

County Commissioner & Commission Candidate Responses to WV SORO Questionnaire

(I) = Incumbent/Officeholder <i>Italic</i> = Not up for reelection D = Democrat R = Republican									
		1 Requiring landowner notice before coming onto property.	2 Requiring a face-to- face meeting before the permit application is filed.	3 Negotiation or mediation to give surface owner input.	4 Surface owner determines the road location.	5 Surface owner chooses vegetation replacement type.	6 Value the land taken at market value, not the value of its current use.	7 Compensation for total value of the surface owner's losses.	8 Requiring the operator to offer residential gas service, at cost.
Candidate/Officeholder (County)	Party	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Angela Pratt (I) (Doddridge)	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Larry Chapman (I) (Gilmer)	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Charles Hess (I) (Gilmer)	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Reta Kight (I) (Gilmer)	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Stephen Priestley (Lincoln)	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Comments: Please be advised that I am in TOTAL support of a [Surface Owners' Bill of Rights] and that I would vote and act accordingly. I have had personal experience with this issue. ...Several years ago, I was forced to permit a gas well to be drilled on my property. Although I can understand the position of the owner of the mineral rights, I believe that any drilling of wells and entrance upon property should be in unison with the surface landowner.... ...Therefore, I would support legislation protecting the rights of surface owner's....									
Asel Kennedy (I) (Monongalia)	D	NO to surveyor, YES to driller	NO	NO	NO	?	NO	NO	NO
Comments: Sorry mineral rights were sold years ago. I could support higher standards for road construction to reduce erosion.									
Sprugeon Hinkle (I) (Nicholas)	D	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	?	YES	YES
Larry Barnhart (I) (Pleasants)	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Bob Leslie (Putnam)	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Comments: I have looked at this issue at length and I fully support the Surface Owners' Bill of Rights.									
Jerry A. Lilly (Putnam)	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Judy M. Watson (Ritchie)	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Wayne Dunn (Wood)	D	YES		YES		YES	YES	YES	
Robert Tebay (I) (Wood)	R	YES	?	YES	YES (Jointly)	YES	YES	YES (Damages only)	YES