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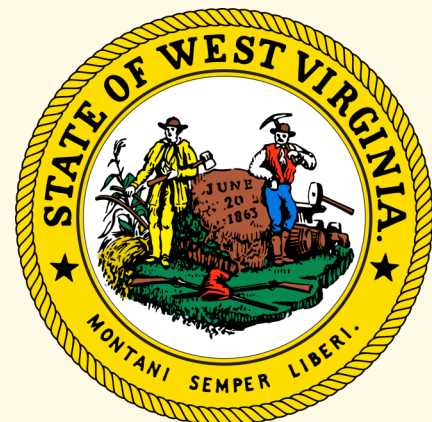
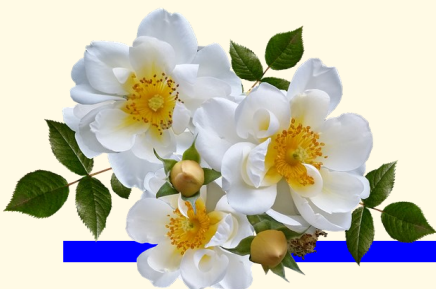
June 2020

Executive Director, Carol Jackson's Message

A Very Special Wish for All Fathers to have a wonderful Father's Day and we are wishing everyone Good Health and continued Safety.

On June 4 Governor Justice held a press briefing to award 12 ARC Grants, our region received 2 of the awards. MOVRC received \$1,000,000 for the ARC Revolving Loan Fund that we manage that covers all 55 WV Counties. These funds will enable us to provide working capital loans to businesses to aid in the recovery. Other regular funding such as for property, inventory and equipment purchases may also be provided. We are projected to assist 11 businesses and save or create 182 jobs. We have operated an ARC loan fund since 1999 and have lent out over \$5million to 63 businesses with just this one fund. We operate 10 other loan fund programs. Loan applications are being accepted via the online portal. Eric Peters, MOVRC Chairman accepted the award on behalf of the MOVRC. Calhoun County Received \$135,000 to be used for assessments and planning for the county. Commissioner Westfall accepted the award on behalf of the county.

*Sending you and your dear ones warm wishes on
West Virginia Day!*



Community Development

Calhoun County Commission President Chip Westfall appeared on a web-based award ceremony for ARC projects on June 4th to accept a funding recommendation from Governor Jim Justice (and to talk about dogs!) The proposed ARC grant, if approved, will fund up to \$135,000 of a County Infrastructure Assessment and Improvement Plan. Consultant firms will be hired to assess and make recommendations on the operation, potential consolidation, and future expansion of water, sewer, and storm sewer in Calhoun County. WV's ARC team has waived the 20% match for this project, due to Calhoun's perennial appearance on the ARC distressed counties list.



MOVRC staff secured \$8,500 from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation's spring grant cycle for the Clover PSD to purchase a bulk water dispenser. This water dispenser will provide a closer water source for residents outside the PSD's service area to fill containers and tanks for cisterns and other farm and household uses.



MOVRC assisted Wirt County Commission with advertising for a Broadband Consultant and the commission interviewed two firms, choosing Thompson and Litton. They have signed a contract to move forward on a study/design and will apply for a CDBG planning grant this fall.

The Tyler County PSD Wastewater System Improvements Project was fully funded by USDA, closed on their funding in May and is now moving to construction.



On June 1st, Governor Justice awarded \$7.4 million in transportation alternative grants around the state. Our region was successful in receiving funding for six projects. Those projects are described below.

City of St. Mary's

\$187,500

This project consists of sidewalk repair and installation along Riverside Drive and 2nd Street.

Town of Harrisville

\$370,000

This project will construct sidewalks throughout the Town of Harrisville.

Town of Reedy

\$150,000

This project will construct sidewalks in the Town of Reedy and the Town is evaluating expanding the project to include streetscape activities.

City of Parkersburg

\$400,000

This project will construct sidewalks around Gihon Elementary School.

City of Parkersburg

\$200,000

This project will construct sidewalks along Rayon Drive.



Wood County Parks and Recreation Commission

\$150,000

Mountwood Park ATV Trail

Governor Justice also announced \$13.8 million in grants for water/sewer and broadband projects. This year, Jackson County was awarded \$1,464,800 for the Southern Jackson Public Service District Water Extension Project. Due to a lack of suitable private water supply, residents of Station Camp Road, White Pine Road, Windell Ridge Road, Jim Ridge Road, and some surrounding homes have requested public water service from Southern Jackson PSD. This project proposes the construction of approximately 800 LF of 8-inch waterline, 59,000 LF of 6-inch waterline, 1,500 LF of 2-inch waterline, a booster station, a 50,000-gallon storage tank, and additional improvements to serve 276 individuals.

Welcome back!

Effective June 16, 2020 Tim Meeks is returning to the Community Development staff. The pandemic sort of short circuited his new endeavor. As a result, he was available when funding became available for a new position.

We are glad to have his experience and knowledge available to help address the needs of our member communities. He may have slightly different project assignments than before. He is anxious to jump back into projects.

Welcome back Tim!



Workforce Development Board



The MOV Workforce Development Board is finally getting back into the motion of things after working from home for the COVID-19 pandemic. Our first board meeting since the pandemic began is scheduled for Thursday, June 18th at 10am. The board meeting will be following the Youth Committee Meeting also held Thursday, June 18th at 9am. Mason County is having their 27th Annual Parent/Child Fishing Rodeo, on June 13th. Regis-

tration begins at 7:30am at Krodel Park. Many events that have been scheduled for June have been postponed to avoid the spread of the virus, so things are subject to change.

SCP and FGP

Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents continue to be safer at home and unable to provide volunteer service in a traditional setting. The pandemic further demonstrates the power of service to each other and our communities. Some of our former ways of serving have not been an option. Program Staff continue to provide monthly in-service packets to volunteers to keep them engaged and to meet yearly training requirements.



The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs would like to thank the Pallottine Foundation. We have received notification from the Foundation of an approved grant funding request. The combined award of \$13,000 will support volunteer travel costs for both programs.

