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# Press Release

## **City of Elkins Delivers Annexation Applications to Randolph County Commission**

*Annexation Would Level Playing Field, Improve Police Protection*

**Elkins W. Va., February 6, 2020:** Elkins City Clerk Jessica Sutton today delivered to the Randolph County Commission applications for the annexation of three area properties by minor boundary adjustment.

The three properties in question are known locally as the old Texaco station, on Harrison Avenue (as well as a short piece of Harrison Avenue nearby); the former Reidbord Plant, on Wilson Lane; and the Tygart Valley Apartments, also on Wilson Lane.

These “donut hole” properties currently lie in unincorporated Randolph County but are surrounded by and cannot be reached without entering incorporated Elkins.

The city seeks these annexations because:

- The businesses on these properties benefit from proximity to downtown Elkins without shouldering the same costs of doing business borne by their neighbors
- Jurisdictional issues complicate police protection of these properties and the businesses and residents on them

Annexations by minor boundary adjustment require the approval of the county commission. The next step in this process will be for the county commission to schedule a hearing at one of its regular meetings, where a city presentation and public comment may be heard.

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