

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
December 02,2020**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Ken Reed
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

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes – 11/18

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from 11/18. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed 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 of Bobby Bullock to the Morgan County Towing Policy Advisory Board

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve Bobby Bullock to the Morgan County Towing Policy Advisory Board with a three-year term, effective January 1, 2021. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Approval of the Grant Resolution Local Economic Development Grant

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Grant Resolution for the Local Economic Development Grant (LED) in the amount \$22,727.00 for fiscal year 2021. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Request to Hire 1 fulltime Telecommunicators for the E911 Center

Commissioner Forney made a motion to hire Amanda Jackson at an hourly rate of \$12.60, beginning December 14, 2020. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Request to approve vender for 911 fiber connection

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve Frontier to provide the main fiber connection and all additional trunk lines to the new center and to approve Shentel to provide a redundant fiber line to the new center and dark fiber from the tower to the new center for a total of \$3,109 a month. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Acceptance of resignation of Commissioner Ken Reed

Commissioner Forney made a motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Ken Reed effective December 2, 2020. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Review of the process to fill vacant Commission Seat

President Tuttle explained the county commission follows the West Virginia State Code to fill vacancies, 3-10-7. The County Commission appointee must be filled by a person of the same political party of the individual who is vacating the seat and must be a part of the political party for at least 60 days prior to the vacancy. The appointee must also represent a magisterial district that is not already represented on the commission. The appointee must be a part of either precinct 2, 6, 8, 13, 18, 24 and 25. President Tuttle and Commissioner Forney have 30 days from the day of the vacancy to fill the seat. If an agreement cannot be made, the Republican Executive Committee will then make the decision. Letters of interest will be accepted from November 4th until December 7th and each Commissioner will choose a few candidates to interview individually. The Commission hopes to be able to reach a consensus decision and name the replacement at their December 16th meeting so they will be able to join the Commission for the first meeting in January.

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