

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
July 1, 2020**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Reed
Commissioner Forney

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk
Stefanie Allemong, County Administrator

Public Present: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting was opened by Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk, at 9:30 a.m.

Items from the Public/Miscellaneous Discussion

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes – 6/3 and 6/24

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 6/3 and 6/24. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessors Exonerations & Consolidations

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the Exonerations due to clerical error. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the Exonerations for tax payers Adams and Waugh due to tax payer error real estate taxes for TY2020. President Tuttle voted nay, Commissioner Forney voted nay and Commissioner Reed voted nay. Motion denied.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Exonerations for taxpayer error for personal property TY2018 – 2020. President Tuttle voted nay, Commissioner Forney voted nay and Commissioner Reed voted nay. Motion denied.

Sheriff's Tax Office quarterly funds request for postage machine

Commissioner Reed made a motion to put \$10,000 onto the pre-paid postage machine from fund 424. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Letter of Support for Sheriff from the Commission for the Courthouse Security Grant

Commissioner Forney made a motion to authorize Commission President to sign Letter of Support for the Courthouse Security Grant FY2021. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Resolution to authorize Commission President to act as official representatives in regards to the WV JAG / Juvenile Accountability Grant

Commissioner Reed made a motion to authorize the Commission President to act as the official representative for the WV JAG / Juvenile Accountability Grant. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of new road name – ‘Rambling Berry Lane’

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the new road name Rambling Berry Lane. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval for Commission President to sign Pledge Agreement with CNB Bank, Inc.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to authorize the Commission President to sign the Pledge Agreement with CNB Bank, Inc. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Re-appointment of John Spies to the Morgan County Solid Waste Authority Board for a four year term effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the re-appointment of John spies to the Morgan County Solid Waste Authority Board for a four year term effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Re-appointment of Lori Hansroth, Wayne Omps and Jack Soronen to the Morgan County Planning Commission each to serve a three year term effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2023

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Jack Soronen to the Morgan County Planning Commission to serve a three year term effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2023. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to table the re-appointment of Lori Hansroth to the Morgan County Planning Commission. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

President Tuttle recused himself for the re-appointment vote of Wayne Omps and approval of copier lease with Document Solutions, Inc. for the Sheriff’s Tax office.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Wayne Omps to the Morgan County Planning Commission to serve a three year term effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2023. Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Sheriff's Tax Office copier lease with Document Solutions, Inc.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the 63 month lease with Document Solutions, Inc. to replace the system for \$185.00 a month. Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

President Tuttle returned to the meeting once both items were voted upon.

Agenda Items

KC Bohrer – Discussion about Hazard Pay for Deputies

Sheriff Bohrer spoke before the Commissioners and shared his request as well as what other counties were doing for their Deputies. Bohrer asked the Commissioners if he can report back to his Deputies that ‘They had a discussion there are certainly no definitive answers at this point but the Commission is aware and will be explore some options.’ President Tuttle then agreed that is a fair statement to make. No action taken.

CASA – Request to use office space at the Pines Opportunity Center

Commissioner Reed recused himself from the CASA decision since his wife is a CASA volunteer.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the use of the space at the Pines Opportunity Center currently vacant the prior GIS office. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed returned to the meeting once the decision was made.

Charles Trump – Petition to re-open the Estate of Linda Kay Hunter

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the petition to re-open the Estate of Linda Kay Hunter and to approve the order prepared by Trump and Trump, L.C. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Discussion – Comcast Agreement Renewal

Administrator Allemong discussed the 626 Letter sent out by Comcast in it to begin negotiations on the franchise agreement we have with them which is sent out about two years ahead of time. She also discussed some concerns from residents in Northwoods Subdivision as well as sharing with Comcast that we were about to begin talking about the agreement. The current agreement is set to expire December 5, 2022.

Jim Sack (resident of Northwoods Subdivision) then spoke about the need for a reliable internet service. He reported that Comcast would put in service at the cost of \$25,000 per mile which would have amounted to approximately \$153,000 paid for by the residents that is separate from any service charges assuming people subscribe to their service. Coincidentally the service does go to the Northwoods Subdivision but is not run throughout the subdivision itself. He did also speak that reliable internet was not a luxury and there were fundamental reasons for the need some examples being video conference with physicians, distance learning for students and working from home to name a few.

President Tuttle voiced his frustration with the need for reliable internet and added he would like to see in some of the other rural WV counties what is standard. No action taken.

Approval of quotation from Johnson Controls to install fire suppression system for the new Morgan County E-911 Center 1:22:01

President Tuttle offered he would like to reach out to 2 or 3 counties to see who they use for their fire suppression system within a possible timeline of two weeks before a decision is made. No action taken.

Consent Agenda

Purchases/Check Logs/Budget Revisions/Vacation Orders

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn

President Tuttle 11:19 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: M. Hill