

**Morgan County Commission Meeting  
January 21, 2016**

**Members present:**

President Bradley Close  
Commissioner Robert Ford

**Member absent:**

Commissioner Joel Tuttle

**Also Present:**

Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Kate Shunney; Ron Martin; Larry Kump; Lori & Thomas Kiley; Tricia Strader; Richard Gay; Scott Merki; Sheriff Vince Shambaugh; Sheriff Deputy Seth Place; Aaron Close, Parks & Recreation; Bette Kidwell; Rose Zorich; Rodney Hovermale and Scott Crunkleton

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/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approves the meeting minutes from the January 17, 2016 County Commission meeting. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

**Meeting Schedule Revision**

On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission voted to keep the meeting schedule as scheduled at this time. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of Standard Operating Guidelines for Mass Notification System**

Dick Myers, Office of Emergency Management, approached the Commission and presented standard operating guidelines for mass notification system for the Commission to review and approve. Mr. Myers explained that citizens can sign up to get weather alerts by email, text, or by telephone. On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the standard operating guidelines for mass notification. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

**Appointment to Farmland Protection Board**

On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission appoints Bill Clark to the Morgan County Farmland Protection Board to serve the remainder of Phil Harmison's four year term. Mr. Clark will represent the citizens of Morgan County. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire August 1, 2016. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

## **Action Items**

### **Public Hearing- Annexation of CSX property to the Town of Bath**

Richard Gay, Attorney, approached the Commission for the public hearing for the annexation of CSX property into the Town of Bath. Mr. Gay stated that the publication was advertised in the Morgan Messenger for two weeks. The Commission asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the application for annexation based on there were no oppositions from the public. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Sheriff Vince Shambaugh- Request to hire an additional Deputy**

Sheriff Vince Shambaugh approached the Commission with a request to hire an additional Deputy. Commissioner Ford stated that the Commission recently got a letter from the State Auditor asking all County Commission's to review their budgets. Commissioner Ford stated that this is the first time he has ever gotten this letter and he cannot make this decision until they know how the budget looks. President Close stated that the Commission can take the request into consideration at budget time.

### **Morgan County Parks & Recreation President Aaron Close- Cooperative Agreement between Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, Morgan County Board of Education, Morgan County Parks & Recreation and Morgan County Commission- Storm Water Management Grant for Alex Rickli Memorial Park**

Aaron Close, President, Parks and Recreation, approached the Commission with a Cooperative Agreement for the Morgan County Parks and Recreation Alex Rickli Memorial Park. Mr. Aaron Close explained that the agreement is for the cooperating parties to work cooperatively to schedule and participate in the installation and planting for the bio-retention practices (landscaped depressions or shallow basins used to slow and treat on-site stormwater runoff). The installation is part of the development of the Alex Rickli Memorial Park. Mr. Aaron Close presented a concept plan for the Commission to review. On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission authorizes its President, Bradley J. Close to sign the cooperative agreement. President Close voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Dedication in memory of Paul S. Zorich for serving on the Warm Springs Public Service District Board**

The Morgan County Commission presented a plaque to Rose Zorich for her late husband, Paul Zorich's years of service on the Warm Springs Public Service District board.

## **Recess**

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