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COUNTY COMMISSION, NEW RIVER SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR POOL

[LEWISBURG, W. VA.] New River Community and Technical College has signed a lease with the Greenbrier County Commission giving the county the use of the pool in the former student activities building on the Greenbrier Valley Campus. The lease was signed by New River President Ted D. Spring and County Commission President Betty Crookshanks in a ceremony attended by New River officials and board members, Lewisburg Mayor John Manchester, and a number of community members who have been advocating for a public pool in the building.
“This lease agreement has been under discussion for several years and the college is pleased that we have reached a workable agreement to provide the pool area to the community,” Spring commented. “Our Board of Governors initially agreed to the arrangement, however, the details of the renovation of the building, which in addition to the pool, will include classrooms, allied health labs, fine arts classrooms and laboratories, a café, and student work space took a great deal of time.”

Spring believes that the completion of the building will provide a quality instructional space convenient to students and a wonderful, state-of-the-art aquatic resource for the community.

The lease gives the county access to the pool and ancillary areas for a fee of $1 per year. The lease specifies that the responsibility for renovation, maintenance, upkeep and management of portion of the building where the pool is located will be the responsibility of the County Commission. The County will also be responsible for paying utilities for the pool.

“This is a win-win situation for the college and for the people of Greenbrier County” Crookshanks said.

New River will begin renovating the rest of the building for use by the college when the Department of Highways vacates the building.

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