

## **Morgan County Commission Meeting October 20, 2016**

### **Members Present:**

President Brad Close  
Commissioner Joel Tuttle  
Commissioner Bob Ford

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

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 6, 2016. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Appointment to EMS Board- Lori Kiley**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to appoint Lori Kiley to the Morgan County Emergency Medical Services Board to serve the remainder of Ronald Davis's three year term. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire December 31, 2018. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Resolution in support of the WV Records Management and Preservation Board program**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to authorize Commission President, Bradley Close, as the official representative for the Commission in the administration of the WV Records Management and Preservation Board Grant program and commits to providing the 10% cash match funds requirement for the grant applications for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Assessor's Office and the County Clerk's office. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Administrator's Report**

#### **Discussion on path moving forward with Gayle Drive**

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, will have a conference call with all the participating entities to decide how to move forward with the road repairs to Gayle Drive.

### **Approval and signing of the Berkeley County Day Report Center MOU**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to authorize Commission President, Bradley Close to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Berkeley County Day Report Center and the Morgan County Commission. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Action Items**

#### **Discussion & possible decision regarding Magisterial re-districting**

President Close presented a map of magisterial districts and explained that the proposed re-districting will increase the number of magisterial districts from three to five allowing more people to run for public office. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the magisterial re-districting and start the 30 day public comment period beginning November

16, 2016. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Decision on Economic Development Authority (EDA) Director as recommended by the Morgan County EDA**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the hiring of Daryl Cowles at the recommendation of the EDA Executive Committee effective Monday, October 24, 2016. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Update on Morgan County portion of pipeline**

President Close explained that Mountaineer Gas Company is proposing to expand its existing natural gas distribution system in the Eastern Panhandle of WV. The company is awaiting approval of the Public Service Commission. The distribution pipeline expansion will provide natural gas to unserved and underserved areas in Berkeley and Morgan Counties and subsequently Jefferson County. Mountaineer Gas will construct an approximately 24 mile distribution system trunk line extension from north of Berkeley Springs near the state line and tie to the northern end of Mountaineer Gas current distribution system in Martinsburg. There were citizens that wished to voice their concern about the proposed gas pipeline. President Close took public comments:

Dave O'Brien spoke his concern regarding his lodging business and stated that the pipeline will take a corner of his property, the gas company hasn't stipulated to him how many pipes or the size that will be across his property.

Patricia Kesecker stated that the gas company is going to cut her trees and pull out the stumps to install their pipeline on her property. She wishes the gas company would come to a meeting and explain to the citizens what their plans are.

Russell Mokhiber stated that we don't know if the pipeline will happen, its still in the early phases so why bully people? Ask the company to identify the route, get the exact route, its unclear if it's a back up pipeline or a redundant line.

Frank Rogers, Director, Cacapon Institute, stated that climate change is caused by humans. The pipeline will have frack gas out of PA, the extraction process of fracking is a pollutant, it's not a clean fuel. The pipeline will encourage fracking in Morgan County.

Donald Stotler explained that his property is involved in the pipeline expansion. He has met with the representative and the gas company keeps contacting him 2-3 times a week to discuss an agreement.

Deidre Ken stated that she met with a guy in Berkeley County and the water there is undrinkable and the residents live with the smell of gas.

### **Recess**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to recess the meeting. Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION

October 20, 2014 "MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET"

SHEET : OF:

NO.	NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1	Lori Kiley	self		
2	<del>Thomas Kiley</del>	self		
3	Kate Shinnery	Messenger		
4	Danielle Hoffe	Probono		
5	<del>Jim Mohr</del>	ESA		
6	Dill Locke	BG Unit Owners	327	
7	Daryl Cowles			
8	<del>Patricia</del>			
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