

FY22 Community Project Funding Request

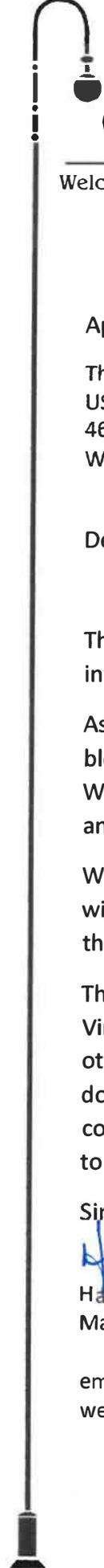


Submitted By:
Mayor Harold McBride, Sr.
City of Welch, WV



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City Of Welch

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April 8, 2021

The Honorable Carol Miller
US House of Representatives
465 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Miller,

Thank you for considering for community funding the City of Welch proposal for a road infrastructure issue on Route 16 that is dangerous and problematic for citizens.

As you know, West Virginia residents should not have their hospital and the dialysis center access blocked because of a flooded road or blocked road access in Welch, WV several times each year. We cannot continue to drive doctors and nurses down a railroad track on an ATV to do their jobs, and even a security breach at the prison could be very problematic for first responders.

We need to do better for McDowell County, WV and building a bridge over the railroad crossing will ensure traffic flow even during times of flooding. Our citizens have overwhelmingly voiced their support for this project via public meetings and with letters and phone calls to our office.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$6-10 million dollars, according to the West Virginia Division of Highways. We can also leverage additional savings for our region and address other flooding issues on the Tug Fork River by repurposing the current pumping station at the downtown location to the other problematic underpass at Coney Island, which serves as a key connector between State Routes (16, 52 and 123.) Significance future savings will also be devoted to potential maintenance and flood cleanup efforts.

Sincerely,



Harold McBride, Sr.
Mayor

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Request from the City of Welch, WV

1. **Limit of 10 Community Project Funding Requests:** City of Welch requests the McDowell Street Underpass Bridge be included as one of the ten (10) Community Project Funding requests submitted by Congresswoman Miller.
2. **Community Support:**
 - A. Press articles highlighting the need for the requested Community Project Funding
 - B. Letters of Support
 - C. Newspaper Articles and Editorials Attached and/or Hyperlinks attached in supporting documents from several publications and TV Stations. (*exhibit 1*)
 - D. Resolutions passed by city council and boards.
3. **Financial Disclosure Statement:**

City has no knowledge of any financial interest Congresswoman has in the project.
4. **Member Requirement to Post All Requests Online:**
 - A. Proposed Recipient – City of Welch
 - B. The Address of the Recipient – 88 Howard Street, Welch, WV 24801
 - C. The amount of the request - \$10,000,000.00
 - D. And an explanation of the request, including purpose, and a justification for why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds – The request is for construction of a bridge over the existing railroad underpass on McDowell Street (U.S. 16) in Welch, West Virginia. The location of the underpass is prone to flooding during high-water events, even though a flood wall with hydraulic pump has been installed. This flooding cuts off access to the only hospital in the region, the only dialysis center, and the Federal Prison. Additionally, the underpass has lost clearance height due to installation of protective bumpers, making it impossible for some larger vehicles to pass there through. At least 12 times per year, a vehicle will strike the underpass, wrecking, and further blocking traffic from these necessary services. This is not a matter of convenience, but one of life and death. The hydraulic pump at the flood wall will also be repurposed to alleviate flooding during heavy rains at another underpass on US 52, a main artery into Welch and the health facilities. The project will cure two life-threatening situations.
5. **Ban on For-Profit recipients:** City of Welch is a municipal government.

6. **Matching Requirements:** City of Welch has pledged to support the project in any feasible manner. Additionally, State Delegate Ed Evans and State Senator Rollan Roberts have pledged to seek state support for said project.
7. **One-year Funding:** City of Welch anticipates the project can be completed in one year.
8. **State, Local or Tribal governmental entities as grantees:** City of Welch is a local government – municipality.
9. **Non-profits as grantees:** City of Welch is a municipality.

Requirements to Submit to Congresswoman Miller’s office:

Each project request must be for fiscal year 2022 funds only and cannot include multi- year funding.

City of Welch believes said project can be completed in the 2022 funding cycle.

The recipient’s name entered should be the legal name of the organization that will be receiving these funds. Please do not include abbreviations, acronyms, or use a “The” before the recipient name.

City of Welch

Project Description:

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You must describe or include evidence of community support that were compelling factors in the Member’s decision to submit this project request. You may include any relevant links to information posted on your website, or elsewhere online, including: (1) letters of support from elected community leaders, (2) press articles highlighting the need for the requested community project funding, (3) support from newspaper editorial boards, (4) projects listed in state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly available planning documents, (5) resolutions passed by city councils or boards, or (6) other compelling evidence of community support.

URLs to media are pasted below. Media not available online is included in our supporting documentation in this packet.

1. <https://www.welchnews.com/2020/07/15/city-of-welch-seeking-permanent-solution-to-underpass-flooding-blockages>
2. [https://www.wvnstv.com/top-stories/city-of-welch-holding-public-meeting-to-discuss-flooding-issues/#:~:text=WELCH%2C%20WV%20\(WVNS\)%E2%80%93,address%20concerns%20in%20the%20city.&text=The%20meeting%20will%20be%20held%20at%20the%20Armory%20at%206%20p.m.](https://www.wvnstv.com/top-stories/city-of-welch-holding-public-meeting-to-discuss-flooding-issues/#:~:text=WELCH%2C%20WV%20(WVNS)%E2%80%93,address%20concerns%20in%20the%20city.&text=The%20meeting%20will%20be%20held%20at%20the%20Armory%20at%206%20p.m.)
3. <https://woay.com/welch-residents-can-voice-flooding-infrastructure-concerns-at-upcoming-meeting/>
4. <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2195511407097/welch-residents-can-voice-flooding-infrastructure-concerns-at-upcoming-meeting>
5. <https://news.yahoo.com/mcdowell-welch-planning-large-bridge-114600385.html>
6. https://www.wvnstv.com/top-stories/top-stories-beckley/welch-leaders-asking-for-community-support-to-secure-funding-for-new-bridge/?utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_source=facebook.com&fbclid=IwAR33aQEa11jkgbxiTz6gx_IYPDptWO60fyAq994yZtJpA9PiVhcAmwXo7I8
7. <https://wvmetronews.com/wp-content/themes/wvnmn/includes/latestnewsplayer.php?fbclid=IwAR29G7YwCuYSONveSBirRmUM269uo0Hpm6-5hyDIJOQxZLEDoG3h76n9QI4>
8. https://www.bdonline.com/opinion/from-the-opinion-page-flood-protection-mcdowell-seeking-input-on-important-project/article_da95df78-967c-11eb-bad1-abb7520be15.html?fbclid=IwAR2gCfl6INzS3h_3luAUZua4fSfhAzxof-hwuxhfzNmcZnHRM-Xz62SJCQg
9. <https://wvmetronews.com/2021/04/06/welch-seeks-assistance-with-problem-underpass/welch-flooding/>
10. <https://wvnradio.com/city-of-welch-wv-to-address-flooding-and-infrastructure-concerns/>

Detailed budget information as to how the funding is anticipated to be spent.

- Engineering \$450,000.00
- Right of Way Acquisition \$550,000
- Railroad Permitting \$1,000,000.00
- Environmental Impact and Permitting \$1,500,000.00
- Construction \$6,500,000.00

Explanation of why this is a good use of taxpayer funds.

The funding will save lives and permit the flow of interstate commerce. As currently existing, the underpass on McDowell Street is blocked 12-14 times per year for high-water events and vehicular accidents. The accidents are caused by the reduced clearance created by the installation of safety devices to protect the railroad bridge. The city experiences on average 1-3 high-water events per year that are not abated by the existing flood wall and pumping system. The transfer of said pumping system to a separate railroad underpass will alleviate flooding at that location, creating a savings to the region and preventing the loss of life and commerce.

A project request will not be considered if the intended recipient is a for-profit entity.

City of Welch is a municipality.

If you are requesting that funding be directed to a non-profit organization, you will need to provide evidence that the recipient is a non-profit organization as described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

City of Welch is a municipality.

Please indicate whether you are aware of another Member making a request for this same project (just Yes/No, not which Member(s)).

No other Members are known to be making this request.

ALL OTHER CRITERIA IS LISTED BELOW FOR EACH SUBCOMMITTEE.

Requirements for Local Transportation Priorities:

All projects must be:

Capital projects or project-specific planning/design for a capital project.

Project is for planning, design and construction of a bridge.

Supported by the state or local government that would administer the project. Inclusion on a Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) would satisfy this requirement.

Supported by City of Welch

Administered by public entities.

Project will be administered by City of Welch, or a designated state entity.

Questions that Must be Answered for Local Transportation Priorities (along with the general guidance listed above):

Project Name:

City of Welch McDowell Street Underpass Bridge (Welch, West Virginia, 3rd Congressional District)

General description of the project and why it is needed.

The request is for construction of a bridge over the existing railroad underpass on McDowell Street (U.S. 16) in Welch, West Virginia. The location of the underpass is prone to flooding during high-water events, even though a flood wall with hydraulic pump has been installed. This flooding cuts off access to the only hospital in the region, the only dialysis center, and the Federal Prison. Additionally, the underpass has lost clearance height due to installation of protective bumpers, making it impossible for some larger vehicles to pass there through. At least 12 times per year, a vehicle will strike the underpass, wrecking, and further blocking traffic from these necessary services. This is not a matter of convenience, but one of life and death. The hydraulic pump at the flood wall will also be repurposed to alleviate flooding during heavy

rains at another underpass on US 52, a main artery into Welch and the health facilities. The project will cure two life-threatening situations.

What are the benefits of this project and why is it a priority?

The project will both ensure access to all residents during high-water and other events, as outlined, as well as enable the proper flow of interstate commerce into and out of the region. It is a priority as 12-14 times per year the area is blocked due to high-water or accidents that cut off the majority of the region from the hospital, dialysis center and federal prison. This will also alleviate the strain of traffic from the designated Coalfields Expressway entering the City of Welch, as current roadway cannot appropriately accommodate large trucks in commerce, and is often blocked due to flooding and/accidents.

Amount requested for the community project. \$10,000,000.00

Total project cost. \$10,000,000.00

Can the project obligate all appropriated funds within 12 months after enactment? If not, what would be the expected date of obligation?

City of Welch believes all appropriated funds can be obligated within the 12-month period after enactment.

Estimated start and completion dates.

Start date on date of enactment, completion date 12 months after enactment.

Has the request been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee this fiscal year? If yes, which one(s)?

The proposal has not been submitted to another Subcommittee or Committee.

Does the project have other public (federal, state, local) and/or private funds committed to meet match or cost-share requirements for costs related to construction, operations, and maintenance? If so, what is the source and amount of those funds?

City of Welch has passed a resolution to do all things feasible to complete this project (*attach resolution*) and has the support of state Representative Ed Evans and State Senator Rollan Roberts to acquire necessary state funding.

Does the project require an environmental review? If so, what is the status and/or outcome of the environmental review and NEPA category of action (if applicable)?

Environmental review has not been completed.

Type of project eligible under 23 USC 133(b): Bridge.

Where is the project in the construction process? Planning and Environmental Review.

Was the project on a State, tribal or territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or a metropolitan transportation improvement plan (MTIP) as of 12/31/2020? If yes, please provide a link to the plan. No

Please provide the STIP or TIP ID Number and specify which plan (ex. North Carolina STIP, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council TIP) the ID number comes from. N/A

Please provide a history of federal funding for the project, if any. Include both formula funds and any discretionary grants. No federal funding has been provided for this project.

If the request does not fully fund the project, describe where the remaining funding comes from to complete the project. Request fully funds project.

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WEATHER FORECAST



Wednesday:
Partly cloudy skies with highs of 79 and lows of 53.

Thursday:
Scattered thunderstorms with highs to 76 and lows of 53.



Tomorrow's Times:
Sunrise 7:01 a.m. - Sunset 7:55 p.m.

Lottery

Tuesday:
Daily 3: 7-8-2
Daily 4: 7-2-2-1

Monday:
Daily 3: 6-5-0
Daily 4: 9-1-6-4

Sports



• Sports Corner

THE MONTH OF APRIL IS..

- National Alcohol Awareness Day
- English Language Month
- National Canine Fitness Month
- National Child Abuse Awareness Month

WHAT DAY IS IT?

- National Beer Day
- National Coffee Cake Day
- National Girl Me Too Day

City of Welch Calls for Public Support on Lower McDowell Street Bridge Project



By Derek Tyson
The Welch News Editor
WELCH, W.Va. - The City of Welch held a public meeting yesterday evening to call on the support of its citizens for building a new bridge to alleviate consistent underpass troubles in the area.

"Everyone here knows the problem with the underpass, we've put up with it for years," said Welch Mayor Harold McBride, speaking about nearly monthly occurrences of trucks and other larger vehicles wrecking or becoming stuck at the Lower McDowell Street underpass. During severe flooding last year, what had been a minor nuisance for years suddenly became a shocking new reality across to Welch Community Hospital was completely severed from 3/4ths of McDowell County's population.

"We had to take nurses on ATVs down the railroad tracks and cross through Hemphill to get them to work and some of them were terrified of that," said McBride. "Back in the day, if it flooded, the guys from the railroad would watch for trains and help people cross but they no longer do that."

During last years flooding, the alternative route across Hobart Street was also inaccessible due to road slippage. Across town, Route 52 was also blocked at the Coney Island underpass.

"You cannot count on Hobart Street because it's prone to slides and was inaccessible at that time," said McBride. "We were in a fish bowl folks. If someone had suffered a heart attack, they would've been in bad shape. For 4 hours, we were absolutely in a fish bowl."

The incident spurred many

thoughts throughout City Hall, with a general consensus believing the bridge project could eliminate issues at both underpasses.

"Our solution to this is to build a bridge on McDowell Street," said McBride. "Everyone says 'God that's a lot of money.' So what? They build bridges all across the United States all the time, we're no different. We deserve just as much as anyone else has."

"The street is almost level with the tracks coming from Wyoming Street. You just have to get high enough to pass two stacked railroad cars like they run now," continued McBride. "We have from about where Ed Shepard's station was all the way to the underpass to get our needed height, and we have even more room on the other side."

To save on costs for the project, Mayor McBride proposed building two retaining walls that would be backfilled on each side of the railway bridge to create the needed height for the bridge.

"Across the tracks themselves, it would only take 100 feet of actual bridge construction. It's economical, it can be done and it would also beautify Welch tremendously. Coming over the peak of the bridge, you could see all of Welch."

Mayor McBride presented renderings of the bridge project created by local artist Tom Acosta.

"We have a great pumping system at the Lower McDowell Street underpass, but once the water crests over the wall, we're pumping river into river," said McBride. "The bridge eliminates that and at the same time, we think we could fix the problem at Coney Island as well."

Years ago, the State attempted to address the Coney Island underpass flooding issues by piping into the nearby river.

"It's not so much the water coming down the mountain, but water coming back up the drains from the river now," said McBride about the flooding issues. "They put in a pipe right out into the river. What we could do is extend that pipe 50 feet further down the river and that would create a similar effect to a jet pump like we use in wells. Water going by would create a suction effect and pull water through the drainage system."

Debris will inevitably stop the drains up in the Coney Island underpass, but by bridging over McDowell Street, the pumping system used there could be repurposed to the other side.

"Then we've eliminated both of our issues," said McBride.

Senator Rollan Roberts was very supportive of the project, insisting that if the State would approve the project, the Legislature would find the funding for it.

"The State looked it over and after a month, they wrote a letter saying it wasn't really on the agenda right now," said McBride. "Then we found out about another State project costing \$4 million dollars to tear out the bridge near Flat Iron Pharmacy and the Tug Tower Parking Building. We found out after it started and I'm not sure they were even going to tell us

about this."

McBride explained that the State's proposal was to tear out the old bridge there and replace it with a two-lane bridge while taking the other bridge near the McDowell Street underpass out.

"Mayor Swope built that bridge so the City of Welch owns it. You're not tearing that bridge down because it's the only way to get around if something is going on downtown," said McBride. "The two lane bridge would also take up all the parking at Flat Iron. It makes no sense."

The City of Welch met with the Engineer of the State of West Virginia to go over the project but has yet to hear any response. Governor Jim Justice has also been contacted but had not responded as of Tuesday's meeting.

"In the meantime, Carol Miller called us and said she may be able to earmark money in an upcoming bill to help build this bridge. She said get all the support you can get, it will help when I try to do this," said McBride. "That's why we're here today, so everyone would understand what they are supporting."

Mayor McBride estimated the bridge project to cost between \$6.5 to \$8 million dollars, backed as a fairly accurate estimate by an engineer in attendance Tuesday.

"If they took the \$4 million for the other project we don't want, it would be a good start," said McBride.

The City of Welch urges its citizens and residents across McDowell County to write a letter in support of the project and offered a template as follows:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of the proposed bridge on McDowell Street in Welch, WV that will span over the railroad underpass and eliminate road closures during high-water events. Numerous times in the past several years, flood waters have closed this road for different lengths of time. When closed, there is no suitable way to reach the only hospital in the area for the majority of the county. This is a situation that will eventually cause the loss of life. Additionally, since the railroad has installed additional protective barriers on their overhead tracks, numerous vehicles have struck the structure, blocking the roadway. These barriers have also resulted in some larger transport vehicles being unable to pass under the railroad tracks, thereby preventing them from accessing the majority of the county.

The need for the bridge is two-fold. Most importantly, it will prevent the loss of life. Secondly, the bridge will permit the flow of commerce in to McDowell County from the ever-expanding Coalfields Expressway and Route 16.

Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen

Letters should be sent to Welch City Hall located at 83 Howard Street in Welch, WV. For more information, please call (304) 436-3113.

Gary Council Takes Hard Stance On Several Issues

GARY, W.Va. - In regular session Tuesday night, the Gary City Council voted to stand tough on a list of issues that came before them.

"They voted to take a hard stance on several issues that repeatedly come up," said Gary Police Chief S. P. "Pat" McKinney. "Things that seem to come up every meeting but little results have come out of previous efforts."

Several stances the Council has decided to take include:

- Abandoned cars are going to be towed off, especially those that block city streets or rights of way preventing city workers from completing tasks.
- The state tax department is going to be contacted and copies of business returns will be compared with B&O tax forms filed with the city forms and any discrepancies will be addressed. Businesses without city licenses or having not kept up their business returns will be sanctioned and or shut down.
- Those engaged in lodging

services are going to be held in hotel motel tax requirements and action taken against those not in compliance. Those doing contracting or vending operations in the City will be identified and brought into compliance with tax codes.

- Persons who block easements or rights-of-way for city water and sewer pipes will be sanctioned as will those who let dogs and livestock run loose. Owners of vicious dogs or dogs running at large will be prosecuted under state law which involves jail time as a penalty.
- Repeatedly addressing the same issues month after month is at an end. Council as a body wants the city to do the business of the city unencumbered and plans to aggressively sanction those obstructing the operations of the city through state codes," said McKinney. "They basically are tired of debating the same issues meeting after meeting without result."

No Compromise Reached: West Virginia Leaders Not Finding Common Ground at Income Tax Summit



By Charles Boothe,
Bluefield Daily Telegraph
CHARLESTON, W.Va. - A compromise was not reached on a plan to end the personal income tax in the state during a summit Monday afternoon called by Gov. Jim Justice.

"Let's just keep working," Justice said at the end of the summit, which included House and Senate leaders, insisting that now is the time to start the process of ending the tax.

Justice did offer compromises, including reducing the initial amount of personal income tax reduction from 60 percent to 50 percent, taking out the taxes on alcoholic beverages, lowering the tax on tobacco products and lowering the tax increase on soft drinks from an extra 6.9 percent to 2.4 percent.

But House and Senate leaders continued to question many details in the proposal, including if the increased taxes only hurt those who could least afford tax hikes.

Justice, however, insisted his moves would make everyone "cash positive" and any extra money spent on taxes would be more than up for with extra money in paychecks as the income tax falls.

He used the example of receiving an extra \$1,400 a year when the tax is removed but only spending \$300 that year on tax hikes.

But Senate President Craig Blain, a Republican, questioned the impact of those increased taxes on businesses in border counties.

"They can go across the state

line to avoid that tax," he said.

Del. Eric Householder, also a Republican, touted the House plan, which has no tax hikes at all but takes a long-term approach to phase in the elimination of the income tax as state revenue surpluses can support it.

"It (the tax hikes in both Justice's and the Senate plans) is like drawing water out of one side of the lake and dumping it in the other side," he said.

Tax hikes penalize those who make the least amount of income, he added.

Householder said the House plan may take longer, but it would work, and it has the support of 65 percent of the public.

Justice has always insisted that doing away with the income tax would be least in part pay for itself by bringing in more people and businesses to the state.

But some said those are assumptions, like the current surplus continuing after the COVID-19 relief money ends.

"The surplus has been inflated because of COVID," said Del. Doug Skaff, a Democrat. "It's not going to be here next year."

Skaff said that, after the pandemic and its impact on everyone's lives, "people want more certainty... don't rush through this."

He questioned the timing considering the pandemic and the uncertainty.

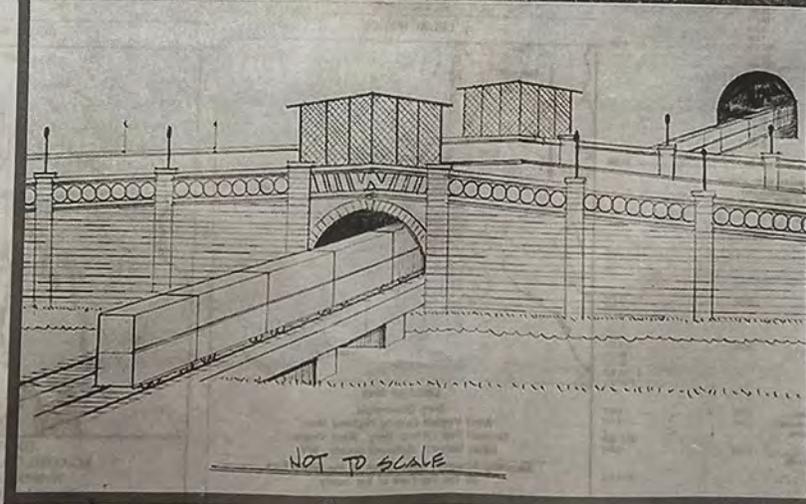
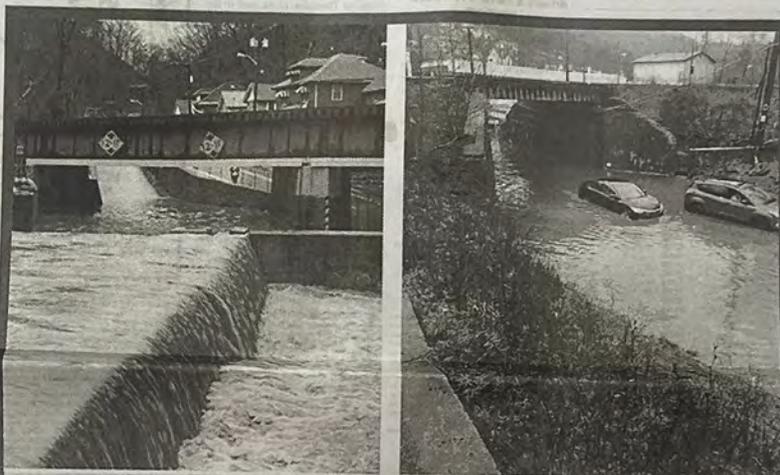
But Justice said the timing is right because West Virginia is in

SPORTS

PUBLIC MEETING:

**You are invited to attend a discussion on
Flooding and Infrastructure Problems
in the City of Welch, WV.**

**Tuesday, April 6th, 2021 at 6pm
at the Armory in Welch, WV**



The City of Welch is seeking federal funding for a street project to address flooding issues in the city. The public is invited to attend a public meeting at the former armory (600 Stewart St.) to learn more, or send comments to

**jason@cityofwelch.com
www.cityofwelch.com**

First Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Has the United States reacted appropriately to the COVID-19 virus?

As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, the country is also beset by pandemic fatigue. Everyone is tired of the restrictions on normal living, even as most abide by them, fearing getting or spreading the virus.

As with every crisis, there are the varying ideas of what is behind it all. Generally labeled "conspiracy theories," these ideas affect people in three broad categories: true believers, non-believers, and those in the middle who aren't sure what to believe.

After all, who in America, a nation founded on principles of individual freedom, wants to believe that government at the national, state, and local levels would impose these heavy restrictions for any reason other than because they are not yet necessary?

Yet, many who are not conspiracy theorists do not acknowledge the heaviness of these restrictions, and question their true value. "First, I have been shocked at the unprecedented exertion of power by the government since last March — issuing unilateral decrees, ordering the closure of businesses, churches, and schools, restricting personal movement, mandating behavior, and suspending indefinitely basic freedoms. Second, I was and remain stunned — almost frightened — at the acquiescence of the American people



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We can see the benefit of not locking everything down by looking at how Florida has come through the virus to date. Florida remained largely open, and focused its vaccination program first on the oldest, most vulnerable population.

to such destructive, arbitrary, and wholly unscientific rules, restrictions, and mandates. Are those the words of Aton, a leading voice of conspiracy theories? No. They are the words of Dr. Scott Atlas, a medical doctor and former professor at Stanford University Medical Center, a fellow at the Hoover Institution, a member of the Nominating Committee for the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology, a special advisor to former President Donald Trump and member of the Coronavirus Task Force in 2020.

His comments at a Hillsdale College National Leadership Seminar this past February were published in Hillsdale's monthly speech digest *Imprimis*.

He readily acknowledges the bad things: "Over 500,000 American deaths have been attributed to the virus, more will follow. Even after almost a year, the pandemic still paralyzes our country. And despite all efforts, there has been an undeniable failure to stop cases from escalating and to prevent hospitalizations and deaths."

Atlas stated, "But he also recognizes the damage done by government-imposed lockdowns. Perhaps with the best of intentions, the lockdowns 'have been extraordinarily harmful,' he said, to children by suspending in-person schooling, including social isolation, and suicidal thoughts, most of which are far worse for lower income groups.

Further, people who are afraid to go to see doctors has resulted in up to 78 percent of cancers that were never detected due to missed screenings over a three-month period. Atlas noted that "if one extrapolates to the entire country, 750,000 to over a million new cancer cases over a nine-month period will have gone undetected."

Add to that circumstance the missed critical surgeries, delayed presentations of pediatric illnesses, heart attack and stroke patients, and the number of injuries resulting from the lockdowns grows even greater. And he said that these problems are all well documented.

"Beyond hospital care," he said, "the CDC reported four-fold increases in depression, three-fold increases in anxiety symptoms, and a doubling of suicidal ideation, particularly among young adults after the first few months of lockdowns, echoing American Medical Association reports of drug overdoses and suicides. Domestic and child abuse have been skyrocketing due to the isolation and loss of jobs."

He states that hundreds of thousands of abuse cases went unreported, as abuse is commonly discovered when abused children are at school.

And a study by the National Bureau of Economic Research shows that the lockdowns will generate a three percent increase in the mortality rate and a 0.5 percent drop in life expectancy over the next 15 years. This will disproportionately affect African-Americans and women, the Bureau study showed. Those effects translate into what the study refers to as a "staggering" 890,000 additional U.S. deaths.

To determine the best path forward, Atlas suggests that policymakers should objectively consider the impact both of the virus and the anti-virus policies to date. "This points to the importance of health policy, my own particular field, which requires a broader scope than that of epidemiologists and basic scientists. In the case of

COVID, it requires taking into account the fact that lockdowns and other significant restrictions on individuals have been extraordinarily harmful — even deadly — especially for the working class and the poor," he said.

We can see the benefit of not locking everything down by looking at how Florida has come through the virus to date. Florida remained largely open, and focused its vaccination program first on the oldest, most vulnerable population.

A *Wall Street Journal* op-ed stated that "a year after the virus hit the U.S., Mr. Cuomo's luster has faded, and Mr. DeSantis can claim vindication. The Sunshine State appears to have weathered the pandemic better than others like New York and California, which stayed locked down harder and longer."

"Between Nov. 1 and Feb. 28, there were 5.9 new cases per 100 people in New York, 5.4 in California, and only 5 in Florida, where businesses could stay open at full capacity," the op-ed continued.

Not giving into fear and thoughtfully addressing the pandemic has paid large dividends for Florida. We should learn from this.

James H. Smokey Shott, a resident of Bluefield, Va., is a Daily Telegraph columnist. Contact him at shottcommentary@gmail.com

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"And if it seem evil to you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
(Joshua 24:15 ARJV)

Flood protection

McDowell seeking input on important project

McDowell County officials are seeking to receive input from area residents this evening on a proposed multi-million dollar flood-proofing project for the city of Welch.

A public hearing is scheduled for today at 6 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Welch to receive input on the proposed \$6 million to \$10 million project. It involves the construction of a bridge over the low-lying area that connects the main artery of Route 16 in Welch, near the downtown area and Welch Community Hospital. The road-way also provides access to the nearby FCI McDowell federal prison.

The existing underpass, near the hospital, is frequently flooded during periods of heavy rainfall. The city of Welch, working in conjunction with the McDowell County Commission, has proposed the bridge project as a way to safeguard traffic flow during flooding while also ensuring higher clearance vehicles can use the road safely.

"West Virginia residents losing their life just half a mile away from the hospital and the dialysis center because of a flooded road in Welch, W.Va. is unacceptable," County Commissioner Cody Estep said. "Doctors and nurses being driven down a railroad track on an ATV to do their jobs is not practical or safe, and we need to do better for McDowell County, W.Va. The city of Welch is cut off and divided by floodwaters several times a year. Even a security breach at the prison could be very problematic for first responders. Building a bridge over the railroad crossing will ensure traffic flow even during times of flooding. The city has the opportunity to obtain federal support to carry out this desperately needed infrastructure project and I need our citizens will voice their support for this effort."

The new bridge is the obvious solution to the problem, according to Welch Mayor Harold McBride.

"We've lost school buses, truck trailers, RVs," McBride said. "It's an ongoing issue that has an easy solution if we can get congressional funding support to make it a reality. Additionally, we are now prohibited from crossing the railroad tracks legally, so we need

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to look at other options to safeguard our residents."

The West Virginia Division of Highways estimates the project cost at \$6 million to \$10 million dollars. Local officials are hoping the project cost will be underwritten by congressional support and federal funds. They estimate that additional savings will be found in repurposing the current pumping station at the site to another nearby underpass at Coney Island that also experiences frequent flooding. They also anticipate additional savings from maintenance and flood cleanup efforts.

In addition to seeking community support for the proposed project at today's public hearing, the city also is soliciting support from state lawmakers.

The project is of particular importance for a number of reasons. First it would correct a chronic flooding problem in the region while ensuring the safety of motorists. Second it would provide flood-free access to Welch Community Hospital and the nearby federal prison in Welch. Finally it would ensure that motorists, ATV traffic and other vehicles aren't forced to travel on or cross a railroad track to bypass flooding.

The city, and the commission, would like to hear from area residents this evening regarding this important flood-proofing effort. Community support is essential to the project qualifying for state or federal funding. If you can, please consider attending this evening's public hearing. It gets underway at 6 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, which is located at 600 Stewart Street in Welch. Questions or comments also can be sent to jason@cityofwelch.com.



Vaccine passport, marijuana, more

News and views ...

A selection of comments from our Facebook message last week.

On a story about Princeton's first female firefighter:

- Congratulations, Ashley. So excited and happy for you — Sherri D.
- Awesome!

Congratulations! — Kim W.

Congratulations! — Nick F.

Congratulations young lady — Bill S.

On a column by Daily Telegraph Editor Samantha Perry about U.S. Senator Joe Manchin standing firm on his core beliefs:

- Standing firmly on the fence... — Deb McC.

- Time will tell but I predict he will fold like a house of cards in a tornado! — Larry T.

- Jim Justice should start an immediate recall movement — David W.

On a story about the ban on renter evictions during the pandemic being extended by the Biden administration:

- Not right they have gotten lots of money given to them to pay bills — Carrie M.

- Maybe he should put them in motels or pay their rent. What about the landlord? A lot of them are still paying a mortgage on the property, taxes, fire insurance — Dena M.

On a story about President Joe Biden's plan to provide electricity to more homes through offshore wind energy:

- For all the folks whining about the AEP rate increases, just wait until this boondoggle hits home — Bill C.

- Wouldn't think salt water would have any effect on



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these? — Donetta B.

- Stay away from the Great Lakes. Put them all off the coastline of California — Lanna A.

On a story about a proposed "vaccine passport" that could be required for travel, eating out, etc. and the CDC's prediction of a possible fourth wave of the virus:

- So according to Democrats minorities do not have an ID but at the same time they want everyone to get the vaccine and carry a card to prove you had your vaccine that you cannot get without an ID. We are officially living in the Twilight Zone! — Kelli C.

- Yep, let every dang illegal alien there is come right across his open borders without even being tested and set up a private national "vaccine passport" testing for American citizens. That's about par for the course! — Larry T.

- It's required for proof that Americans have received a vaccine, but requiring an ID to vote is a burden on minorities? Not everyone wants the vaccine and that is their personal choice — Taylor S.

- I will get vaccine if I want to, which I don't want to right now, much less carry an additional ID. Are the powers that be out of their minds? — Rusty P.

- A vaccine passport is a form of ID. I thought IDs

were racist? — Wai H.

On a story about the city of Bluefield choosing Col Harry "Cecil" Marson as its next city manager:

- Welcome to Bluefield! Best wishes in all you do! — Charles B.

- We welcome you, sir! I am very excited to see what the future holds with you leading the way — Shep S.

- Good luck — Bertha R.

On a story about West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey joining a 21-state coalition lawsuit that is challenging President Joe Biden's plan to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline:

- No one mentions all the jobs lost if this pipeline is completed, such as the oil truck drivers, motel workers, service plaza workers, etc. — Bill C.

On a story about Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam announcing that he intends to legalize marijuana on July 1 of this year:

- Oh no. There are enough drug heads in Virginia. There will be more accidents — Tammy T.

- Thank you governor — Barbara S.

- He done smoked too much of it — Jimmy B.

- I wish W.Va. had a governor like this instead of one we can't trust with a houseplant — Cofy H.

- I can go across the border for that too with less taxes — Joyce W.

City Of Welch

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RESOLUTION

AT A REGULAR MEETING of the City Council for the City of Welch, held on April 5, 2021, and with a quorum present, the City of Welch passed the following RESOLUTION:

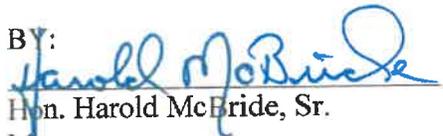
BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Welch hereby recognizes that the McDowell Street underpass in the City of Welch, West Virginia, is a major safety hazard due to reduced height clearance and consistent flooding.

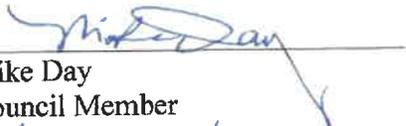
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Welch will seek any and all state and federal avenues to correct said issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Welch believes that the best solution to said public concern is the construction of a bridge over the stated area of contention.

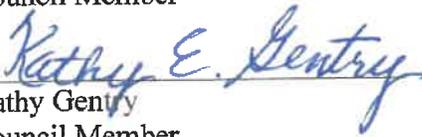
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Welch will take all feasible actions to erect, maintain, or otherwise support the construction of the proposed bridge over the railroad underpass on McDowell Street.

BY:

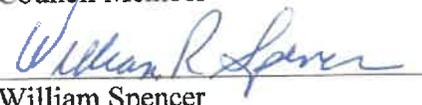

Hon. Harold McBride, Sr.
Mayor


Mike Day
Council Member


Steve Ford
Council Member


Kathy Gentry
Council Member


Jim Spence
Council Member


William Spencer
Council Member

ATTESTED:


Robin G. Lee
City Clerk

DATE: April 5, 2021

Welch Volunteer Fire Department

88 Howard St, Welch, WV 24801

Guy Wyatt, Chief
George Waldron, Asst. Chief

J. Adam Gianato, Captain
Rebecca Gianato, Secretary/Treasurer

The Welch Volunteer Fire Department responds to an average of 12 motor vehicle accidents per year at the McDowell street underpass per year. We are on scene from two hours to eight hours per call. The last wreck we had there the driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries but a fence post from the sidewalk missed their head by inches, and if it had struck the driver in the head they have most likely suffered fatal injuries.

Sincerely

Guy Wyatt
Chief

Newser: WV Senator Rollan Roberts

Committees: Finance, Health, Education, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Transportation & Infrastructure, Children & Families, Enrolled Bills, and Chairman of Workforce

WELCH: A City Under Siege and Underwater

Welch was once known internationally as the Coal Capital of the World.



It is located in the heart of the southern coalfields of McDowell County, West Virginia and has a population which has dwindled over time causing poverty to overwhelm the region. Welch has long served the southern part of the state with dignity, but for many years, Welch has been plagued with a couple of main highway arteries in and out of the city that desperately need corrected because of flooding issues. Loss of lives is imminent.

On the west side of the city, in an area known as Coney Island, there is a major intersection where three state routes (16, 52, and 123) cross that floods every time there is a hard rain. The WVDOH spent \$900k several years ago to remedy the situation but didn't fully resolve the problem. Recently, ambulance personnel had to wait six hours for the water to recede enough to get their patient across town to the Welch Community Hospital. The person they were transporting had already expired! When flooded, the intersection blocks traffic for hours so that first responders and others cannot get to their homes or places of work. In past years, some locals had vehicles that were able to scale the hill, cross the railroad track and get to the other side, but the railroad has blocked that as a possibility. Pedestrian traffic can still get to the other side by climbing over the hill, but, of course that is not safe or acceptable. The mayor and county commissioners have possible solutions which are being prepared for presentation to the state for urgent consideration.

On the northeastern side of town, near Welch Community Hospital is another hazardous situation on State Route 16. Funding for an overpass near the hospital will solve a problem that prevents doctors, nurses, patients, etc. from accessing the hospital. This flood prone area also completely cuts off the city from access to the nearby Federal Correctional Institution. Hospital employees have had to be transported to and from work on four-wheelers! Local leaders have prepared cost effective, modest plans that could resolve both of the flood prone projects with minimal efforts. Because of Covid-19 fears, the urgency to make access to the Welch hospital for thousands of people has heightened, especially during emergencies. The potential for hindering first responders, whether law enforcement, firefighters, or ambulances, can become catastrophic at any time.

If it fits the federal criteria, to solve this city's two major problems with CARES ACT funding would be an acceptable and proper expenditure, because both flooding problems block access to and from the hospital, as well as the federal prison. The flooding crisis has been exacerbated by the city receiving more rainfall in recent years. These two infrastructure failures are now causing life and death scenarios, should be made priorities, and not ignored any longer.



The side by side, double car and truck underpasses flood and cuts off Welch and those beyond from access to the Welch Community Hospital. Four-wheelers have to be used to transport workers, etc. back and forth over the mountain.



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rollan.roberts@wvsenate.gov

PO Box 1955 Beaver, WV 25813

April 7, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

As a business owner in Welch, I am writing in support of the proposed bridge on McDowell Street in Welch, WV that will span over the railroad underpass and eliminate road closures during high-water events. Numerous times in the past several years, flood waters have closed this road for different lengths of time. When closed, there is no suitable way to reach the only hospital and Dialysis Center in the area for McDowell County. It is only a matter of time before this situation will eventually cause the loss of a life and must be rectified. It sickens me to think that a person needing medical attention could be so close to help, but not able to receive it due to an infrastructure problem that can be corrected by appropriate engineering and when funding for the project is available as well. I sincerely implore you to make this a top priority for the safety and wellbeing of our residents. We are depending on you doing the right thing!

In a much smaller and insignificant scale in the light of a person's life, this project will help commerce into and out of Welch. Since the railroad has installed additional protective barriers on their overhead tracks, numerous vehicles have become struck on the structure, blocking the roadway. These barriers have also resulted in some larger transport vehicles being unable to pass under the railroad tracks, thereby making them drive four additional hours to their haul or making it cost prohibitive from accessing the majority of the county altogether. Specifically, for my company, these blockages hinder customers and employees from reaching my business as my insurance agency is within a block from the underpass. I want to see Welch grow and the ever-looming threat of a transportation shutdown is a major deterrence for new businesses coming into Welch.

Your diligent effort is most gratefully appreciated in ensuring this life-threatening situation is speedily rectified once and for all.

Sincerely,



S. David Green

Owner – Sure Group Inc

Cecil D. Patterson
President

Michael D. Brooks
Commissioner

William C. Estep
Commissioner

McDowell County Commission
109 Wyoming Street
Welch, West Virginia 24801
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Brittany Puckett
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Jennifer Hopkins-Wimmer
County Administrator

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The need for the bridge is two-fold. Most importantly, it will prevent the loss of life. Secondly, the bridge will permit the flow of commerce in to McDowell County from the ever-expanding Coalfields Expressway and Route 16.

Thanking you in Advance,



Jennifer Hopkins-Wimmer,
County Administrator



7-April-2021

Re: Proposed Bridge on McDowell Street in Welch, WV

Dear Congress,

As a life-long resident of McDowell County and as an employee of a 121 year old business in Welch, I am writing to show my wholehearted support of the proposed bridge on McDowell Street in Welch, WV that will span over the railroad underpass and eliminate road closures during high-water events.

I also understand that by building this structure, the City of Welch can then make needed changes to the Coney Island underpass, thereby making that area passable during high water conditions as well. Our city badly needs this! Numerous times in the past several years, flood waters have closed both Lower McDowell Street for different lengths of time. When closed, there is no suitable way to reach the only hospital in the area for the majority of the county. This is a situation that will eventually cause the loss of life. Additionally, it prevents many of our employees from getting to our Operations Center still proudly located here in McDowell County; this affects our entire organization and customer base as we have branches in Tazewell County, Mercer County, Raleigh County and Wood County. Also, for local traffic, since the railroad has installed additional protective barriers on their overhead tracks, numerous vehicles have struck the structure, blocking the roadway even during dry weather. These barriers have also resulted in some larger transport vehicles being unable to pass under the railroad tracks, preventing them from accessing the majority of the county.

The need for the bridge on Lower McDowell Street is two-fold. Most importantly, it will prevent the loss of life. Secondly, the bridge will ensure the uninterrupted flow of commerce into McDowell County from the ever-expanding Coalfields Expressway and Route 16. I recognize that this is a large and costly project and certainly appreciate your consideration and help to all of us here in Welch and McDowell County.

Sincerely,



Beth Green,
Marketing Director
Phone: 304.436.4112
beth.green@mcnbbanks.com

April 8, 2021

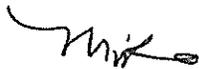
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Michael W Day
Regional Manager
MCNB Bank & Trust Co



McDowell County Commission on Aging, Inc.

725 Stewart Street • Welch, WV 24801 • (304) 436-6588 • Fax (304) 436-2006

April 2, 2021

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Sincerely,

Dr. Donald Reed, Jr.
Executive Director



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April 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of funding an outdoor adventure park in the City of Welch, WV. As you may know, we have been enjoying an increase in adventure tourism, mainly from the Hatfield & McCoy Trail System. The riders all state they want other attractions for their stays. Zip lines are one thing many ask to be made available. The City is working toward providing so much more, which will provide jobs to our citizens and increase tourism traffic.

We believe such an installation would bring other businesses so desperately needed in our region. It will also tap into the tourist market to provide many more jobs, thereby growing our economy.

It is rumored some of the attractions are geared toward less-fit and younger folks, as well. McDowell County is the least healthy and most obese county. These opportunities for our residents will save lives. We truly hope you will aid in funding these endeavors.

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Executive Director



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April 7, 2021

Hon. Harold S. McBride, Sr.
Mayor
City of Welch
88 Howard St.
Welch, WV 24801

Re: McDowell St. (Route 16) Overpass
T&L Project No. 15465-00

Dear Mayor McBride:

I am writing in support of the proposed bridge on McDowell Street (State Route 16) in Welch, WV that will span over the railroad replacing the existing underpass and eliminating road closures during high-water events. I have noted in the past several years that on numerous occasions flood waters from the Tug Fork River have closed this road at the underpass for varying lengths of time.

I am also aware that when the road is closed at the underpass, there is no suitable way to reach Welch Community Hospital, the only hospital in the area for the majority of McDowell County, from the south side of the underpass. I have often worried that this is a situation that could eventually lead to the loss of life.

Additionally, since the railroad has recently installed additional protective barriers on their overhead tracks, numerous vehicles have struck the structure, blocking the roadway for extended periods of time. These barriers have also resulted in some larger transport vehicles being unable to pass under the railroad tracks, thereby preventing them from efficiently accessing the majority of McDowell County.

The need for the bridge is two-fold. Most importantly, the bridge will minimize the potential for loss of life due to avoidable road closures. Secondly, the bridge will permit the more efficient flow of commerce into McDowell County from the ever-expanding Coalfields Expressway and State Route 16.

Sincerely,



Stacy A. Fowler, P.E.
Sr. Project Manager

pc: Tim Mullins P.E., T&L

April 8, 2021

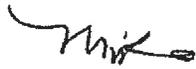
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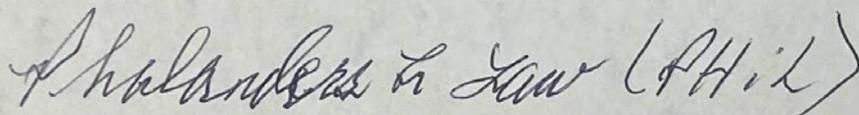
August 8, 2021

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We here in McDowell County have a dilemma. We used to have three hospitals now we only have one, Welch Community Hospital. When the rain floods the underpass the road to the hospital is blocked.

Our designers have come up with a way to go up over the tracks with a bridge. All we need is finances and hoping the State and Federal Government can help with the funding for this flooding problem we are having in McDowell County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phalanders F. Law (PHIL)".

Phalanders F. Law

34 Hobart St

Welch, WV 24801

April 7, 2021

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Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

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Derek Gillespie
1360 Stewart Street
Welch, WV 24801
304-436-2845

April 7, 2021

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Kierston Gillespie
1360 Stewart Street
Welch, WV 24801
304-809-5810
Kier436@gmail.com

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Diana McCall
HC 64 Box 777
Welch, WV 24801
304-436-2887

4.7.2021

Mrs Kimberly Grubb
1167 Stewart St
Welch WV 24801

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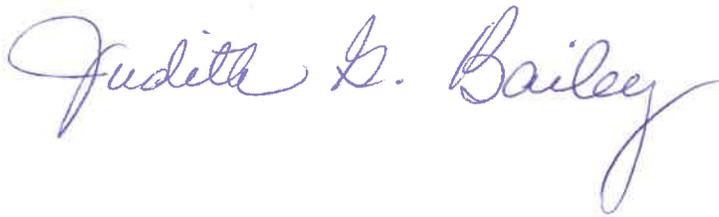
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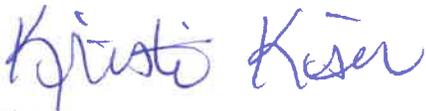
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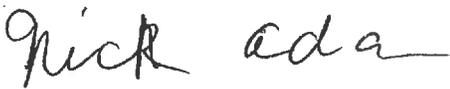
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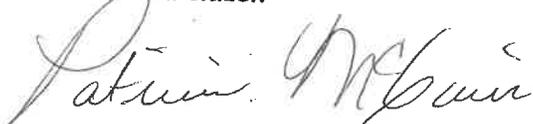
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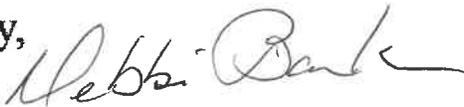
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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Jeffrey Frasher	4909 McDowell St Davy 24828	304 809 5958
Jeannie Frasher	"	"
Emily Frasher	"	"
Kristen Roberts	"	"
William Lester	Po Box 153 Davy 24628	304 656 7147
Shelina Lester	()	()
Tyler Pounce	()	()
Dakotah Pounce	()	()
Jennifer Church	Po Box 376 Kimball Wv 24853	304-888-7167
Ghonda Rakes	Po Box 174 Kimball Wv	304-809-4199
Mary S. White	Po Box 965 Welch, Wv 24801	304-585-7975
Norah Gillespie	1360 Stewart St Welch	304-436-2845
Wendy Gillespie	Po Box 658 Kimball Wv	304-585-7470
Pat Tilley	Po Box 658 Kimball	304-585-7470
Billy Ratliff	Po Box 658 Kimball, Wv	304-585-7470
Ralph Mullins	Po Box 374 Kimball, Wv	304-585-7261
David Curry	108 Believers DR Noatn Fork	
Douglas Gillespie	512 Edmore Village Rd, Welch	304 887 7856
Angela Gillespie	512 Edmore Village Rd Welch	304 887 7836
Laura Rose	Po Box 732 Welch Wv	304 202-0020
Kenny Rose	24 Welch	
Sarah Simpson	Po Box 732, Welch, Wv 24601	304-436-4428
Wanda Simpson	Po Box 732 Welch Wv 24601	304-436-4420
Wanda Sue McCall	59 Mahagan Left fork Rd, Welch	304-436-2287
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Dennie Hale Jr.	326 Edmore Village Rd.	304-887-6499
Stephanie Toth	685 Stewart Street	304-436-2231
Stephanie Toth	162 Spruce	204-928-8119
Melane Byrd	685 Stewart St	304-436-2231
Chauntel Culbertson	685 Stewart St.	436-2231
Tim Jewell II	Stewart Street	304-888-5267
DARRELL JONES	935 Stewart St Welch WV	304-436-3654
Adam Toth	685 Stewart St.	304-436-2231
Josie Jones	938 Stewart St Welch	304-3654
Elizabeth Toth	Spruce Street Welch	304-436-2231
Janie Toth	67 Grandview St Welch	304-888-0554
Nikia Ruiz	366 Memorial Ave. Welch WV	304-888-1408
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Shane Larkin	1016 Oakvale	910/887
Victor Coy	132 Warden St	910-21 436-4691
Yegorina Roberts	431 Edmore Village Rd	304-800-9013
Mary Mitchell	1212 Edmore Village Rd	304-888-5588
Dennis Mitchell	1212 Edmore Village Rd	304-888-4616
Linda Perento	45 River Side Dr.	304-888-4176
Timmy Rattliff	Spruce Street Welch	304-928-8087
Danelle Rattliff	Spruce Street	304-928-8087
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Patty Mitchell	Stewart Street	436-6926

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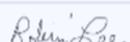
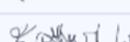
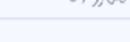
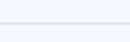
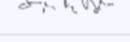
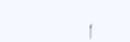
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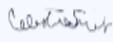
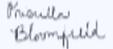
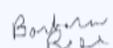
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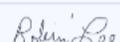
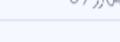
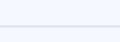
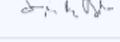
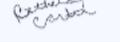
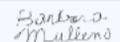
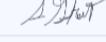
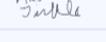
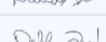
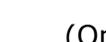
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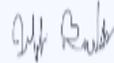
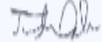
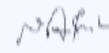
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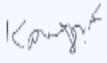
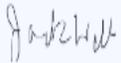
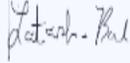
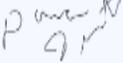
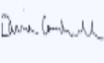
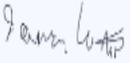
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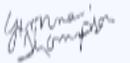
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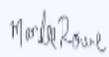
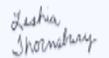
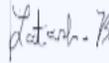
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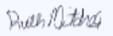
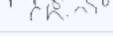
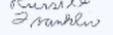
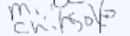
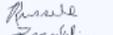
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