH, HE BEQUEATHED NEARLY ALL OF HIS MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR ESTATE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAW SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, LEAVING HIS WIFE WITH A MODEST AMOUNT TO MINIMIZE PAYMENT OF ESTATE TAXES AS PROVIDED FOR IN HIS WILL.

MRS. STOCKERT RETAINED BUCKHANNON ATTORNEY ROY LAW TO DRAFT HER NEW WILL, WITHIN WHICH SHE BEQUEATHED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, REPRESENTING NEARLY HER ENTIRE ESTATE, TO THE UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION FOR "THE OPERATION OF THE YOUTH CENTER [THAT] SHALL PROVIDE FOR ENTERTAINMENT, INSTRUCTION, RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS, SPORT & OTHER WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH OF UPSHUR COUNTY." UPON HER DEATH ON MARCH 16, 1994, THE UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION WAS ALLOWED SIX MONTHS TO ELECT TO ACCEPT HER GIFT, WHICH THE COMMISSION DID ACCEPT IN SEPTEMBER OF 1994.

THE UPSHUR COUNTY COMMISSION OPERATED THIS FACILITY AS THE STOCKERT YOUTH CENTER FOR 10 YEARS, UNTIL THE COMMISSION CONVEYED ALL INTEREST IN THE CENTER TO THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON WHICH HAS OWNED & OPERATED THE CENTER SINCE 2004. THE STOCKERT BOARD OF DIRECTORS INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY, COUNTY COMMISSION, UPSHUR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, WV WESLEYAN COLLEGE, & OTHER AT-LARGE MEMBERS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE CITY SLIGHTLY MODIFIED THE NAME OF THIS FACILITY TO THE "STOCKERT YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER" ON MARCH 5, 2018.

JOYCE STOCKERT IN HER QUIET WAY BECAME A TRUE HEROINE TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR COMMUNITY. WHILE SHE NEVER HAD ANY CHILDREN OF HER OWN, IN A WAY, SHE ENDED UP ADOPTING GENERATIONS OF OUR CHILDREN WHO SHE NEVER CAME TO KNOW. NO ONE HAS DONE MORE FOR THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY THAN MRS. STOCKERT. OUR YOUTH OF TODAY & FUTURE KIDS OF OUR B-U COMMUNITY WILL NOW & FOREVER KNOW ABOUT HER IMPACT & LASTING LEGACY.

THE JOYCE S. STOCKERT PLAZA WAS DEDICATED BY THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, THE STOCKERT YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, & BUCKHANNON'S DIVERSITY APPRECIATION COALITION DURING OUR CITY'S CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ON MARCH 5, 2020.



CITY OF BUCKHANNON – WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH  
Stockert Youth & Community Center - March 5, 2020

Good evening ladies & gentlemen & welcome to Buckhannon's first event celebrating Women's History Month 2020. Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized & requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in

March as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 & 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting & authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush, & Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.”

Our own City of Buckhannon has been very blessed with decades of service from women who have assumed key roles in evolving our City to the excellent organization that it is today. We reflect back upon the tremendous service of Binky Poundstone who served our City from 1963-2000 as City Recorder, Treasurer, & Mayor. We thank Nancy Shobe for her 40+ years of service as City Recorder, Treasurer, & Acting Mayor. And where would we be today without Amby Jenkins as our Director of Finance & Administration who has dedicated her entire working life, 44 years & counting- of service to Buckhannon. We thank Callie Cronin-Sams, our grant writer & information coordinator; Dixie Green, our horticulturist; & police officer Angel McCauley. We thank our entire City Hall staff of the most excellent employees, our ladies- Teresa Summers, Barb Hinkle, Kathy Holt, Billie Davidson, Shayla Gowers, Holly Gregory, Alice Teets, Aimee Garman, & Sue Roby. We thank Municipal Court Judge, Helen Echard for her service. We appreciate the many years of leadership from Council members Mary Albaugh & Pam Bucklew. We have more females employed by our City right now than ever before in Buckhannon’s history.

Tonight, Buckhannon honors Mrs. Joyce Stockert, who died back in 1994 & who made this facility where we gather this evening possible. I will share more biographical information about Mrs. Stockert in a few minutes. On March 19, we will recognize Mrs. Mary Gibson who made the Gibson Memorial Library that is located just down the street- possible. First, I’d like to call upon a couple of the outstanding ladies of our community, first Amby Jenkins, & then Shauna Jones who serves on our City’s Diversity Appreciation Coalition who will share their thoughts on the celebration of women in our society & the importance of Women’s History Month.

Amby + Shauna + reading of Joyce Stockert biographical sign- reminder about Mary Gibson dedication at library on March 19, adjourn to City Council meeting.

#### **H. Board Members Comments and Announcements –**

**Shobe** – Encouraged everyone to sell the BINGO tickets!

**Nestor** – Discussed creating a calendar fundraising effort. The Board is very interested in pursuing the idea. Amby will check on the licensing requirements, as it is a type of raffle. Don will bring sample to the next meeting.

**Samples** – Nothing further

**Franke** – Nothing further

**Brady** - Nothing further

**Brockleman** – Nothing further

**Nolte** – Nothing further

**Sanders** – Nothing further

#### **I. Mayor’s Comments and Announcements**

**Mayor** – Thanked all for their input and reminded the Board that our next meeting will be April 6, 2020 at 4:30 PM

#### **J. Adjournment –**

**Motion to adjourn at 5:31 pm made by Shobe/Brady. Motion carried.**

**Mayor David McCauley**

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**City Recorder Randall H. Sanders**

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