BEFORE THE WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION

In Re:

JOHN W. HAWKINS

VCRB 2014-006

PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER

On this date, the Probable Cause Review Board, having investigated and

considered the allegations set forth in Verified Complaint 2014-006, unanimously finds

that there is probable cause to believe that Respondent John W. Hawkins violated the

provisions of the Ethics Act as follows:

Count One: That Respondent used his position in 2013 as Sheriff of Barbour

County, West Virginia, for his own private gain in violation of West Virginia Code § 6B-2-

5(b) by taking \$190.00 in copying fees kept in the Sheriff's Tax Office for his personal

use.

In accordance with West Virginia Code § 6B-2-4(f), the Commission staff is

hereby ORDERED to prepare a Statement of Charges and to schedule this matter for a

public hearing to determine the truth or falsity of the charges.

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