

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
January 8, 2015**

Members present:

Commissioner Brad Close, President
Commissioner Robert Ford
Commissioner Joel Tuttle

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Kate Shunney, Morgan Messenger; Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper; Daryl Stotler; Amber Stotler; Laura Breeden, Sheriff Tax Office; Susan Webster, Mayor, Town of Bath; Kate Lehman; Jeanne Mozier; Andy Swaim; Larry Lower; Bill Clark, Region 9; and Aaron Close

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

Administration Items

Employee-Spouse Health Insurance Coverage Options

The Morgan County Commission approved that once a retired county employee passes away, the spouse will no longer be covered under the county's health insurance.

Action Items

Daryl Stotler- Application for exoneration

Daryl Stotler approached the Commission regarding an application for exoneration. The County Commission reviewed the application for exoneration. On a Brad Close/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission made a motion to approve the exoneration. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Dale Kipp- Application for exoneration

The County Commission reviewed an application for exoneration submitted by Dale Kipp. On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission made a motion to approve the exoneration. President Close voted nay, Commissioner Ford voted nay and Commissioner Tuttle voted nay. Motion carried. Request denied due to tax payers error.

Decision on Office of Emergency Services Applicant (Possible Executive Session)

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 10:45 am to discuss an employee situation. On a Brad Close/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission came out of executive session at 11:09 am. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to select and hire an Office of Emergency

Services Director. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

County Lease Agreements Review (Possible Executive Session)

On a Brad Close/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission made a motion to go into executive session at 11:10 am to discuss the county lease agreements. 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 made a motion to come out of executive session at 11:20 am. 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 requests that the County Administrator send a letter to Dr. Hahn requesting he abandon the property in 60 days. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Discussion on North Berkeley Rail Trail

Commissioner Ford suggested the Commission discuss the North Berkeley Rail Trail and whether to move forward or back out of the plan. Commissioner Ford asked the purpose of the trail and stated that he feels it is a waste of taxpayers' money. Commissioner Ford stated that the county has been informed that two bridges along the trail would cost \$600,000 to construct. Commissioner Ford stated that he has spoken to the Department of Highways and if the county backs out now, the county can recoup up to 88% of the money that has already been spent for planning and engineering the trail. President Close scheduled a decision on the trail at the next Commission meeting on January 22, 2015.

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.

Administrator's Report

Resolution authorizing participation in the Eastern Panhandle Home Consortium

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission of Morgan County authorizes participation in the Eastern Panhandle Home Consortium of WV for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Signing of Concrete Central Contract for community center work

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission approves Bradley J. Close, President, Morgan County Commission to sign the contract with Concrete Central with the community center work. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Resolution to apply for wireless tower access assistance fund grant

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission authorizes Brad Close, President of the Morgan County Commission, to act on its behalf as the official representative for the Commission in the administration of the WV Wireless Tower Access Assistance fund grant program. 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.