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## Director's Discussion...

Vivian Parsons, Executive Director

### **In case your were wondering...The Bills That Died!**

As I reported earlier, this was a session of playing defense against bad bills for the most part, although there were a couple of good bills for counties that didn't make it as well. As always, I will summarize all bills of county interest that passed and are signed into law by the Governor when enrolled copies are available. But until then I thought you might like to know what happened to some bills that didn't pass. Again I want to thank each of you for your time and effort to help with the CCAWV legislative agenda proving again, that together, we can accomplish good things for county government.

First a couple of bills that failed that we had hoped would survive....

**SB 537** would have allowed counties to keep all real property transfer tax collected in the county, instead of sending half to the state. A phase-in over 5 years was added to the bill in hopes of making it more passable, however the bill died in Senate Finance.

**HB 4382** was a forfeiture bill that would have distributed 20% of the cash from the sale of forfeited property to the Regional Jail Authority. Any additional money to RJA would keep per diems lower. This bill passed the House but died in Senate Judiciary and the committee instead offered a resolution to study the issue over the interims.

**Following is a list of bills that CCAWV wasn't so crazy about and what happened to them....**

**SB 333** This bill would have removed the employer contribution cap on the Deputy Sheriff Retirement System which is currently at 10 ½ %. **CCA WV opposed the bill and it died in Senate Finance.**

**SB 383** would have increased the Enhanced 911 Wireless Tower Access Assistance Fund allocation by taking another 1 million dollars from the fees. **CCA WV and the 911 Council opposed this legislation and it died in Senate Finance.**

**SB 458** would have changed the process for distributing minimum share of severance tax to coalbed methane-producing counties. **CCA WV had some concerns with this bill that as the funds distributed in this fund grow, some counties would be removed from the distribution. The bill died in House Finance.**

**SB 493** would have created the Twenty-First Century Business Technologies Property Valuation Act. This act would have further reduced property tax revenues for counties. **CCA WV opposes lost county revenues. The bill died in House Finance.**

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**HB 4222** this bill would have limited the personal property value of antique motor vehicles to no more than \$200 on any car over 25 yrs old. **CCAWV opposes any loss of county revenue. The bill died on the House Floor.**

**HJR 101** the Governor's Resolution, the Commercial and Industrial Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption Amendment. CCAWV had supported this resolution in its amended form to leave the decision of exempting commercial and industrial tangible personal property to county commissioners **The county option was removed in the Senate Finance Committee and changed CCAWV's support to opposition. The resolution died when Senate leadership removed the resolution from the Senate floor agenda.**

**CCAWV Calendar of Events**

**April 10-11, 2010**

Local Government Leadership  
Academy  
Morgantown, WV

**May 23-24, 2010**

CCAWV Spring Board Meeting  
Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown, WV

**July 31-August 3, 2010**

CCAWV Annual Meeting  
Stonewall Jackson Resort, Roanoke, WV

**Save this Date...Great  
Training Opportunity!!!**