

Transcript of meeting held June 7, 2001 at 10:45 A.M.

Those in attendance:

Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner
Rick Modesitt, Commissioner
K.D. Merritt, Commissioner
D.R. Smith, E-911/Emergency Services Director
Doug McKenzie, McKenzie Engineering
Steve Grimm, Assessor
Ginny Conley, Prosecuting Attorney
Kay Hill
Glenn Lewis

Smith – I have at the request of the County Commission called Mr. McKenzie to give the County Commission an update and review his progress (inaudible) mapping project and I also asked Mr. Tim Romine, the local post master, I invited him to this meeting also. I don't know if he will be here. A gentleman by the name of Mr. Glenn Lewis who is the state address coordinator, is that correct terminology Doug?

McKenzie – He is the address coordinator for this county not for the whole state

Smith – But he is filling in for the guy who holds that position, Mr. Jeff Bice.

McKenzie – yes

Smith – I haven't been able to connect with him because we've been playing phone tag. I'm certain that he won't be here. What we really want to do is get some points of verification, where we started on the mapping, what's been done and where we need to go. I believe that's what you all needed.

Tebay - Right. We'd like to see some reasonable time frame, keep check on to know where we are, check it off and see when we're gonna complete it.

Smith – I think probably just turn it over to Doug and let him tell you all ...

Tebay – Doug for your information, I mean, we've had a few comments about I don't like this name and I don't want to be on a different street than that. Basically, I think people are looking forward to getting the street style address. So, (inaudible) understand that it is going to be easier for responders to find them. So, some of the folks here today are interested in getting their numbers so they can feel more comfortable with (inaudible) so they let people know where they are. Go ahead Doug, the floor is yours.

McKenzie – Where we are now I guess is probably the best place to start and anything you want to ask from there. Should I cover anything on Wirt County because your system is gonna handle both.

Smith – Yeah, that's all part of our system is what we've done in Wirt County as well. Wood County, I want the record to say, Wood County is not paying for (inaudible) work in Wirt County.

McKenzie – It's simply administering their dispatching and whatnot. The last map of Wirt County has been covered, we were going to use it to test the computer system although we've now got parts of Parkersburg that has been sent in and we'll probably just use Wood County for the test. We were counting on Wirt County to finish first, but they haven't finished it, so they're actually progressing faster on Wood County than they are on Wirt County at this point. That's because of an address, not an address, a zip code change. Zip Code 26104 is changing in area so they advertised that earlier this year and they have, I think it's by the end of this week they have to have all the of those corrections in and sent out. So that's probably why it's going, but all of Parkersburg has their addressing and their map stuff into them, Pond Creek post office, Belleville post office, Davisville post office, Mineral Wells has most of theirs, Washington has part of theirs, Walker and Waverly will be finished next week and Williamstown the week after that and that's everything the entire County will be in the hands of their people doing the conversion. They have a staff in Charleston that's under the Appalachian region in Charleston for doing the address conversion and they cover part of Virginia and most of West Virginia, they don't cover the Northern Panhandle by Pittsburgh. So, it's not like we're the only place that those guys down there have, but they do have the staff to put on it now, they're assigned, kinda like as we get addressing sent in, we get in line, we get in (inaudible) and then as they get people to put on it they start working on the conversion part of it and then they got people working on it hard and heavy now, where they didn't have two years ago, they didn't have anybody to put on it, they were busy in Virginia. But, now they've got the people to put on it. So we're reprinting maps, we are updating it with all of the latest names and everything we can possibly do. I'm looking at every single map going out to make sure it's got as best as we can get out there to minimize the impact on the road names and things like that. And road name issue we've had a lot of discrepancy between what the Department of Highways has for road names and what other maps that we currently have for road names and we try to pick the best name that we can find. Discussion with Terry and D.R. on road names. That's probably the biggest problem we've got, is what is a road name (inaudible). New England is a real typical area there's people that call that road runs through there and down the river New England Road and there's some people that call it New England Ridge Road and New England River Road, on the Assessor's maps they call it New England Ridge Road and simply New England Road. Discussions with the post office people say they've always called it New England River Road (inaudible) and Ridge Road, so that's what we're working with to try to make a distinction between which road, even at that they're pretty close, New England Ridge Road and New England River Road, that's pretty close. But that's the kind of thing we're trying to resolve as best we can to minimize the amount of phone calls.

Tebay – Have we started to give the street style address yet, Doug? The numbering, is the numbering being done?

McKenzie – The numbering's been done for two years.

Tebay – The numbering is done?

McKenzie – Yeah, oh yeah.

Tebay – Do you agree to that D.R.?

Smith – Well, I think, what Doug is saying, and I know what your question is, that's not correct. The numbering scheme is done in the computer in Wood County. All the numbering scheme has not been handed, has not been converted by the post office into new addresses. Route 10 which is the Rosemar Road area, those people have the new street style address. That's where some of the road name changes have come in, somebody didn't like Ranger Road and they changed it to something else because of that. 26105 used to be solely and totally a Vienna zip code, the post office split that 26105 so that if you want to call where you live Parkersburg or Vienna, it will still be 26105. That has been confusing for some folks. But 26105 will get your mail delivered and that's what we explained. Because the City of Vienna kind of goes in and out around Rosemar Road, one area that we have started addressing was within the City of Vienna and currently, by regulation, only a municipality has the right to change this addressing, the County can't go in and override that. So, we have a few houses there that we had addressed that we retracted addresses off of because we didn't have the current boundary lines for the City of Vienna. That was a little glitch. Yes sir.

Tebay – The only one is Rosemar Road that has actually been completed then, is that correct?

Smith – That, to my knowledge is the only one I know of that people have actually received their address conversion in the mail.

Tebay – The post office is assigning numbers, is that right Doug?

McKenzie – No, we assign the numbers, they convert what the old rural route box number is equal to our new address number. We've assigned all the new numbers, their job is to say rural route three box 42b equals 123 main street or wherever it is.

Tebay – Now, go ahead D.R.

Smith – The process gets bogged down when you have a new style of addressing that has to be given to an entity to review it and to verify that that new address isn't going to overlay into what has been used. As I understand the post office procedure, this addressing coordinator from Charleston must receive the maps from Doug and verify that those are correct and then they're taken to the post office.

McKenzie – Other way around, they go to the local post office, they verify it, send it to Charleston, Charleston keys it in the computer system and waits for further conflicts like the one I called you about yesterday. Difficulties being that the computer doesn't like or somebody needs to try to solve and they spit it back to us before they mail it out.

Smith – Charleston says that's OK. That's where the post office puts this formal letter together with a package, they rewrote the letter, people receive a package in the mail saying this is your new address and start using it immediately and within a year you must have all your information converted to this new address. They also get a card in this pack that says send this card to the telephone company with your new address. Because the important part of 911 addressing is the phone company getting the new style of address loaded into their system so that when folks call 911 we know on our screen what the new address is.

McKenzie – They have the option to call the phone company in Virginia (inaudible) the card's better because it's giving more information on it.

Tebay – Now, I guess my question to you Doug is where are you with your task? What

McKenzie – We've updated all of the names and information on the maps, and printing them out as well as listing the post offices that we have them all printed for so that they're in the hands.

Tebay – Give me those again. Pond Creek, Davisville, who else

McKenzie – Bellville, Parkersburg, (inaudible) they have all their maps

Tebay – The main post office? How about North end?

McKenzie – That's a sub.

Tebay – That's a sub of Parkersburg?

McKenzie – 26101, 26104, 26105

Modesitt- 103

Tebay – 103, OK. Pond Creek, Davisville, Belleville, Parkersburg

McKenzie – Yeah. Most of Mineral Wells is finished. We've run into some road name issues which has been around Butchers Bend, there's been some questions on what the Department of Highway says.

Tebay – Could I ask?

Kay Hill - – Right here

Male? – You said most of Mineral Wells is done and you kind of indicated that the post office had them. Actually as of Monday the post office hasn't received a thing.

McKenzie – I know that. I didn't say they had them Monday.

? – Oh they have it today?
Several people talking at once.

McKenzie – I can't go into the post office and make them do anything. I have to go to this coordinator in Charleston, hand carry the stuff to him and let him determine when it goes out and what he does with it.

Female – It's at Mineral Wells currently you say and they verify (inaudible) Sorry

McKenzie – Charleston gets it first and then when Charleston is ready for each branch to handle it he goes, sits down with them and has discussions on what he needs out (inaudible) they've got their own form to fill out, he's got to go train them on what to do first.

Female – So Charleston has the Mineral Wells information.

McKenzie – Yeah (inaudible - female talks at same time)

Female – Approximately how long does this next procedure take?

McKenzie – I have no clue. I don't know. That's post office stuff. I can't even begin to answer for them.

Tebay – D.R., you got a feeling on that? We got Rosemar Road done, what was the time frame on that. Top to bottom, it's done, that's what your saying?

Smith – That whole Rosemar Road project, from the time they started was about thirty days.

Tebay – Once Doug got it to the post office (inaudible) thirty days.

McKenzie – Once they committed people to go in the field and work. We've had that ready for a long time, they didn't have anybody to put on it

Tebay – O.K. You're saying thirty days of fieldwork then?

McKenzie – Once they got their people to sign on it, it took about thirty days.

Tebay – O.K. And you say all of these others are done, they're in Charleston now?

McKenzie – Uh-huh.

Tebay – Except Mineral Wells is not there yet.

McKenzie – Not complete.

Tebay – Not complete, but part of it

McKenzie – Right.

Tebay – There are some other post offices

McKenzie – Waverly, Walker, Williamstown.

Tebay – What about those?

McKenzie – They will be printed next week and delivered to them and then he will take it to those post offices when he's ready for them to start working

Tebay - Does the City of Williamstown have to review this stuff, Doug?

McKenzie – We're not changing anything in the city limits.

Tebay – Nothing is changed, you're just taking off

McKenzie – Williamstown and the (inaudible) outside like Boaz.

Tebay – Should they review that, somebody at Williamstown review that deal to keep from having problems you've had with Vienna on the street?

Smith – Mr. Lewis is the gentleman that takes the maps and goes to the specific post office or post substation and reviews those with, Williamstown has a postmaster that is responsible for rural routes out of that post office, the same as all outlying. He sits down with that particular postmaster to ensure that those rural carriers understand the new addressing system and that they understand how to overlay it. Now, what some of the rural carriers on route ten, they will take the mailbox door and turn it down and write the new address on the inside of the mailbox door. So that still like route one or whatever be on the outside, it'll let them see the correlation between the two.

Tebay – The carriers do.

Smith – Yes. So, there is some improvisation that goes on. Everything hinges on the post office having in their hands the maps generated by Mr. McKenzie that their rural carriers can use and correlate old addresses into new. That's the key to the whole process. The lady that works at the post office here in, the main post office, Ms. Piersol, was able to convert a rural route a day. She could do one a day and have it ready to be handed over to the rural carrier. But then the paper work has to follow that also.

Tebay – The carrier is going to need several days to mark on the inside of the boxes. (inaudible) mail delivered.

McKenzie – Since the aerial photographs have been taken, there is new house trailers, new houses built up and you may have a blank spot with a question mark and we have to go back and get a number for, there's a little bit of paper work back and forth, but at least once it gets to their hands, it's on its final run.

Tebay – At what point Doug, do we take over that responsibility. You're saying a new trailer, a new subdivision

McKenzie – When the post office returns that, gives a list to D.R. and it's reviewed and everybody says O.K. this looks good and is mailed out, then it's our baby. At that point on, it's ours.

Smith – They have to have ninety-five percent accuracy in street style addressing. And that's when they'll accept the system, that's when they tested it to verify that it will work. The telephone company uses the same percentage. The telephone company will accept our new data if they know that it's ninety-five percent verified. Then they'll incorporate that into their data system so the telephone numbers will reflect the new number loaded into their system for our 911 purposes.

Tebay – I talked to D.R. this morning and I think he gave me the answer Doug, but the application that some of the people and the Commissioners have a question about is Slate District which is delivered, part of it is delivered out of Elizabeth, so those folks are going to have a street style address, I'm assuming Route 14, is that going to be an address?

McKenzie – Elizabeth Pike

Tebay – Elizabeth Pike is going to be, they'll have a number on Elizabeth Pike but it will still be Elizabeth, is that correct?

McKenzie – Yes.

Tebay – An address out of Elizabeth, with their zip code.

Smith – We tried to work with the post office to see if those people could receive their mail at the Mineral Wells and the post office told us that it would cost more to shuffle that mail through Mineral Wells and back out to Slate because the carriers work out of the Elizabeth office. And so the mail hits the Elizabeth office and I know, in the past, we were concerned because the tax parcel tickets, making sure that everything was accurate because if it had an Elizabeth address on it, we wanted to make sure that that taxing would be accurate.

Tebay – What's that do for instance for the Assessor, Steve's here, we'll ask him since that's an Elizabeth address, those folks are going to be appraised and taxed as a Wood County address, your mailing address is Elizabeth, that's no problem for you? You know that in your office and you're going to have some Elizabeth addresses.

Merritt – (inaudible)

Tebay – Yeah, I assume it is (inaudible)

McKenzie – (inaudible) around the state, (inaudible) a conversion, we've already had a meeting on that.

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Tape #87 – Side A

McKenzie - That is on an excel spreadsheet, that we can get to their people and put that in their system.

Tebay – So we can, as far as a completion time frame, we are saying that Pond Creek, Davisville Belleville and Parkersburg are in Charleston now, completed and in Charleston? Mineral Wells, part of that's in Charleston?

McKenzie – I have no idea what their completion stage is, all I can say is that they have got the paper maps and working on it and I don't know what stage

Tebay – Charleston has it though, it's out of your hands?

McKenzie – Yeah I'm going down today to (inaudible), they've got some boundary changes to show me where the zip codes lines are. Some of the maps are apparently now ready for (inaudible – someone coughs) go to Washington. They changed the zone, what zip is (inaudible) but that's just a matter of putting it on and printing the map out again.

Tebay – Waverly, Williamstown and Walker and will be in there next week?

McKenzie – Yeah

Tebay – They're gonna be in Charleston?

McKenzie – Yeah

Tebay – Now, Charleston gets them, what's the turn around, thirty days?

McKenzie – That's up to how many people they throw on it.

Tebay – Can you find that out and let D.R. know what you think their estimated time will be?

McKenzie – Yeah, D.R. (inaudible)

Tebay – So, we've got some time frame to tell people, when they ask us, I hate to be dumb, I like to be able to give when we think, you know, and then when they come back and they've been reviewed in Charleston, what happens then, you have to?

McKenzie – They send it to D.R. and he'll bring it before you and say here are the road names. We've had to assign a lot of new road names. There are a lot of real short things with three or four houses on them that didn't have a name on any map we've ever seen, so we just pulled a random name and apply it, short street or whatever, like that and then you need to just say O.K. we'll go with that and if someone wants to change it they can bring a petition and ask

Tebay – That's after we're going to get them back to review the names.

McKenzie – Yeah.

Tebay – (inaudible) name changes at that time

Kay Hill – That's still before we get them right?

McKenzie – Even after you get them you can still come in.

Kay Hill – Right, right. I understand, you have to make a general approval before the general public gets the new address.

McKenzie – You live out there, answer the question for me please,

Kay Hill – I'll try.

McKenzie – Scarce to Fat Road

Kay Hill – Scarce to Fat, sure.

McKenzie – Everybody's going to be happy with that?

Kay Hill – Most likely

McKenzie – I just ask the question because, I want to make sure

Kay Hill – That's what they call it. How you going to spell it?

McKenzie – On the Assessor's map it's Scare to Fat

Kay Hill - Scarce of Fat, that's how it got its name

McKenzie – Scarce of fat?

Kay Hill – Yes, Scarceoffat, of for of fat, Scarceoffat.

Male – (inaudible) Society Hill Road Butcher Bend?

Kay Hill – Yeah, where do you have Scarce of Fat?

McKenzie – The end of Society Hill and Butcher Bend, where Society Hill (inaudible)

Kay Hill – The State (inaudible) where it meets Butcher Bend you see.

McKenzie – And there's another road that (inaudible

(Several people talking at once)

Tebay – Doug, will we have, are we going to have a criss-cross directory of some sort of these names?

McKenzie – Yes.

Tebay – That's going to be something we can pull up on a computer, let's say is there a Scarce of Fat in Wood County?

McKenzie – Yes and where is it, right. Actually at D.R.'s place you can go in and type it in that name and it'll show you the road and highlight and say here's the road you are asking about. You can do a search for names or you can just put the word scarce and it will find it. We use that to try to find names that are already similar names and try not to duplicate naming out there. If we have the same name in the southern part of Wood County same as in the northern part it's not a problem. If you have Hemlock up here and Hemlock down there, it's totally different, dispatching (inaudible) it's not a problem.

Tebay – Are we going to have anything on paper map wise that we can display in the Courthouse here for people to see and see what some of these names are?

McKenzie – When the post office gets there we can do that if you want to do that.

Tebay – I think it might be of interest, don't you D.R. to somebody?

Smith – All the maps have been provided to the post office, you all want copies of those?

Tebay – If you can do that without a lot of cost, can you do that?

McKenzie – No, we're talking a thousand maps.

Tebay – Is that the set that you showed me the other day?

Smith – That was just one block, no, the aerial photo?

Tebay – Yeah.

Smith – There's probably five hundred aerial photos.

McKenzie – That would be a significant cost and that's

Tebay – Is there gonna be an overall master map of the county then?

McKenzie – Yeah

Tebay – So we can get copies of that?

McKenzie – Yeah, right, you see the level of detail provided by them has who owns the house and what their old address is according to the Assessor and things like that. That's a whole lot of detail (inaudible)

Tebay – But I think the public would be interested in seeing the overall map of the names.

McKenzie – Yeah, like the county road map you can buy that kind of thing

Tebay – Right. And this will be the most current map of Wood County (inaudible)

Merritt – Can that be put on the website?

McKenzie – Sure. It would be easier to do that than to print (inaudible)

Merritt – I thought it would be. Without individual addresses.

McKenzie – Yeah. Right, you can put it on there with (inaudible) addresses. Which is like, you know you get these tiger files from the census bureau and it's like you go on these websites and put in an address, it works great when you're in like downtown Parkersburg because everything is block city style addressing, you go out in the county and try and find a rural route it doesn't work very well. On the new thing you actually type in an address and it'll show you where this address is and that's exactly how they dispatch.

Merritt – But it would be cheaper to put it on the website?

McKenzie – Oh yeah.

Merritt – What would you all think of something like that?

Kay Hill – I'm not into websites myself, my husband can use them. If I want something found, he finds it.

Male – Talking about the websites, right now we can pick out the Courthouse on the website on an aerial photo, when these aerial photos are done, will we be able to do the same thing or where does that (inaudible) explorer get there?

McKenzie – Oh, that was done through a program called Napp, N A P P, it was done partly for the soils conservation service, partly for, I can't think of the other agency, mostly for the soils conservation service. If you have a farm and you get crop damage and you go in to the soils conservation service and ask them for relief from flooding or whatever, they will use this aerial photograph and calculate the number of acres that you're damaged from these aerial photographs that's where those things came from, they were flown very high, they don't have a lot of resolution. What we did, we've flown low so we can pick up a lot of detail of the land, every outhouse behind a building, every storage building, toolshed behind (inaudible)

Kay Hill – Out, out

McKenzie – That's the one. Out building, I'm sorry I (inaudible) You know, it has just a lot more detail is what it boils down to. Those can be on the website too. About the only thing you can't put on a website is an exact address. You can put a street on there that says this goes from one hundred to one fifty-two, but you can't say here's one O one, one O five, one ten, you can't do that. But you can put a range of addresses, so if you know somebody's address and you want to find where the live, if you're trying to find one fifty main street, you type it in and it will show you (inaudible)

Male – We see that with our kids houses in Texas. You can get the block but you can't zero right in on the house. You gotta recognize the house.

McKenzie - yeah

Kay Hill- Can you explain how you get this new number that will be our street number.

McKenzie – Yeah, there will be a letter from the post office

Kay Hill – No, no, no, how do you arrive at it?

McKenzie – Oh, I'm sorry. It's based on a statewide-accepted standard using one thousand addresses for every mile. That's equal to 5.2 (inaudible).

Kay Hill – five feet (inaudible) O.K.

McKenzie – Correct. That's between one and two, it's actually twice that because we care about what's (inaudible) one, three, five and seven, odds on the left, evens on the right, so two, four, six, eight. So ten point five six feet is as close as addresses can be. And there aren't any houses smaller than that, so you pretty much cover yourself on having addresses enough to cover any addressing situation.

Kay Hill – So, if I have a hundred feet of footage I've got a possible of not quite twenty addresses, which one do you choose?

McKenzie – The one that is either right in front of your door if you front the house or if you're back from it, your driveway.

Female – O.K.

Tebay – At the driveway Doug, is that correct?

McKenzie – Yeah, unless it's a city house where you line on the street. If you're out of the county and you're five hundred feet of the road we address the driveway. Because you may be back (inaudible) a hill and when you're dispatching somebody you need to tell them a mile marker where you turn to get to the house.

Kay Hill – Uh huh.

McKenzie – That also brings up a problem of the house number. We've talked about this once before adding a post if the house can't be seen from the road, there needs to be an address post where they put the number there so the ambulance or fire truck (inaudible) they see that.

Kay Hill – I've seen those at other counties.

McKenzie – Yeah, that needs to be part of the system because once you have your address and yes they use their odometer and go out there and look for the place to turn it still would be pretty nice to prevent an error if they turn here instead of there if they had the address on a post. So that really should be part of (inaudible) saying everybody will put an address post up.

Tebay – Doug, do some people put those on their mailboxes (inaudible)

McKenzie – If the mailbox is right by their (inaudible) There are so many places where mailboxes are (inaudible). So it really wouldn't help much in that case. A lot of times all the mailboxes are on one side of the road. So it's easy for the person, the guys to stick it out one door even if you live over here your mailbox has to be on the other side.

Tebay – Have you seen a standard address for these posts as to the size of the post or the size of the letters?

McKenzie – The posts I haven't really seen anything, but the letters standard is simply those four inch letters you buy from Wal Mart that stick on, reflective lettering, that's all that's needed. Everybody knows the road you're on, you really don't have to put your road name, you just need those digits so they know this is four thirty-seven, thirteen eighty-nine, whatever it is. If you got somebody driving down they know exactly where the address is (inaudible)

Male – What road you're on is something that came up here on Monday. We don't have street signs for every cross road in the county. Our house for example, you don't know what road you're on.

McKenzie – Right.

Male – And what needs to be done to fund those signs and get them up because obviously to get make the 911 system functional we're going to have to have them.

McKenzie – Well, in the past, the Department of Highways has worked with us on that. (Inaudible) access road program, which is kind of in limbo right now, we don't know if that is going to continue. As long as that was in place it was pretty easy to get road signs made. They (inaudible) it out of the (inaudible). Now, I don't really know exactly what, but they have been very cooperative (inaudible), very cooperative.

Tebay – Have you seen in other places, Ken asked the question about who is responsible for the signs, the state highway department would probably be responsible for any state highways.

McKenzie – I haven't seen that. It's been more a matter of they simply volunteer to help. I don't think you can say they are responsible for that I think you can say they were cooperating (inaudible).

Tebay – When you come to a private driveway, then it's the private individual or the county.

McKenzie – Yeah, it could be. I guess, ultimately the county would be responsible at some level, but the state has in other areas has bent over backwards to help out. They really have.

Merritt – (inaudible) highways now, state highways. I feel they should be the ones, if we change the name on, then it should be their responsibility to change it on a public highway.

McKenzie – They have so far. I don't know that it's something they are required to do, it's just something they wanted to do from several standpoints. One, even if you make your own sign, we had a person that wanted to make their own custom sign, they wouldn't put it up because (inaudible) distance off the roads so the snowplows don't hit it, requirements they got for distance from the road, height, things like that. Even if somebody makes their own sign, they want to put it up for you. It helps them too. They're not going to be going down through there tearing down signs. That's their benefit as well, but they've really been cooperative in helping in the past.

Modesitt – Don,

Smith – Yes, sir.

Modesitt – As we change names are we notifying department of highways of that change? One to come to mind Williamstown Pike and Deerwalk Pike or is that the correct name?

McKenzie – They will always call that highway thirty-one, they really aren't going to worry too much about that, if we added a name to it, they'll change the sign.

Modesitt – I guess that's my point.

Smith – (inaudible) use our numbers.

McKenzie – Yeah, they'll change the sign on those.

Modesitt – Have we been notifying the Department of Highways. Have they been (inaudible)?

Smith – I have not notified the Department of Highways about the new highway road name changes until they are finalized (inaudible). I have submitted a letter naming some of the major highways.

Modesitt – (inaudible) approve, right?

Smith – Right.

Modesitt – Why not do it and start that ball rolling?

Smith – (inaudible) several reasons (inaudible) I had is once we can get this thing down we can shoot it all in at one time and just go out and have the volunteer fire to help us or

Modesitt – I'm not talking about numbering, I'm just talking about

Smith – The signage

Modesitt – The signage. If I hit route thirty-one going to the airport and I turn left I'm on (inaudible) marked Williamstown Pike, something like that?

Tebay – I think that, it would end up being marked Williamstown Pike Drive or whatever it is.

(Talking at same time)

Modesitt – There's a lot of roads that are apparently going to need one.

Smith – That's the ones that the county will, I'm certain, have to pick up the price on. Because that will be Williamstown Pike at the intersection of Emerson Avenue. The state will not step in on that simply because we call that thirty-one and route two and then when you drop down to thirty-one it will be the intersection of Deerwalk Highway and Emerson Avenue. So you have two separate addresses.

Merritt – Are you sure they won't step in.

Smith – They have not told me absolutely no but what they have said, we will help you with signage on roads like Loomis Ridge, they changed Loomis Ridge to Old Loomis Ridge, they did that and that worked out great. They have not told me absolutely for sure that they will step in and put names up where they are already identifying them by numbers.

Merritt – I think this is certainly, we need to (inaudible)

Modesitt – We're in the process, why, we're not going to all sitting on the same (inaudible)

Smith – Sure.

Modesitt – Including (inaudible) They're all going to be using that as well I would assume at some point and time, somebody out on Williamstown Pike called about pot holes and they're going to give a Williamstown Pike address (inaudible)

Tebay – It needs to go through a review process and Doug before we (inaudible) names.

Modesitt – We've already approved (inaudible – people talking over each other)

McKenzie – cross that bridge now

Tebay – I don't see a problem with that.

Modesitt – Asking them to see what their opinion is on it. Maybe ask Rusty to come in to one of the meetings, Rusty Roten.

McKenzie – There's been a lot of names that they have on their list that (inaudible) run into some situations where they, at least on their paper maps they call it one thing and on the green signs in the field is something else.

Smith – I'm meeting with Mr. Phil Rosh and Rusty Roten next Thursday on another matter. I can deal with that then or step it up if you'd like.

Modesitt – Thursday will be fine. (Inaudible) get an idea.

Tebay – Thursday's fine.

Merritt – I think we need to do it pretty quickly.

Modesitt – Even if they are going would produce the signs we would compensate them something for, I tend to believe they will ultimately end up doing the signs themselves because it is part of the highway system.

Tebay – At least the new signs would be correct, that's the major thing.

Kay Hill – What about private roads signs, gentlemen, private roads within subdivisions and all. You all aren't responsible for those are you?

McKenzie – The city would probably be responsible

(Someone talking over someone else)

Kay Hill – We are in the city, he's in a private subdivision.

(People talking at same time)

McKenzie – Subdivisions (inaudible) their own signs (inaudible)

Kay Hill – It's an official subdivision.

Second Female – (inaudible) pothole in our subdivision, are they (inaudible) there's a big hole.

(People talking at same time)

Smith – I'm probably making assumptions, Ginny, you probably can clarify, if the Department of Highways, a road has been turned over to the Department of Highways for maintenance and snow removal within a subdivision, that in itself I think would probably give them the legal right to make a sign for that road since they are maintaining that road.

Conley – We don't know the answer to this question. We need to ask the Department of Highways, that's what I think.

(People talking at same time)

Smith – They will name an orphan road.

Merritt – Well see, we enforce the laws in those subdivisions too.

Conley – But you guys there could be some weird statute on the books that says Department of Highways pays for all road signs and we don't know that right now. So, I don't think, we would just need to have a direct contact person and ask them if they pay and check the code books and see if there's anything in there.

Smith – I can have an answer for you all no later than Friday.

Modesitt – Personally, I would like to see the road names start popping up if we've already named a major road.

Conley – Oh yeah.

Modesitt – So we're edging our way into the system.

Kay Hill – Let people get used to using them.

Male – For 911 to find us they've got to be there.

Kay Hill – That's right, so at the moment you get a little paste board box and you stick it out there, just like instead of yard sale, you write whatever your street sign is (inaudible)

Male – They turned us down for orphan road late last fall

Kay Hill – Well name it orphan road, just name it orphan road.

Tebay – A lot of people were turned down for orphan roads but they were taken in to the highway system which is actually better cause the orphan road system has very little if any money. Which, I was told any road of any length (inaudible) orphan road, might get one load of gravel a year, which isn't going to do much. But (inaudible) you got better shot at getting them to put ten or twenty loads on.

Male – So how did you get taken in, we're paved, we're just not up to state (inaudible)

Tebay – People on the road signed a petition with their names, the road to be accepted into the orphan road system

Male – We've done all that.

Tebay – Somebody supposedly would come out and take a look at it and say yes we'll take it in or we're going to take it into the highway system. Now, whether that program is alive today, I can't tell you.

Male – The same person did both of those?

Tebay – Yes.

(People talking at same time)

Tebay – (inaudible) Williams, I think that's right. Is he still around here?

Male – I actually don't know, change in politics.

McKenzie – (inaudible) Williams is here in Parkersburg.

Male – Yes.

Tebay – Yeah.

McKenzie – One of the biggest criteria they had to look at is turn around at the end of the road, that's a big, big, most roads that fail getting brought into the system is because they do not have any place for their big trucks to turn around and get back out.

(Several people talking at once)

McKenzie – Oh was it?

Male – That's what happened.

(Several people talking at once)

Male – Somebody will look at getting the state to put up the signs, street signs?

Kay Hill – (inaudible)

Tebay – Well, we're going to find out who's responsible and they'll probably say you guys, bite the bullet, we'll see, (inaudible) and any future signs. I think we need the Highway Department, even the Planning Commission that could be a requirement in a new subdivision that the streets be marked. I don't know that we do that now, but that could be easily put into regulations, so any new subdivision you would mark the street with a street sign. We could specify how tall the letters are on a sign and what color they should be, reflective and all that. So, if we haven't done the right things in the past, at least we can get things turned around and doing them right in the future. Who's gonna address the sign problem, we'll have to find out. I'm thinking that all of us are going to be a part of it.

Modesitt – When you meet with him, you might ask if he manufactures his own signs here. I would assume he does.

Smith – Yes, they do. I know that for a fact.

Modesitt – (inaudible)

Tebay – The City of Parkersburg does their own and Vienna does their own. Don't know what Williamstown does, whether they contract or

Modesitt – (inaudible) concrete things (inaudible)

Smith – Well, actually an (inaudible) the City of Williamstown. But I think it's important that the County Commission adopt a standard that meets the Department of Highways and Department of Transportation guidelines so that we have consistency throughout the county.

Male – I agree. It'd look so much better.

Modesitt – Rusty, if he has a spec on that. I'm sure they do. (Inaudible) everywhere.

McKenzie – That's the other reason, I guess, they've always been so cooperative (inaudible) other things we've talked about here.

Modesitt – I don't see that this is a huge problem, maybe we could do it, gradually work into it (inaudible) if you say you we've got five hundred roads marked next week

McKenzie – That probably would be a budgetary problem. But they do like to do that because they will be put in by standards, mounted in place in the proper place, work well for them as well as (inaudible).

Tebay - Do we have any more questions?

Kay Hill – Thank you guys. You've answered a whole lot of questions I had.

Tebay – Well we haven't got it done yet.

Kay Hill – Oh I know you haven't, but you've helped.

Tebay – I mean, we're on our way.

Smith – I would like to say that I probably haven't done a good job of explaining like I should've, it's not because I wasn't trying. When we entered into this project, a whole premise and backbone of getting a 911 system that would work, through all the advisory board (inaudible) was the very clear understanding that we must be able to locate people. The only way to do that was to create a city-style addressing. It's also important to note that the Public Service Commission is very strict on 911 centers being what's called enhanced. Enhanced simply means when you call the 911 center that center must be able to have your address displayed where that phone call is coming from. So, addressing was the only way to simplify that process and get the 911 center in compliance with what the Public Service Commission wanted you to do. The addressing scheme itself, in this County is a huge undertaking. Doug was awarded the contract. He was the low bidder on the contract with what we did in Wood County. I'm disappointed because Doug is one man. Wood County is a huge county and I think it takes a lot of effort. That being said, that's his company and he's got to figure out a way to do it and I'm going to work with him any way I can to get this done as quickly as possible. There have been examples that I have shared with you all before, where we have not had the

cooperation with the post office that I anticipated. That was then, this is now. The post office for the last six to eight months has stepped forward and said, we want to move on this thing. They have stepped forward with resources to say we want to move on it, they blew past him because they out-resourced him. He wasn't ready to give them everything they needed to have in their hands as quick as they wanted. That's caused delays. We're always going to be dealing with this problem of road names. And I told Doug, do not change one of your maps, if it's got a name on it, get it in and let's move on it and we will deal with the confounding problems of renaming things if folks are not happy with it. And I think there is going to be a fall out period of maybe a couple to three years where folks are still going to come in and say I want this road name changed. That being said, the process has to be in place to get this street- style addressing moving forward. And I think we need to step forward in a unified effort to make this thing done as quickly as possible because the money that we invested in equipment for the 911 center hinges solely on a locatable address coming up electronically in that computer. We don't have that capability and that hurts us bad.

Tebay -- (inaudible)

McKenzie -- Yeah, we're at the same time. I was ready two years ago to run those maps and they weren't ready. They're just now ready and they threw a bunch of people at it, they're saying O.K. (inaudible) and I've got to update it all, because now it's so (inaudible -- people talking in background)

Modesitt -- Doug, where's your office at, I don't know.

McKenzie -- Summersville

Modesitt -- Summersville. You're doing work all over the state, I assume, other counties (inaudible) 911.

McKenzie -- Just in Wood County right now.

Modesitt -- You've done other (inaudible)

McKenzie -- Yeah, oh yeah. We've done probably ten (inaudible)

Tebay is on the phone talking.

Background talking.

Tebay -- I'm sorry. Addressing, where are you going to start, where will your hub be for numbering?

McKenzie -- We always start with the center of the county or county seat, in this case it would be Parkersburg. Addressing goes out on all the major highways and then it proceeds out from the sub- highways all around. So you go out route fifty turn off of fifty (inaudible)

Tebay – You start at the city limits there?

McKenzie – Right.

Tebay – So you're not going to change Parkersburg addressing?

McKenzie – No.

Tebay – Then you're gonna have a different set of numbers going out route 50.

McKenzie – We will pick up from there. Example being Emerson Avenue, they use up through the six thousand to the interstate. We start it the other side of the interstate and use the (inaudible) per mile system past that. Because they already had a system in place, we felt I best to leave that alone. When you get to Elizabeth Pike, we start at city limits (inaudible) Staunton Turnpike, we start again, that had to get changed because the city annexed some things with their own addressing scheme, which blew our system out, so we had to totally redo everything all the way to Wirt county, route fourteen.

Tebay – Thank you very much, appreciate you coming.

Smith – The only thing that's important and I need to say this one more time, it's important that the County Commission try, if I could suggest, that the Planning Commissions of our various municipalities are keeping us in the loop on new addresses, Wyndemere is a classic example, that should never been addressed like it was without some thought process. But the City of Parkersburg because they're doing a lot of annexing, Vienna, Williamstown, and more importantly our own Planning Commission, they're approving plats for building construction. We need to be sure that we've got addresses in place.

Tebay – Would you address such a letter and we'll be happy to sign, because you know what you want to say. (Inaudible)

(People talking at same time)

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Merritt – I know you do some, but we catch, we've had a lot of flack for this being done and I have to explain to them, try to, we just want it done, whatever it takes, (inaudible) a year, if that's what it takes. (Inaudible)

Smith – The biggest frustration is (inaudible) operators here today that (inaudible). I can't express how much grief it causes them (inaudible – people talking in background)

Merritt – I'm not placing blame anywhere, but this should've already been done. Should've been (inaudible) I started to say something a little bit ago, I didn't. We need to have something (inaudible) I'd even like to have what year (inaudible)

Smith – Have what?

Merritt – What year it's going to be finished.

Smith – In the last six months the post office has accelerated what they've done tremendously.

Merritt – I think, (inaudible – many people talking in background)

(Background talking)

Merritt – (inaudible) I tell you what, I wish you would've done this earlier. If this would've been done a couple of years ago, a year, year and a half ago, you (inaudible) a lot further along than we are now. I'm not criticizing anybody. (Inaudible) we're behind.

Smith – I don't know what happened with the post office because I talked to the post office, Jeff Bice, numerous times, because I knew that there was no need to talk to the postmaster because the state addressing coordinator (inaudible) I talked to him on more than one occasion about how can we (inaudible) September, this was, September of 98. We're in the process of doing, audits for the post office, we can't do it, O.K. what about now, no, we're in the (inaudible) season.

Merritt – Twenty twenty, looking back, (inaudible) so if we would've done something back then, (inaudible) County Commission of Wood County may have been different, but what I'm saying now, but I think whatever the problem is, we need to be aware of and we can address it then. Don't you agree? I'm talking for the President here.

Tebay – No, I think, yes, D.R.'s in the position that we should be able to hear and update us on what progress of the post office and McKenzie. He says he's going to have his stuff in, he gets it in next week (inaudible)

Smith – How about if I give you all a weekly report.

Tebay – That would be good.

Smith – I think a month is too long. Does that sound good?

Tebay – Once a week. If you've got nothing to report, nothing new to report, that's (inaudible).

Smith – I can get you a letter. I don't necessarily have to come down here and stand before you, I can shoot you a letter. Will that work for you?

Tebay – We understand the (inaudible) order now and we (inaudible) Waverly, Walker and Williamstown to go next week and part of Mineral Wells sometime.

Modesitt – Then it will all be in the post office (inaudible)

Tebay – Then it's gotta come back here, as I understand it, is that correct? You gotta review it again?

Smith – All this (inaudible) by next weekend and that's ready to turn over to (inaudible) people to verify (inaudible – someone talking over him) Once they verify it and say yes, they shoot it to Charleston and then they load it (inaudible) Once he gets a paper map to the post office and the post office says yes we can use that (inaudible). They can't do anything until they actually have that it in their hands. You see what happened in Wirt County, Wirt County Commission changed the approach on some of the roads and then just stopped it, it should've been done. There's only one post office, literally, in Wirt County. That (inaudible).

(Background talking, someone on phone)

Modesitt – D.R., can you revisit that sheet there (inaudible) without paying nine thousand dollars (inaudible) freedom of information (inaudible) all they want is, it's not brain surgery, they just want

Smith – (inaudible)

Modesitt – Right, they're trying to focus in on (inaudible)

Smith – O.K., I'll give it my best effort.

Modesitt – (inaudible)

Smith – A what?

Modesitt – launch a (inaudible)

Smith – A preemptive strike?

Modesitt – They're getting pretty angry.

(Background talking)

Tebay – D.R. are you in town Monday?

Smith – No.

Tebay – You're out.

Smith – I'll be out.

Modesitt – Whenever.

Tebay – We could go now.

Modesitt - We got somebody else on the agenda.

Tebay – Do we?

Male – Can I ask one more completely underrated question. I know we're concerned earlier of loss of tax base out around route 50 seventy-seven interchange. The Mountaineer, the Holiday Inn, Shoney's and all of that stuff, is that verified that it will be there for the foreseeable future or is it going to close down.

Tebay – To the best of my knowledge that is not part of the taking now. If and when they decide to do this super duper interchange, as I understand it, it'll be acquired. Interstate project, not the Corridor D project (inaudible) addressing those folks (inaudible) at this point, the plan is for an access road (inaudible) someplace up around McDonald's come back down to the Holiday Inn and the Mountaineer. Take care of that (inaudible).

Male – O.K. Very good. Years from now.

Tebay – That would be my guess.

Modesitt – There's been a lot of discussion with the State about the egress and the regress to this hotel, the design factor may have been a little flawed pass it then you have to turn around and come back in and they were upset and worried (inaudible) But right now the Holiday all the way to McDonald's is staying.

Male – O.K. Thanks for your time.

Tebay – Thanks for coming in.

End of this meeting.