

## **Citizens Bank of WV Participates in Roundtable with President Trump**



*(Anita Jones – 4th from Left; Nathaniel Bonnell – 5th from Left)*

Citizens Bank of West Virginia President & CEO Nathaniel S. Bonnell received an unexpected email and phone call from the White House with an invitation to join President Trump for a tax reform roundtable discussion. Several days later, he and Mortgage Processor Anita Jones joined President Trump, state officials and other business leaders in White Sulphur Springs before an audience of several hundred people to share their stories.

“To be honest, when I received the first White House email I didn’t think it was real,” commented Bonnell. “However, when a follow-up call soon arrived, along with more instructional emails, it all became surreal. This is an honor for Citizens Bank to be recognized by the President of the United States for our investment in our staff, and the customers and communities we serve.”

Bonnell shared with President Trump that the employees are the heart and soul of what makes Citizens successful. “Because of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts, we were able to give every one of our 66 employees an additional \$1,000 over and above their normal annual raises,” commented Bonnell.

Due to the tax reform, Citizens Bank was also able to increase its philanthropy. “We have made a couple of significant contributions, for our size, to the local nonprofit hospital as well as the local liberal arts college in our town,” Bonnell further shared with President Trump. “The tax plan has given Citizens the opportunity not only to invest more money in our folks, who obviously deserve more, but also invest in our local communities and the nonprofits that serve those areas.”

Citizens Bank Mortgage Loan Processor Anita Jones addressed President Trump next. She moved to West Virginia in 2007 and became a proud citizen in 2013. A graduate of D&E College, Anita began as an intern at Citizens and was offered full-time employment. “I had a wonderful surprise from the bank – we all did! A \$1000 bonus each!” Anita told President Trump. “For me, it is such a blessing because I’m going to use that money to add to the trip for me and my son to go back to my home country (Indonesia) to visit my parents and my dad that has not been well. And I have not been home since 2009.”

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Citizens Bank of West Virginia operates five full-service banking offices in Elkins, Parsons, Beverly, Snowshoe, and Buckhannon. The Bank has earned a coveted 5-Star rating from BauerFinancial, the nation’s premier bank rating firm. A five-star rating indicates the bank excels in areas of capital adequacy, profitability, asset quality and much more.

More information about Citizens Bank may be found on its website at [www.citizenswv.com](http://www.citizenswv.com).