

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
January 7, 2016**

Members present:

President Bradley Close
Commissioner Robert Ford
Commissioner Joel Tuttle

Also Present:

Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Kate Shunney; Ron Martin; Barb Wolfe; Jeanne Mozier; Lori Kiley; Thomas Kiley; Scott Crunkleton; Eric Lyda; Rob Campbell; Sabrena Funk; Pete Gordon and Trish Strader

The meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m. by Cathy Spielman, Deputy County Clerk.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission approves the meeting minutes from the December 17, 2015 and January 4, 2016 County Commission meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Joel Tuttle- update on North Berkeley Rail Trail

Commissioner Joel Tuttle gave the Commission an update on the North Berkeley Rail Trail project. Commissioner Tuttle explained that the State of WV Department of Highways has suggested that the county apply for additional funding. Commissioner Tuttle explained that if were awarded more funding, we will have to come up with matching funds. Commissioner Tuttle explained that in order to apply for more funds, you have to submit a letter of intent to apply. Commissioner Tuttle stated that he doesn't know if we will get more funding but he would like to at least submit a letter of intent to apply. Commissioner Ford stated that he would like to know the final cost for the completed project. Commissioner Ford explained that this is county taxpayers money and we should have an exact cost. The Commission approved Commissioner Tuttle sending a letter of intent to apply but will further discuss any funding at a later date once Commissioner Tuttle gets a final cost from the WV State Department of Highways.

Reports

Interviews for Warm Springs Public Service District board

Robert Campbell III

Robert Campbell approached the Commission for an interview to serve on the Warm Springs Public Service District Board. Mr. Campbell stated that he used to be the Sanitarian at the Health Department and would like to serve on the Warm Springs Public Service District Board. Mr. Campbell stated that he will be able to attend the monthly meetings. The Commission thanked Mr. Campbell for his time.

Eric Lyda

Eric Lyda approached the Commission for an interview to serve on the Warm Springs Public Service District Board. Mr. Lyda explained that he recently moved back to Morgan County after law school and would like to get involved in the community. Mr. Lyda stated that he will be able to attend the monthly meetings. The Commission thanked Mr. Lyda for his time.

Sabrena Funk

Sabrena Funk approached the Commission for an interview to serve on the Warm Springs Public Service District Board. Ms. Funk explained that she has been involved in real estate most of her life and that has led to dealing with sewer and water departments. Ms. Funk stated that she will be able to attend the monthly meetings. The Commission thanked Ms. Funk for his time.

Charles Johnson

Charles Johnson approached the Commission for an interview to serve on the Warm Springs Public Service District Board. Mr. Johnson explained that he is a lifelong resident of Morgan County and would like to give back to the community. Mr. Johnson stated that he will be able to attend the monthly meetings. The Commission thanked Mr. Johnson for his time.

Pete Gordon- Request for the County to sponsor an application to the WVDOH for a TEP (Transportation Enhancement Program) grant

Pete Gordon, President of the Berkeley Springs State Park Foundation, approached the Commission and explained that the foundation will be applying for a grant through the WV Department of Highways to bring major renovations to the Berkeley Springs State Park. Mr. Gordon explained that the renovations will include a new bridge, replacing the crumbling sidewalks and the rock walls aligning the run. Mr. Gordon stated that in order to apply for the grant, he must have a government agency as a sponsor and he can use the Berkeley Springs State Park as that agency. Mr. Gordon requested support from the Commission with a support letter. The Commission agreed to send a support letter for the project.

Action Items

Appointment to the Warm Springs Public Service District Board

On a Bob Ford/Joel Tuttle motion, the County Commission appoints Charles Johnson to the Warm Springs Public Service District Board to serve the remainder of Paul Zorich’s six year term. This term is effective immediately and will expire February 1, 2020. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator’s Report

Approval of Pay Application #1 & #2 for Reliance Roofers

Pay Application #1

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the payment of pay application #1 in the amount of \$197,000 for the Pines Opportunity Center. President

Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Pay Application #2

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the payment of pay application #2 in the amount of \$24,907.50 for the Pines Opportunity Center. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Change Order #1 for Reliance Roofers

On a Joel Tuttle/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the payment of change order #1 in the amount of \$3,595.00 for the Pines Opportunity Center. 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.