



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for January 27, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on January 27, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Morris, Woodrum, Barrett, Charnock, Hamilton, Jeffries, Maynard, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Thorne, Weld

Members absent: Senators Helton, Rose, Woelfel

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Woodrum, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Com. Sub. For SB 167- Relating to meetings for local levying bodies

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Ora Ash, State Auditor's Office, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 167 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

SB 506- Permitting certain use of county-owned wireless tower

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Melanie Pagliaro, Executive Director, County Commissioners' Association, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). Senator Woodrum moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 167 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.

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Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair

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Sierra Williams, Clerk



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 27 day of January, 2026, in
the Senate Committee on Government Organization

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Ora Ash

Print Witness Name

Sierra Williams

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Robert L. Morris, Jr.

Print Member Name

Robert L. Morris, Jr.

Sign Member Name

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"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
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Melanie A. Pagliaro

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

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