

# Public Port Authority



*The mission of the West Virginia Public Port Authority (WVPPA) is to facilitate intermodal transportation by combining highway, rail, and water transportation infrastructure to maximize overall economic advantages to business, industry, and the citizens of West Virginia.*

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### ORGANIZATION/PURPOSE



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James D. (Doug) York was appointed to the West Virginia Public Port Authority by Secretary Paul Mattox on January 9, 2012. Doug was born and raised in Florida where he worked in state government since 1981. In 1994, Doug was appointed by Florida's state treasurer to head up the Jacksonville and Tallahassee field offices for professional standards, managing a staff of over 100 state law enforcement and support personnel. In 1999, Doug was moved to the state's capitol in Tallahassee and was the bureau chief in charge of all interstate movement of agricultural commodities. Additionally, Doug was instrumental in the procurement and deployment of gamma-ray technology along with the US Customs Service to monitor and detect potential threats at Florida's major sea-ports and interstate highway systems. Doug attended Barry University in Miami for public administration and is a certified public manager. He has studied port operations, development and security in Israel while he was the state's north-east Florida regional domestic security advisor. Doug's family is from West Virginia and is currently living in Huntington.

The WVPPA consists of a Board of Directors comprising of 11 members: The Secretary of Transportation (Chairman) and 10 members appointed (for three-year terms) by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the (former) Governor's Office of Community and Industrial Development are Ex Officio members. The Board of Directors selects a vice-chairman and a secretary. Six members constitute a quorum and a vote of the majority of members present at a meeting is required for adoption of any motion. Any resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds requires the support of six voting members. Other general information regarding the Board is as follows:

- Board members are not compensated but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses
- No more than 6 members of the same political party
- All members from private sector, with at least one from each Congressional District

At Least 2 shall have ability and practical experience in transportation.  
At least 2 may have ability and practical experience in banking/finance.  
At least 1 may have ability and practical experience in international trade.  
At least 1 may have ability and practical experience in business management, economics, and accounting.  
2 public at large

## Current Board Members

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Cong District</u>	<u>Represents</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Eric J. Peters	1	General Public	6/30/2007
Stratius George Fotos	3	General Public	6/30/2009
Jim Llaneza	1	Intl Trade	6/30/2009
Newton Thomas	2	General Public	6/30/2009
Mark Caroll	2	Transportation	6/30/2011
David Efaw	2	Non-Designated	6/30/2011
Charles Lanham	2	General Public	6/30/2011
Gerald Sites	2	Banking/Finance	6/30/2011
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Paul A. Mattox, Jr.		WV DOT Secretary	

The purpose of the WVPPA is to develop an improved transportation infrastructure that maximizes the use of all transportation modes. The WVPPA compliments public and private transportation needs of commerce providing services, infrastructure and facilities that improve the moving, processing and housing of both people and goods. The WVPPA works to promote the economic development of the state by expanding the volume of West Virginia's trade with both foreign and domestic markets. The WVPPA actively fosters and participates in partnerships with private industry, state and local governments, undertaken entirely to accomplish its mission and for the benefit of the citizens of West Virginia.

When required, the WVPPA will consider feasibility studies for ascertaining the best site locations for transportation centers, terminals, ports and harbors, and foreign trade zones. The evaluation of site locations has multiple benefits in West Virginia. Due to the mountainous region, land availability for business development is scarce in West Virginia. Working with local, state, and federal agencies, the WVPPA provides a valuable tool in accessing funding sources for site evaluation and development that may not be available to other government entities. A site evaluation that includes an environmental study and master plan assists local communities in identifying property for business growth and provides potential sites for the location of new business. Engineering studies and feasibility studies for river ports are done in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers. The WVPPA is to coordinate the development of appropriate intermodal transportation within the state with the WV Parkways Authority and the WV State Rail Authority.

To fulfill its mission, the WVPPA generally performs the following primary functions:

--Assist in the development/operation of public port/intermodal facilities and preservation of railroad, waterway, highway and airway facilities for economic development, recreational and tourism purposes

--Take all steps appropriate and necessary to effect siting, development and operation of public ports

--Acquire, purchase, install, lease, construct, own, hold, operate, maintain, equip, use and control ports and terminals, buildings, roadways, rights-of-way, rails and such structures, equipment, facilities or improvements as necessary, and to acquire, install, lease, construct, own, maintain, use and control any and every kind or character of motive powers and conveyances/appliances necessary/proper to carry goods, wares and merchandise over, along, upon or through the railway, highway, waterway or airway or other conveyance of such transportation system, excluding pipelines

-- Acquire by purchase, whenever such purchase is deemed expedient, any land, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and other interests in lands as it may deem necessary or convenient for the construction or operation of any project (WVPPA has right of eminent domain to the same extent as cities, incorporated towns, and other municipal corporations)

--Plan, finance, develop, construct and operate any port project or any facility related to any such project

--Issue revenue bonds or request other appropriate state agencies issue and administer public port revenue bonds to finance projects

--Grant authority for the creation of a local inland port authority district



## HISTORY

The West Virginia Public Port Authority (WVPPA) was created by the West Virginia Legislature in 1989 as part of the Department of Transportation, under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation. In 1991, the Wayport Authority was combined with the WVPPA. The WVPPA is charged with determining the best locations for transportation centers, terminals, inland river ports, harbors and foreign trade zones. The WVPPA is to coordinate its activities with the West Virginia Parkways Authority and the State Rail Authority to facilitate the development of intermodal transportation. Additionally, the WVPPA may designate Local Port Authority Districts and convey certain powers and duties to those Districts.

## AGENCY INITIATIVES

-- Prichard Intermodal Facility, Wayne County—will provide a facility by which containerized commodities can be transferred between rail and highway

--Statewide Port Strategic Plan—purpose is to identify the market potential and business opportunities for which the Public Port Authority can focus its efforts for the next 20 years; the targeted areas being analyzed include Martinsburg, Weirton, Prichard, Huntington, Clarksburg and the new US 35 Corridor

-- Port Security Grant Program projects—federally funded (through Department of Homeland Security, FEMA) projects are intended to improve security of the maritime region; Public Port Authority acts as the fiduciary agent to administer these federal funds

-- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program projects—federally funded (through US Fish and Wildlife Service) projects are intended to enhance recreational opportunities

-- National Gateway project—participated in the planning and development of Phase I of the National Gateway, for which \$98 million in federal funds through the Transportation

Investment Generating Economic Recovery Discretionary Grant Program (TIGER) was approved for Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia and which will provide double-stack clearance of 3 railroad tunnels in West Virginia

--Eastern Panhandle Intermodal Port Coalition—authorized the creation of this Local Port Authority District, which includes representation of the Berkeley County Commission, City of Martinsburg, Berkeley County Airport Authority, Berkeley County Development Authority, and Berkeley County Roundhouse Authority, and granted powers and duties

-- US 35 Corridor—issued a Request For Proposals for the development, construction, financing management, operations, maintenance and tolling of US 35.

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## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures – Cash Accounting

### Appropriated– Special Revenue

Gifts Grants & Donations (Fund 5252)		\$1,101,146
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Investment Interest		<u>\$1,632.00</u>
	Total Funds Balance (July 1, 2009)	\$102,778
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Port Planning & Development – Salaries/Benefits		\$58,952
	Total Expenditures	\$58,952
	Total Fund Balance (June 30, 2010)	\$1,043,826
Special Rail and Intermodal Enhancement (Fund 8254)		
FY 2010 APPROPRIATION BALANCE:		\$2,500,000
EXPENDITURES		\$0
	Appropriation Balance (June 30, 2010)	\$2,500,000
<u>FUND STATUS (Fund 8254)</u>		
FUND BALANCE		\$6,450,000
Receipts and Revenues		\$0
Statutory Transfers		<u>\$4,300,000</u>
	Total Fund Balance (July 1, 2009)	\$10,750,000
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
Port Planning and Development		\$ 0
	Total Fund Balance (June 30, 2010)	\$10,750,000

## Revenues & Expenditures

FY 2006	\$278,459
FY 2007	\$409,369
FY 2008	\$126,001
FY 2009	\$329,007
FY 2010	\$403,827

### EXPENDITURES

PERSONAL SERVICES	168,038
PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENTS	3,208
ANNUAL INCREMENT	1,560
PERSONNEL FEES	800
SOCIAL SECURITY MATCHING	12,748
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE	19,803
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	272
RETIREMENT MATCHING	18,613
PEIA RESERVE	1,712
WV OPEB CONTRIBUTION	6,426
OFFICE	3,058
RENTAL EXPENSE - BUILDINGS	6,061
CONTRACTUAL AND PROFESSIONAL	4,372
TRAVEL	11,833
IS&C	1,080
VEHICLE RENTAL	2,132
RENTAL OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT	425
FIRE, AUTO, & OTHER INSURANCE	2,764
ADVERTISING	5,514
CELLULAR CHARGES	2,519
HOSPITALITY	16,626
ENERGY EXPENSE-VEHICLE/AIRCRAFT	835
MISCELLANEOUS	1,211
TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT	683
ATTORNEY LEGAL SERVICES	5,397
ATTORNEY EXPENSES	139
LAND PURCHASES	13,000
PURCHASE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	2,242

Total Expenditures	\$313,071
(July 1 2009)	
Appropriation Balance	\$1,233,590
(June 30, 2010)	