



J. Adam Gianato, Mayor

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March 15, 2021

The Honorable Joe Manchin III
United State Senator
900 Pennsylvania Ave., Ste. 629
Charleston, WV 25302

Dear Senator Manchin:

I write to you today to seek your assistance on behalf of the Town of Kimball in getting the U.S. Census Bureau to correct outdated maps and population data based on those maps. In 1994, the McDowell County Commission approved changes to the Town's boundaries based on a petition for annexation. (minutes attached). Those records and maps are on file at the McDowell County Courthouse.

Upon becoming Mayor in August of 2019, I immediately realized the boundaries the Census showed for us were incorrect. We have worked to have this corrected and have submitted updated information to them based on the courthouse records. I am attaching for your review and consideration, forms and emails that were submitted. In addition to these, we uploaded to the Census mapping system correct boundary files from the McDowell County 911 GIS system.

Each year as we seek funding, this incorrect population data is impacting the Town from receiving our proper share of grants. This has become even more evident in the latest round of Covid relief funding. Since the devastating floods of 2001 and 2002 and the loss of several of our businesses, we have struggled to survive. I have been working diligently to improve the town and to spur economic development and sincerely would appreciate any assistance you can give to us. We are not asking for a handout, but our fair share of any funds dispersed.

I want to thank Mara Boggs of your staff for her prompt attention and willingness to work with us. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at (304-320-2207). We are willing to do our part to correct any issues but based on the correspondence thought we had done so.

Thank you for your continually looking out for our great State and its citizens.

Respectfully,


James A. Gianato, Mayor

Attachments:

kimballvfd@citlink.net

From: kimballvfd@citlink.net
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 3:45 PM
To: geo.bas@census.gov
Cc: kimballvfd@citlink.net
Subject: BVP
Attachments: Form BVP-F1-I.pdf

Submitted per request

Jimmy Gianato, Chief
Kimball Vol. Fire Department
P.O. Box 97
27737 Coal Heritage Road
Kimball, WV 24853
(304) 585-7311 office
(304) 320-7633 cell



BAS ID: 15400043780
Sequence: 018666-010620



2020 Initial Boundary Validation Program (BVP)

The U.S. Census Bureau is now conducting the Initial BVP. The Initial BVP is your opportunity, as the Tribal Chair (TC)/Highest Elected Official (HEO), to review and ensure the Census Bureau's boundary data for your government is accurate. The enclosed paper maps or maps on the CD/DVD should reflect the legal boundary for your government effective on January 1, 2020.

Please review the maps for accuracy, then complete and return this form to the Census Bureau by March 1, 2020. (Please check a box. Sign below if the boundary is correct.)

- The legal boundary for our government is correct. (Please sign below.)
- The legal boundary for our government is **NOT** correct.

I, as the Tribal Chair/Highest Elected Official, verify that the boundary for our governmental unit is correct.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Tribal Reservation/Government Name: Kimball **State:** WV

If the Census Bureau's boundary is incorrect, please work with your Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) contact to submit corrections through the BAS program. Information for your BAS contact is found on the cover letter in this package.

Please review and correct the contact information printed below. Our records indicate the TC/HEO contact is:

Name: The Honorable J Adam Gianato
Position: Mayor
Department: Office of the Mayor
Mailing Address: PO Box 157
Kimball, WV 24853-0157
Phone: 304-585-7913
Email: townofkimballwv@frontier.com

Form return options:

Email:

Scan and email the completed form to
<geo.bas@census.gov>.

Fax:

Fax the completed form to
1-800-972-5652

Mail:

Use the provided postage-paid envelope to mail the completed form to

U.S. Census Bureau
National Processing Center
Attn: BVP Returns, Bldg. 63E
1201 East 10th Street
Jeffersonville, IN 47132

kimballvfd@citlink.net

From: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:33 PM
To: kimballvfd@citlink.net
Subject: Fwd: Town of kimball wv

J. ADAM GIANATO
MAYOR
TOWN OF KIMBALL

From: GEO BAS (CENSUS/GEO) <geo.bas@census.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:16:56 AM
To: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>
Subject: Re: Town of kimball wv

Mayor Gianato,

Yes that is correct.

Thank you!

Boundary and Annexation Survey

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From: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:41 AM
To: GEO BAS (CENSUS/GEO) <geo.bas@census.gov>
Subject: Re: Town of kimball wv

I just wanted to confirm that is the last step to update and we are good correct?

J. Adam Gianato
Mayor
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(304) 585-7913(office)
(304) 320-2207 (cell)

townofkimballwv@frontier.com (email)

On Fri, Mar 20, 2020 at 10:34 AM -0400, "GEO BAS (CENSUS/GEO)" <geo.bas@census.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

Thank you for your email. I have reviewed our records and confirmed that we have indeed received your Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) response as well as your Boundary Validation Survey (BVP) response.

We appreciate your time and participation in the programs of the Census Bureau.

Thank you,

Margaret Madden

Boundary and Annexation Survey

U.S. Census Bureau

geo.bas@census.gov

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From: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 10:58 AM

To: GEO BAS (CENSUS/GEO) <geo.bas@census.gov>

Subject: Town of kimball wv

We have been in contact with census and have uploaded to modify our boundaries to reflect the correct updated files. We need to verify that everything has been done to be updated for 2020 census. Can you assist to ensure our correct boundaries are counted. Thank you

J. Adam Gianato

Mayor

Town of Kimball

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(304) 320-2207 (cell)

townofkimballwv@frontier.com (email)

kimballvfd@citlink.net

From: kimballvfd@citlink.net
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:24 AM
To: 'townofkimballwv townofkimballwv'; 'Boggs, Mara (Manchin)'
Cc: 'Mitchell, Alison (Manchin)'
Subject: RE: Town of Kimball

Early last year we submitted the new boundary maps that were approved several years ago for correction. They send back an acknowledgment when this was done, but then Corona hit and I have not heard since from them. The county has all the correct maps and my recollection from when the annexation took place was that they had corrected it. Even the boundary they currently show is not the correct boundary from when the Town was incorporated.

I am not sure what the next step would be. They have an online system for doing the updates and we sent them all the legal documents and maps where the annexation was approved and also sent them a new GIS map from 911 which shows the boundaries.

Hope this helps. I will check on the correspondence with them when I go to city hall later today.

From: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Boggs, Mara (Manchin) <Mara_Boggs@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: kimballvfd@citlink.net; Mitchell, Alison (Manchin) <Alison_Mitchell@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Town of Kimball

Mara

Me started working with census in 2019. My dad was handling that project. He is included in this email. He can explain what process hopefully he can show what's wrong. Basically they didn't update our boundaries from at least 30 years ago and i caught this issue when I took office.

J. ADAM GIANATO

MAYOR

TOWN OF KIMBALL

From: Boggs, Mara (Manchin) <Mara_Boggs@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:58:09 AM
To: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>
Cc: kimballvfd@citlink.net <kimballvfd@citlink.net>; Mitchell, Alison (Manchin) <Alison_Mitchell@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Town of Kimball

Hi Adam –

Thanks for your note. Let me start with a question to you - did you address this with the Census when they took the population last year?

Mara

From: townofkimballwv townofkimballwv <townofkimballwv@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:38 AM
To: Boggs, Mara (Manchin) <Mara_Boggs@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: kimballvfd@citlink.net
Subject: Town of Kimball

Mara

I just wanted to reach out to you in regards to the Senators input into the stimulus bill. I believe there may be an error in regard the Town of Kimball and our population. I know the bill has disbursement based on population and I was hoping that we could have ours looked at for potential adjustment because the additional stimulus funds could do so much more for our small town and our dire needs. Our population shows 129 people. I would estimate we have 300-500. The city incorporates a housing development with 47 units and most units are occupied by more than one person. The residential area called Kimball Hill has an estimated 150 people there and I would guess another 100 throughout the rest of town. We have been asking for the census to be updated for several years as this constantly hurts our other funding. We have a budget of around \$80,000 and we are in a place that we don't even have the tools to do what's needed. We are in need of a backhoe and truck to haul it, a garbage truck, and a commercial lawn mower. Our sewer and water system is 100+ years old we are responsible for sewer and assist the PSD in maintaining the water system and we have to dig it by hand. We use a pickup truck to haul garbage after the compactor broke to the point it could not be driven. This requires multiple trips to the landfill each week instead of one. These incur a lot more financial hardships on the town than would be necessary with the proper tools.

If you could please look into this to see about population adjustment the Town of Kimball could have the ability to better serve the citizens we have.

Thank you.

J. ADAM GIANATO
MAYOR
TOWN OF KIMBALL