WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §62-11A-2

§62-11A-2. Employment by county.

With the approval of the county sheriff, the county court of any county is hereby authorized to employ any person imprisoned upon conviction for a misdemeanor in a county jail to work within the county as the county court may decide. In such instance the wages to be paid to the prisoner shall be no less than $1 per hour. Such prisoners shall remain in the custody of and be supervised by said sheriff. No imprisoned person shall be required to work without his consent.

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