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### **EASTERN'S BOARD WELCOMES BEAN AND HOTT AS NEW MEMBERS**

At its regular monthly meeting December 19, the Board of Governors at Eastern WV Community and Technical College welcomed two new members, Dixie Bean, of Moorefield, and Robert Hott, of Augusta.

Bean previously served two terms as president of the Hardy County Board of Education, and currently serves on the Boards of the Burlington United Methodist Services Children's Home, and the Hardy County Day Care Center. In 1975, she became Grant Memorial Hospital's first on-site pharmacist, and after 15 years there, continued in the profession for nearly two decades with Revco and later CVS in Moorefield. Currently, she runs with Fraleys's Ambulance Service as a paramedic.

"I'm a university graduate," she noted, "and at the same time I see the need for the community and technical college and technical career education. I'm very excited about the possibilities that we have with Eastern, and very hopeful that we'll be able to attract a lot of people to the college."

Elected as a Hampshire County Commissioner in 2006, Hott also serves as treasurer with the Potomac Valley Conservation District Board. During a long career as a communications technician, he worked at the National Command Center for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, providing communications for the several security agencies who briefed the Chiefs and the Secretary of Defense. He later worked at the communications center in Bald Hill, serving the Social Security and Veteran's Administrations

As a retired technician, Hott believes that "the technical aspects of education are very important. There's a trend now for younger people and even adults to attend a two-year college," he said, "or just to get the proper courses for whatever field they choose to go into. And it's very important that we make that available to the people in our different counties."

Serving the residents of Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, Pendleton and Tucker counties, Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College is a comprehensive and equal opportunity community and technical college bringing the resources and assets of Education That Works to the families, communities and employers of the Potomac Highlands.