

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
December 16, 2020**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Forney

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk
Stefanie Allemong, County Administrator
Anna Padilla, Commission Secretary/Grants 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

Kate Shunney, Editor of the Morgan County Messenger questioned the maintenance of the Spruce Pine Hollow Park. President Tuttle explained how it is not currently being maintained by the county but has the hopes to join in an agreement with the property owners to make sure the park is maintained. No action taken.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes – 12/02

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from 12/02. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessors Exonerations & Consolidations

President Tuttle advised that there were not any Assessor's Consolidations and Exonerations.

Approval to permit the Department of Tax and Revenue & the Morgan County Assessor's Office to make corrections to the 2021 Assessment during the month of January/February if necessary

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Department of Tax and Revenue and the Morgan County Assessor's Office to make corrections to the 2021 Assessment during the month of January/February if necessary. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of funds for the Postage Machine

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the purchase of the prepaid postage in the amount \$7,000. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of the Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Forney made a motion to follow the Governor's decree and give the Morgan County employees December 24, 25, 31 and January 1 off. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Request from Humane Society of Morgan County for TNR Grant

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the request of \$1,500 for the TNR Grant to be paid for out of carry over. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Request for letter of support for USED A Grant Application

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve a letter of support from the USED A Grant and administrative support following if needed. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Request to approve the Governor's Block Grant

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve Morgan County to pay entities from the Governor's Block Grant: \$9,835.20 to the Morgan County Backpacks Program, \$4,525 to the Boys and Girls Club and \$9,300 to Senior Life Services of Morgan County. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of new County Commissioner

Commissioner Forney made a motion to appoint William "Bill" Clark to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Reed and serve the remainder of his term. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Presentation of County Employee Service Awards

President Tuttle presented the service awards to the following employees who have been with Morgan County for five years: Stefanie Allemong, Gary Harshman, Vicki Spiker and Alan Peer. Ten-year service awards were presented to Robert Ratcliff and Shea Hart. A fifteen-year service award was presented to Cathy Spielman and a thirty-year award was presented to Debbie Weaver. Retirees Peggy Oakes, Susan Waugh and Debbie Weaver were also presented plaques.

Request to purchase an Animal Control Vehicle

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve Animal Control to spend up to \$31,000 to purchase a truck and a cab to be paid for out of carry over. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Request to purchase chairs for the E911 Center

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the purchase of two chairs for \$2530.80 each paid for from the E911 equipment budget. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Purchases/Check Logs/Budget Revisions/Vacation Orders

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

Adjourn

President Tuttle 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: A. Padilla