



Disclosure of Lobbying Contracts by State Agencies, Municipalities, Counties, and School Districts

Beginning on July 1, 2022, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-3-10, every state agency, municipality, county, and school district in West Virginia that contracts for lobbying services shall disclose, and when applicable, provide copies of the information requested below to the West Virginia Ethics Commission. If you have questions about completing this form, please contact the Ethics Commission at (304) 558-0664 or email ethics@wv.gov.

This is a public document that will be made available to the public. Please do not include (or redact) confidential information.

State Agency, Municipality, County, or School District with Lobbying Contract(s)

Government agency submitting form:

Address:

Name of authorized representative:

Contract Details

Name of party (or parties) to the contract providing lobbying services:

Effective date of contract and any applicable extension dates:

Duration of contract:

Payment and reimbursement terms of the contract:

Copy of Contract for Lobbying Services

Copy of contract for lobbying services attached: Yes No

Costs for Lobbying Services

For the period July 1 to June 30 of the preceding year, list all costs to be paid or reimbursed, or already paid or reimbursed, for lobbying services associated with or related to the contract for lobbying services, **including itemized** expenses such as meals, events, or other expenditures (attach additional pages if needed).

Identities of Individuals or Entities

For the period July 1 to June 30 of the preceding year, list the identities of any individuals or entities, other than those already identified in Question 1, engaging in activities pursuant to the contract for lobbying services that may require the individual or entity to register as a lobbyist pursuant to W. Va. Code § 6B-3-1

On July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, every state agency, municipality, county, and school district in the state that has contracted for lobbying services in the preceding year shall report to the Ethics Commission. W. Va. Code § 6B-3-10

Wetzel County Assessor's Office

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Cathy Phillips, Assistant Chief Deputy

Beth Hayes, Chief Deputy

Jennifer White, Reappraisal Coordinator

Feb. 10 2026 @ 11:05 am Bid opening

Nobody in the hall present for the opening. Present in the office are Beth Hayes opening and reading the bids. Jenny Cain taking the notes. Linda Smittle and Cathy Brown were the witnesses.

OIL AND GAS AUDITING

TASC was the only bid. Total Proposed cost is \$150,000

Aerial Photography

1. Tetra Tech 4 inch ortho with change detection \$42,543
3 inch ortho with change detection \$53,573
2. Thrasher Group did not bid on change detection
4 inch ortho photography \$19,328
3 inch ortho photography \$29,615
Ground control option of \$1800

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Golden Horseshoe Strategies LLC/ Conrad Lucas monthly retainer of \$6000 also

(Jan-April 2027) during the Legislative Session and with support from Hallie Mason \$27,500

David Cornell Consultants LLC January 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

\$375 per hour for all work

Ended the bid opening at 11:20

Signatures of those present during the opening:

Beth Hayes

Jenny Cain

Cathy Brown

Linda S. Smittle

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Florida, County of Orange, ss:

Anjana Bhadoriya, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That (s)he is a duly authorized signatory of Column Software, PBC, duly authorized agent of Wetzel Chronicle, a newspaper printed and published in the City of New Martinsville, County of Wetzel, State of West Virginia, and that this affidavit is Page 1 of 2 with the full text of the sworn-to notice set forth on the pages that follow, and the hereto attached:

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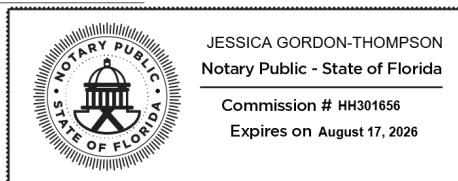
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Anjana Bhadoriya

(Signed) _____

VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Orange



Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 02/06/2026

J. Thompson

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

The Wetzel County Assessor's Office will be contracting for professional services advocating for legislation regarding real property and personal property assessment legislative bills at the West Virginia Capitol. The individual providing a bid regarding this proposal needs to include the following information:

1. Resume
2. Scope of services the individual will be able to provide regarding matters such as taxability laws and appraisal and assessment laws regarding ad valorem taxation.
3. Retainer costs, hourly costs or hourly rates, and any other costs and/or fees associated with the contractual agreement.
4. Reimbursement for mileage or gasoline expenses
5. References

The Wetzel County Assessor's Office requires the lobbyist to report any potential conflict, regarding legislative bills and priorities, immediately to the assessor. It is the responsibility of the lobbyist to address any concerns or prioritization of legislative matters regarding the Wetzel County Assessor's Office and other clients of the lobbyist to the assessor. The lobbyist will not be required to attend any conference calls or meetings regarding other county officials or county association groups. The lobbyist may choose to attend such meetings or conference calls but this is not a requirement or mandate of the Wetzel County Assessor's Office.

Specifics areas of legislative interest include:

- 1) Oil, Natural Gas, and Natural Gas Liquids assessment legislation for working interest, royalty interest, and overriding royalty interest,
- 2) Constitutional Amendment increasing the Homestead Exemption amount of \$20,000
- 3) Reforming property tax appeals before the West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals (OTA),
- 4) Constitutional Amendment eliminating the personal property tax on inventory,
- 5) Veterans Homestead Exemption Constitutional Amendment,
- 5) Any other potential legislation that is introduced that may impact the assessment and taxability of real and personal properties within Wetzel County.

The successful bid or bidders' contract(s) will be valid from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

The bid needs to be placed in a sealed envelope and marked "sealed bid" on the outside of the envelope for professional services. The bids need to be mailed to the Wetzel County Assessor's Office, 210 Main Street, PO Box 7, New Martinsville WV 26155. The bids need to be received and, in the Wetzel County Assessor's Office (**not postmarked**) by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026. The bids will be opened on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the real property side of the Wetzel County Assessor's Office. Anyone from the public is welcome to attend the bid opening. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Lemley at 304-455-8216. The Wetzel County Assessor's Office reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Best Value Procurement

The Assessor's Office will select which proposal to accept based on Best Value Procurement practices. Under Best Value Procurement, the Assessor's Office will consider the proposed price, and the total cost of acquiring, operating, maintaining and supporting the requested commodity or service over its projected lifetime, balanced with the evaluated manner in which the proposal addresses the business objectives set forth in the Request for Proposal. While the price is a key consideration, this does not mean that the Assessor's Office will necessarily select the lowest bid; it will select the bid that, after due and thorough evaluation, is determined to most effectively meet the needs of the Assessor's Office for the best value.

Scott Lemley
Wetzel County Assessor

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