# TOWN OF MARLINTON

**Marlinton Town Council**
January 25, 2024
Special Meeting Minutes

Location: Municipal Building Auditorium with Zoom and call-in options.

Mayor Sam Felton called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Recorder called the roll.

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| Present: | Sam Felton, Mayor | Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder |
| | Olivia Dean (via Zoom) | Joe Smith |
| | Tom Miller | Roger Trusler |
| Absent: | Scott Gibb | |

1. **Discuss and/or Act on Municipal Home Rule Program and Approve Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for Public Hearing:** Mayor Felton presented the draft of the Municipal Home Rule Application and Plan for Council's review. The B&O tax classifications to be eliminated, if the plan is implemented, are #8 Manufactured or Prepared for Sale Products, #9 Retailers, #10 Wholesalers, #11 Public Service or Utility: Street and Electric Railways, #18 Amusement, #19 Service and All Other Business, and #20 Rentals, Royalties or Fees. These businesses would be subject to the 1% Municipal Sales Tax under Home Rule. The increase in annual revenue to be generated from this 1% sales tax, based on the fiscal impact worksheet, is $55,846.59. Groceries, gasoline, and automobiles are exempt from this tax.

   The Council discussed the plan for use of the funds generated from the tax, which was 45% for the Town Police Department, 35% for Other Safety and Security, 10% for Equipment Upgrades, and 10% to hold in a special account for Future Cost-Sharing Grant Opportunities.

   - Joe Smith moved to proceed with the application or the Home Rule Program. Roger Trusler seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The Council reviewed the proposed Class II legal advertisement to be run in The Pocahontas Times on February 1 and February 8, 2024.

- Joe Smith moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Advertisement for a Public Hearing on the Home Rule Application and Plan, which will be held on March 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Roger Trusler seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**Sam Felton, Mayor**

**Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder**