

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
April 17, 2014**

Members present:

Commissioner Brad Close, President
Commissioner Stacy Dugan

Member Absent:

Commissioner Bob Ford

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Glorious Sagle; Kevin Duckwall; March Tucker; Trish Strader, Journal Newspaper; Dan Duckwall; Jazz Clark, Morgan Messenger; Steve Hutchinson; Brenda Hutchison; Zack Caldwell; Randy Poffinberger; Melissa & Evan Waugh; Jim Dupont; Mark Herrell and Beth Curtin

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

Administration Items

Assessor's Exonerations

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approves the exonerations due to clerical errors. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Consolidations

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the consolidations. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.

Request to have an evening County Commission meeting in Paw Paw, WV

The County Commission agreed to amend the meeting schedule to accommodate meetings in Paw Paw and other parts of the county.

March Tucker, Director of the WV Office of Emergency Medical Services-EMS Licensure Update

March Tucker, Director of the WV Office of Emergency Medical Services, approached the Commission to give an update on the EMS Licensure. Mr. Tucker stated that the Morgan County EMS (Emergency Medical Services) has received a score of 100%. The previous score in 2009 was 83%. The Commission praised the Morgan County EMS for all of their excellent work and thanked Mr. Tucker for the inspection and update.

Decision on amendment to Morgan County Dog Leash Ordinance relating to the control of dangerous and vicious dogs

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approves the amendment to the Morgan County Dog Leash Ordinance relating to the control of dangerous and vicious dogs. The amended ordinance goes into effect immediately. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.

Estate of Jack Ritter

The County Commission met with the Executor of the Estate, Attorney Tina Byers and Wayne and Phyllis Everett to discuss the estate of Jack Ritter. Ms. Beyers presented handouts of final settlements of the accounts. President Close suggested that Ms. Everett take the paperwork and review them and if there are any problems to contact Kim Nickles in the County Clerk's Office. The Everetts' have 10 days from the date of receipt to contest. The Commission thanked them for their time.

Charles Trump- Estate of Julianna Kamecka

Attorney Charles Trump approached the Commission to discuss the estate of Julianna Kamecka. Mr. Trump explained that Julianna Kamecka, of Washington DC had passed away and according to her Last Will and Testament, she has left a life estate in $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre of land to George Mason (now deceased) and then to his children, leaving the remainder interest to Morgan County, WV. The land is to be held, maintained and used by them as a natural preserve and wildlife refuge, always to be kept in its natural condition. Mr. Trump presented a copy of the Will and Testament along with a plat of the property and stated that the property is located near Cherry Run, in Morgan County. Mr. Trump explained that he will have a survey of the property done. The Commission decided to seek legal counsel regarding this type of transaction before they make any decisions.

Mark Herrell- Interview for EDA (Economic Development Authority) Board

Mark Herrell approached the Commission for an interview to serve on the EDA board. Mr. Herrell explained that he is interested in the economic development in Morgan County. Mr. Herrell stated that he is available to attend the monthly board meetings.

Possible Decision on EDA Board Member

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission hereby appoints Mark Herrell to the EDA Board to serve a three year term. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried. This appointment is effective immediately.

Worksession

Dave Barton- Worksession & possible decision on Health Insurance

The County Commission participated in a worksession regarding the health insurance plans for the county employees. On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved to go forward with the self insured health insurance with One Net PPO Network. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan

voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the consent agenda. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Discussion on Pines Opportunity Center Maintenance

The County Administrator withdrew the discussion on the Pines Opportunity Center Maintenance.

Criminal Records Improvement Project Letter

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the commitment to the WV Supreme Court's Criminal Records Improvement Project from Morgan County Commission to hire a person to staff the Criminal Records Improvement Project in Morgan County. The person will be a Supreme Court employee compensated through grant funding. The Court will provide training for this employee and the employee will be assigned to report directly to Christopher Wilkes, Circuit Judge. Morgan County agrees to provide sufficient office space for this person. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.

Budget Revisions for 716 (Animal Control)

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the increase of \$6000 in budget 716 (Animal Control). President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Growth Media Proposal

The County Administrator withdrew the approval of the Growth Media Proposal.

Recess

On a Stacy Dugan/Brad Close motion, the County Commission made a motion to recess the meeting. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted yea. Motion carried.