

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
September 17, 2015**

Members present:

President Bradley Close
Commissioner Robert Ford
Commissioner Joel Tuttle

Also Present:

Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Lori Kiley; Kate Shunney, Morgan Messenger; Robbie Buckles; Ron Martin; Kevin Manovich and Trish Strader, Journal Newspaper

The meeting was opened at 9:00 a.m. by Cathy Spielman; Deputy County Clerk.

Amendment/Adoption of the Morgan County Commission Retire Health Care Policy
On a Brad Close/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission tabled the Retiree Health Care Policy until the next Commission meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the meeting minutes from the September 3 County Commission meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Invoice from SVG (Shenandoah Valley Group) for Human Resources Connection Portal for website

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission agrees to cancel the use of the website for the Human Resources portal. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session- Bridget Cohee, Steptoe & Johnson- Update on Legal Matters

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 9:18 am to discuss legal matters. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission came out of executive session at 10:00 am and reconvened into regular session. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Action Items

Estate of Betty Young

The estate of Betty Young was postponed until October 15, 2015 at 1:00 pm unless it can be settled beforehand.

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Roberta "Robbie" Buckles- Interview for Solid Waste Authority

Robbie Buckles approached the Commission for an interview to volunteer on the Solid Waste Authority board. Ms. Buckles explained that she is interested in the health and environment of Morgan County. On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission appoints Ms. Buckles to the Solid Waste Authority board to serve the remainder of Adam Keeling's four year term. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Discussion & possible decision on Cable Franchise Agreement submitted by Morgan Broadband

The County Commission received a cable franchise agreement submitted by Morgan Broadband, LLC. The Commission reviewed the agreement and on a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission rejects the agreement as proposed due to insufficient information and Morgan Broadband, LLC not adhering to the guidelines prescribed by the WV Public Service Commission. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Discussion on Policy regarding co-location agreements on County owned/controlled Towers (property)

The County Commission had a lengthy discussion regarding the co-location agreements on the county communication towers. The Commission reviewed a facility leasing process, a policy for the co-location of private telecommunications facilities on county property, the tower site agreement and the application and fee schedules. On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the Commission tabled the approval of the documents until the next Commission meeting allowing time for further research. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

US Cellular Contract

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission authorizes its President, Bradley Close to sign the contract with US Cellular to lease tower and ground space at the Berkeley Springs Communication Tower located at 4 Dispatch Lane, Berkeley Springs, WV at the cost of \$1500/ month. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

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.

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