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# Moundsville Power Gets County Approval, 2 - 1

A \$615 million gas-fired power project cleared a major hurdle last month when Marshall County Commissioners voted 2 – 1 to approve a property tax measure request by the plant developers.

The measure, known as a payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) resolution, allows the plant developers to pay less in property taxes than required under state law but still brings in more than \$1 million per year.

Currently the county collects around \$2500 per year on the site which had been owned by Honeywell and Allied Chemical. Part of the site, but not where this new plant will go, has environmental issues.

Commissioners Don Mason and Brian Schambach created the two vote majority but faced vocal opposition from Commissioner Bob Miller.

The project still has a number of additional hurdles to cross. In addition to some routine environmental permits approval is needed from the state Public Service Commission.

Because the facility will not sell

electricity directly to retail customers it does not need to get full approval from the PSC. Instead it has asked for a siting certificate.

However the siting certificate still could take up to a year.

ACT has filed to intervene at the PSC in support of the project. That means testifying about the Memorandum Agreement reached with project developers Moundsville Power LLC and the jobs local union con-

struction workers will get.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 6 pm at the Marshall County Court House. In mid-December the PSC will hold

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*Don Rigby, Executive Director of the Regional Economic Development Partnership, presented the case for final approval of the Moundsville Power PILOT agreement to the Marshall County Commission. Members of the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades are among those in attendance at the August 19 meeting.*

## ***\$15 Million Tennis Stadium Project Underway***

# **Greenbrier Files for \$100 Million Hospital**

State regulators received a notice in August from The Greenbrier of their intention to build a \$100 million medical facility as part of the Greenbrier Medical Institute.

The notice lets the WV Health Care Authority know a full application is expected.

The Medical Institute describes

the project as a “world-class care facility” comprised of a surgery center, patient care facilities, and an imaging center housed in a new two-story, 75,000 square foot building.

ACT has filed notice with the Health Care Authority to become part of the review process.

The Authority will decide if the

project is needed or will add extra cost to health care in the region affecting many ACT members and their families.

The project is just one of many planned, under construction or built recently by the Greenbrier.

And Building Trades leaders are concerned it will be another project

where out-of-state companies and workers get the much needed construction jobs while local workers, businesses and families are left to foot the bill.

“The Legislature passed a bill that gives Jim Justice and The Greenbrier millions in tax breaks to help build

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# \$5 Billion Natural Gas Pipeline Proposed

Dominion Resources is leading a team of companies proposing to build a \$5 billion pipeline from Harrison County, West Virginia to Virginia and North Carolina.

The 550 mile line would carry 1.5 billion cubic feet of Marcellus Shale gas per day.

The line will start at 42 inches in West Virginia and end up at 36 inches in North Carolina.

The line is to go through Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia.

Three compressor stations will be built with one in Harrison County,

West Virginia.

Duke Energy, Piedmont Natural Gas and AGL Resources will also

be involved in the project which must first get regulatory approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

News reports had a Dominion spokesperson touting construction jobs as a major benefit for West Virginia but some trades leaders are skeptical.

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*Business Manager,  
Operating Engineers Local 132*

## Greenbrier

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these projects but we have not even seen a chance for our contractors to put in a serious bid,” said Paul Breedlove, Business Manager for the Charleston Building Trades Council which covers the southeastern part of the state.

The Legislature amended and extended the state’s Tourism Development Act, which gives companies a tax break worth up to 25 percent of the cost of building new facilities that contribute to tourism.

Earlier this year the resort built three new football fields and new facilities the New Orleans Saints used for their training camp.

According to Breedlove promises were made to allow union contractors to bid the project but the project was awarded before any union company could even see the blueprints.

Companies and workers from as far away as California were brought in to do the job.

One union subcontractor was

asked to bid but when they tried to price supplies the supplier asked why they were bothering because a company from Richmond, Virginia already had the job.

The general contractor Clancy & Theys Construction hails from Raleigh, North Carolina.

“So were they just wasting our contractors’ time and money ‘pretending’ to let them bid,” asks Breedlove?

Also, in early September Greenbrier Resort owner Jim Justice announced plans to build a 2,500-seat tennis stadium.

News reports say ground has been broken for the 46,000-square-foot facility and completion is set for June of next year.

According to Carpenter representative Chad McCallister he is working hard to get union contractors a chance at bidding parts of the project but at this time does not know if any will be successful. ■

ers,” said Tommy Plymale, Business Manager of Operating Engineers Local 132.

Plymale is referring to the Natrium gas processing facility Dominion built in Marshal County and reported to be worth \$500 million.

The project, started in the fall of 2011, was touted as a job creator but Dominion used Texas company CB&I to build it.

Union leaders were told that union contractors would be able to bid the project but according ACT’s Steve White the bid list ended up invitation only without any union bidders.

CB&I imported a large number of workers from far away areas like Texas and Oklahoma.

Ultimately CB&I failed to build the project within the 15 month announced time and instead took

around 21 months.

The plant was then sold to a joint venture company called Blue Racer made up of Dominion and Caiman Energy.

Soon after the sale was complete an explosion rocked the facility putting it out of commission for many months.

With Caiman on site, union workers were brought in to rebuild the plant and were able to build a second phase.

The pipeline partners expect to receive FERC approval by mid-2016 and to start operating the pipeline in 2018.

Environmental groups are already gearing up to oppose the project.

In 2003 Dominion abandoned a proposed 280 mile Greenbrier Pipeline project that would have transported gas to North Carolina. ■

## Rally with Nick Joe Rahall



Joining Congressman Nick Joe Rahall at a ‘Friday in the Park’ event held in Beckley are (from left) Kenny Perdue, President of the WV AFL-CIO; Paul Breedlove, Business Manager of the Charleston Building Trades Council; Paul Monroe, member IBEW Local 466 Charleston; Congressman Rahall; Kim Sizemore, IBEW 466 and Terry Turley, Business Agent/Organizer for Local 466.

According to Paul Breedlove more than 250 people attend the September 5 event including Carpenter Representatives Chad McCallister and Luke Begovich; Joe Samples and John Boyd of IBEW 466; Pete Vaughn, member of IBEW Local 317 Huntington and ACT’s Wayne Rebich.

Rahall is in the toughest campaign of his career with millions of dollars being spent on attack ads by billionaire businessmen Koch brothers and their allies.

Rahall is running for re-election to Congress in the 3rd District.



# 2014 State Building Trades Endorsements

The State Building Trades endorsement process follows the WV AFL-CIO process.

Each election cycle candidates receive questionnaires, are interviewed by Local Labor Councils or committees who send recommendations to the WV AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education (COPE).

## U.S. Senate

Natalie Tennant

## U. S. House of Representatives

David McKinley – 1st District

Nick Casey – 2nd District

Nick J. Rahall II – 3rd District

## State Senate

1st Rocky Fitzsimmons

2nd Larry Edgell

3rd Robert "Robin" Wilson Jr.

5th Mike Woelfel

6th Truman Chafin

7th Ron Stollings

8th Erik Wells

9th Mike Green

10th Ronald "Ron" Miller

11th Gregory A. Tucker

12th Mike Romano

13th Bob Beach

14th Stan Shaver

15th Donald H. Cookman

16th John Unger

17th Doug Skaff Jr.

## House of Delegates

1st Randy Swartzmiller,

Ronnie D. Jones

2nd Phil Diserio

3rd Holli Smith, Erikka Storch

4th Mike Ferro, Dave Hall

5th Dave Pethtel

8th Denzil "Buddy" Malone

9th Jim Marion

10th Dan Poling

12th Michael "Mike" Bright

13th Joshua Martin, Josh McGrath

14th Johnny Roach

16th Jim Morgan, Sean

Hornbuckle, Lauren Plymale

A wide variety of Labor issues are reviewed including past voting records if a candidate has been in office and the candidates' ability to run a viable campaign.

Core issues regarding wages, hours and working conditions such as prevailing wage, local hiring, so-called right-to-work, workplace safe-

17th Doug Reynolds,

Dale Stephens

19th Don Perdue, Ken Hicks

20th Justin J. Marcum

21st Harry Keith White

22nd Jeff Eldridge,

Gary McCallister

23rd Barry L. Brown

24th Ralph Rodighiero

25th Linda Goode Phillips

26th Clif Moore

27th Carol B. Bailey

28th James "Jim" Brown

29th Ricky Moyer

30th Mick Bates

31st Clyde D. McKnight Jr

32nd Dave Perry,

Margaret Anne Staggers,

John Pino

33rd David A. Walker

34th Brent Boggs

35th "Bobbie" Hatfield,

Andrew D. Byrd,

Sherri Wong,

Thornton Cooper

36th Nancy Guthrie, Danny Wells,

Larry Rowe

37th Mike Pushkin

39th Sally Shepherd

41st Adam R. Young

42nd Ray Canterbury,

Coy A. Flowers

43rd Denise L. Campbell

44th Dana L. Lynch

45th Bill Hamilton

46th Peggy Donaldson Smith

47th "Tammy" Stemple

48th Richard J. Iaquina,

Tim Miley, Joe Shaffer,

Patsy Samuel Trecost II

49th Mike Manypenny

ty, public employee collective bargaining, raising the minimum wage, Buy America legislation, Teacher pay raises, etc, make up the topics to be discussed.

Social issues that are not work related are not considered.

It is a difficult task and many volunteer hours are spent to come up

50th Mike Caputo,

Linda Longstreth,

Tim Manchin

51st Barbara E. Fleischauer,

Charlene Marshall,

Anthony "Tony" Barill,

Nancy Jamison,

John Williams

52nd Larry Williams

with the endorsements.

At times Building Trades members differ with the other union representatives of the committee, but such times are rare.

When differences occur the WV State Building Trades has a process to review and revise the endorsement suggestions.

55th Isaac Sponaugle

57th Ruth Rowan

59th Layne Diehl

61st Jason Barrett

62nd Kristin Loken

63rd Heather Marshall

65th Tiffany Lawrence

66th Daniel P. Lutz Jr.

67th Stephen Skinner ■

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# CHARLESTON JATC OF PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION 625

WHERE TO APPLY: 3601 James Ave, Charleston, WV

WHEN TO APPLY: October 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th  
Applications will only be given out on listed days

HOURS TO APPLY: 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
On listed days only  
(\$35.00 APPLICATION FEE, WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION)

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

AGE: 17 years of age at the time of application, and must be 18 years of age, prior to being indentured by the JATC

EDUCATION: High School Diploma or G.E.D.

PHYSICAL: Must be physically able to perform the work of the trade. A Drug test will be required

DRIVER'S LICENSE: Must have valid WV Driver's license or State ID

APTITUDE: Must score standard level on aptitude test administered by the WV Job service

RETURN: Application must be returned no later than October 30

A copy of the applicant's birth certificate, high school transcript of grades, high school diploma or G.E.D., DD2-14 Form (if former Military), and valid driver's license or State ID will be requested at the time of application.

{ONLY COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED}

The Recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or sex. The JATC will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the code of federal regulations, Part 30.

**October 14: Voter registration ends**

**October 22: Early voting begins**

**November 4: Election Day**

# Painters DC 53 Apprenticeship Opportunities

District Council 53 Painters and Allied Trades Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee will be accepting applications for apprenticeship in the areas of Painting, Drywall, Glaziers and Hydro Blaster/Vacuum Technicians. Applications are taken year round with the exception of holidays and weekends.

The program serves the state of West Virginia and a number of bordering counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia.

The three year apprenticeship teaches all aspects of the trade in both classroom and on-the-job settings.

Apprentices are paid while on the job and learn under the direction of journeyman. As they progress through the program their pay increases.

All Applicants must fully meet the following minimum qualifications to qualify.

1. Applicants must be at least eigh-

teen (18) years of age (with the exception of school to work students).

A birth certificate will be required for proof of age.

2. Applicants must possess sufficient educational knowledge to satisfactorily complete the on-the-job training and related technical instruction and be in possession of a high school diploma or GED.

3. Applicants must be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the apprenticeship pro-

gram without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of themselves or others.

4. Proof of valid driver's license is required.

5. Those applying for the Glazier trade must take a Reading and MC/AP test at WorkForce locations.

All applications will be received without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

Please contact 304-343-8250 ext. 302 to obtain an application. ■

## Moundsville Power

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a formal hearing in Charleston.

The project will create an estimated payroll of \$90 million, and the memorandum commits the developer to use local union workers under a project agreement.

"We greatly appreciate the leadership shown by our two Marshall County Commissioners Mason and Schambach," said Tom Gray, President of the Upper Ohio Valley Build-

ing Trades.

"And we are committed to the Moundsville Power folks, who have been very up front and good to work with, that we will do our part not only to supply adequate skilled labor to build the plant but to help in the approval process wherever we can."

Gray points out members of his council have gone to numerous meetings to support the project. ■

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## Morgantown Pipefitters Host Candidate Event



Members, family and friends of Morgantown Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 152 enjoy an open house and 'meet the candidate' event on Thursday, August 28th.

The event was co-sponsored with the Mon-Preston Labor Council as a way to educate members on current issues.

According to Business Manager Jason Griffith around 130 people attended and heard from about a dozen local politicians.

Some informational videos were shown as well.

"We fed a lot of people and talked about a lot of issues," said Griffith. "Overall folks had a good time and my members were proud to show off our facility."

## Tri-State BT Labor Day



The Tri-State Building Trades Council was one of many participants in the Catlettsburg, Kentucky Labor Day Parade.

According to Business Manager Mark Johnson a number of crafts participated as well.

"Labor Day is our day," said Johnson. "It's a day to honor the American worker."

The origins of Labor Day go back to 1894 during the fight for an eight hour work day.