



# **CCAWV 2022 Legislative Priorities & Policy Statements**

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### *Regional Jail Costs*

CCAWV will continue to work with the WV Legislature and the WV Regional Jail Authority to identify additional revenue sources and jail population reduction methods in a unified effort to maximize the efficient use of tax dollars for incarceration of regional jail inmates.

### *Fiscal Issues*

CCAWV is supportive of initiatives that have a positive effect on county funding allowing counties to generate their own funding needs and oppose those initiatives that take funding away from county programs and services.

### *Unfunded Mandates*

In these challenging economic times, CCAWV will defend against unfunded mandates legislatively or administratively passed on to local governments. CCAWV will evaluate and determine our position on any legislation that affects county finances.

### *Substance Abuse Treatment*

Substance abuse is an extremely critical problem and impediment to the workforce in WV and a major factor in the escalating burden on our criminal justice system. CCAWV supports efforts to increase and enhance available treatment.



## **CCAWV 2022 Legislative Priorities:**

1. Support of Requesting in Statute the creation of a Regional Jail Task Force (through legislation) that would bring stakeholders to the table to develop a method to redirect the Regional Jail Bonds revenue to help eliminate increases to the Regional Jail per diem rate.
2. Support legislation that will allow counties to enact a permissive, local 1% county sales tax.
3. Support legislation to allow counties to advertise by Class I or Class II; and/or set a government rate for newspapers to charge counties; and request Senate/House Resolution to study advertising costs to local government
4. Support legislation to eliminate the property roll back tax calculation. This would eliminate the section of code that requires a reduction (roll back) in the regular current expense levy rate when the appraisal of property values results in a tax increase of more than 103% of the prior year projected property tax revenues.

## **CCAWV Supports:**

- Legislation that would allow for permissive Amusement Tax for counties to offset county expenses including regional jail fees and emergency services protection.
- A pay raise bill/legislation if tied to mechanism provision as with previous legislation supported by CCAWV.