

**Morgan County Commission Meeting  
March 5, 2015**

**Members present:**

Commissioner Brad Close, President  
Commissioner Robert Ford  
Commissioner Joel Tuttle

**Also present:** Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Kim Michael, Sheriff Tax Office; Zach Caldwell; Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff; Wade Sheriff, Deputy; Marshall Younker II; John Spielman; Kate Shunney, Morgan Messenger; Randy Poffinberger, Animal Control and Ron Davis

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

**Administration Items**

**Re-appointment to Coolfont community Enhancement Board of Directors-  
Anne Harkins**

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission made a motion to appoint Anne Harkins to the Coolfont Community Enhancement District Board of Directors effective immediately. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of Health Care Policy**

The County Commission tabled the health care policy until the April 2, 2015 Commission meeting.

**Approval of hire for Sheriff Tax Office**

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission approves the request from the Sheriff Tax Office to hire Crystal Spillman as a part time employee to replace the vacancy left by Robin Michael. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

**Discussion on Accounting System**

The County Commission tabled the discussion on the accounting system until the budget meeting.

**Discussion/Decision on Pines Architect Contract**

On a Brad Close/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission tabled the discussion/decision on the Pines Architect Contract until the budget meeting scheduled for March 11, 2015. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

**Action Items**

**Elected Officials review budget for FY 2015-16**

Debra Kesecker, County Clerk- The County Commission reviewed the budget for FY 2015-2016 with Debra Kesecker, County Clerk.

The County Commission also reviewed the budget for Animal Control.

**Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed draft Morgan County WV 911 Addressing & Mapping Ordinance**

The County Commission received the following public comments regarding the proposed draft Morgan County WV 911 Addressing & Mapping Ordinance

**Marshall Younker II**- an Officer with the Berkeley Springs Volunteer Fire Company and professional fire fighter in Frederick County, VA, Mr. Younker asked the Commission a few questions about signs in the proposed ordinance. Mr. Younker asked if the house number lettering is three or four inches in height and stated the ordinance states both. He also suggested the Commission stick with a distance-based style so fire fighters can find homes easier and he said mobile home parks should follow the same system and be identified by house number instead of lot number.

**John Spielman**- stated that he should not have to post his address on his property at his expense. It's my personal property to decide if I want people there or not, if the county is going to make me put the sign up, then the county should pay for it. You're going to make me put up another sign when some kid steals my sign to put in his truck because the floor bed in rusted out. Mr. Spielman stated that the ordinance would violate his rights of privacy, by making him post a sign at the entrance of his private driveway.

**Ron Davis**- As a postmaster in the county, he stated that he agrees that Morgan County is behind on posting signs at the end of roads, there are numerous driveways, homes and lanes that are not assigned. Mr. Davis stated that in Franklin County, PA the county supplied the signs to the volunteer fire companies, which the fire companies applied the numbers and supplied the signs to the residents. Mr. Davis stated that he approves of the draft ordinance.

**Paul Bunker**- A postmaster himself stated it is hard to find addresses and the Emergency Services cannot find addresses and personal GPS devices do not know the addresses either.

The County Commission thanked everyone for their comments and stated that due to the bad weather today, they will hold a second public hearing at a later date to give other concerned citizens a chance to attend.

**Ron Davis- Interview for Ambulance Authority (Emergency Medical Services Board)**

Ron Davis approached the Commission for an interview for the Ambulance Authority Board. Mr. Davis explained that he would like to volunteer and stated that he is an EMT and was once President for the Marion Volunteer Fire Company. The County Commission thanked Mr. Davis for his time and interest.

**Consent Agenda**

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission approves the consent agenda. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

President Close stated that due to the inclement weather, the Courthouse will be closing at 12 noon today and therefore, the EDA work session and the meeting with Morgan County Rescue Service Company 7 will be re-scheduled.

**Recess**

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission made a motion to recess the meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.