

Morgan County Commission Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2009

Members Present: Thomas Swaim, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk at 3:40 p.m.

Administration

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission approved the minutes from the June 18, 2009 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

West Virginia Association of Counties

The County Commission signed forms authorizing a \$5.00 deduction from their salaries to pay part of the annual dues to the West Virginia Association of Counties. All Morgan County elected officials are asked to allow a similar deduction. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she was not on the Commission when this deduction was initiated and asked why the \$5.00 deduction was started. Commissioner Swaim responded that the deduction began a number of years ago dated back to September 22, 2000 to cover any expenses related to lobbying for salary increases by the West Virginia Association of Counties for elected county officials.

Lewisburg Osteopathic School of Medicine

The Commission set a date to meet with the Director of the Lewisburg Osteopathic School of Medicine in Lewisburg, WV. Also planning to attend the meeting are Dr. William Graves from Graves Medical Practice, Neil McLaughlin, Vice President of Operations for War Memorial Hospital and Todd Way from Valley Health Systems. The Commission will travel to Lewisburg, WV on June 28 & 29 to meet with the director and take a tour of the facility.

Court Order for Region Nine Planning and Development Council

On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission appoints Louis Herrell to the Region Nine Planning and Development Council to serve a one year term. This motion carried.

Morgan County Fair Board

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission nominates Commissioner Hutchinson to serve on the Morgan County Fair Board. This motion carried.

MOM Dental Clinic

Commissioner Hutchinson explained to the Commission that she had received an invitation to tour the MOM Dental Clinic that will be taking place on June 26-27, 2009 at the Hedgesville High School in Hedgesville, WV. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she will visit the clinic on Friday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge Agreement with CNB Bank

The County Commission authorized its President, Brenda J. Hutchinson to sign the pledge agreement designating CNB Bank as depository for all public monies, beginning on the 1st day of July, 2009 and continuing until further order of the Commission. Commissioner Hutchinson signed the agreement.

Mike Fox- Pleasant View Community Center- request for handrails for handicap ramp

Mr. Fox, representing the Pleasant View Community Center approached the Commission and explained that the community center has recently installed a handicap ramp and would like to install handrails for the ramp. Mr. Fox requested funds in the amount of \$1,240.00 for the supplies and construction of the metal handrails. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that the Commission will be reviewing the budget during a general budget meeting on June 26, 2009 and will consider the request. The Commission will follow up with Mr. Fox with a decision following the budget meeting.

Rebecca Murphy- GOV Deals

Rebecca Murphy, representing GOV Deals.com, approached the Commission and performed a presentation on the projector screen explaining the GOV Deals program and website. Ms. Murphy explained that GOV Deals is an online auction service that government entities use to sell surplus items. Ms. Murphy explained and demonstrated the website to the Commission and informed them that there is no contract or obligation to use govdeals.com. Ms. Murphy stated that GOV Deals has been featured on ABC World News, CBS and FOX News. The Commission agreed to explore the idea of using GOV Deals to sell surplus items. Commissioner Hutchinson introduced Ms. Murphy to County Commission staff employee, Maxie Maggio, and Maxie will work with Ms. Murphy to draw up an agreement for the County Commission to review.

Discussion and set public hearing on Noise Ordinance & False Alarm Ordinance

Noise Ordinance

The County Commission discussed and agreed to keep the noise ordinance as is and not make any amendments at this time.

False Alarm Ordinance

The County Commission discussed and agreed to give the false alarm ordinance back to the Prosecuting Attorney and explain that the ordinance is taken straight from Tucker County, WV. The Commission will request that the Prosecuting Attorney review the ordinance again.

Tammy Margraff- Funds request for Berkeley Springs Museum

Tammy Margraff and Susan Millburn approached the Commission and thanked them for their support for the previous years. Ms. Margraff explained that the Berkeley Springs Museum would like to expand some existing exhibits and explained that with the economy, the museum has lost contacts. Ms. Margraff requested that the Commission consider a funds request in the amount of \$5500.00. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that usually funds come out of the hotel/motel account and at the present time, there is just not enough funds in that account. Commissioner Hutchinson also explained that the Commission will have a general budget meeting on June 26, 2009 and will explore the

options of creating a hotel/motel budget at the meeting. The Commission agreed to consider the request at the budget meeting.

Robert Sloan- Prospect Peak Cell Tower

Mr. Sloan, a member of the Prospect Peak Homeowner's Association approached the Commission and presented a letter to each Commissioner. Mr. Sloan read the letter aloud and explained that Prospect Peak homeowners, neighbors and friends are opposed to the construction of a communications tower. Mr. Sloan explained that the tower site is very close to his home. Mr. Sloan stated that himself and his neighbors are opposed to the tower being so close to their home and are afraid of the risks of constructing the tower site and the actual tower. Mr. Sloan suggested some alternative locations for a tower site in the letter. The Commission discussed the options of the location and the alternative locations. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that she had met with Ted Miller, majority owner of R & T Properties and that he had offered to discuss the sale of land he owns to the county to be used as a cell tower site. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that there needs to be research completed in the records room for the piece of property and further discussion with Mr. Miller concerning the property. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that the land from Mr. Miller may be an ideal location for the tower site because the land is higher up on the mountain. The Commission discussed the tower site with Director of Emergency Services, Dave Michael and agreed to explore their options. Commissioner Hutchinson agreed to keep in touch with Mr. Sloan and explore possible alternative options for a tower site.

Sam Ashelman- Discussion on how to make Morgan County a better place to live and work

Mr. Ashelman approached the Commission and presented a letter explaining his concerns for Morgan County. Mr. Ashelman had a few questions about the improvements of the state parks in Morgan County. The Commission explained that there was an article in the Morgan Messenger about the expansion of Cacapon State Park's lodge and the indoor pool and spa facility they are planning to construct. Mr. Ashelman stated that he was glad to hear of the plans and thanked the Commission for their time.

Maxie Maggio- ARRA resolution

Ms. Maggio approached the Commission and presented a resolution for funding from the West Virginia Department of Highways American Recovery and Reinvestment Act/Stimulus Funding Program. Ms. Maggio explained the resolution was in reference to a grant that she had applied for on line in the amount of \$207,500.00. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission authorized its president, Brenda J. Hutchinson as the official representative for the Commission to act on its behalf to enter into a contractual agreement with the West Virginia Department of Highways to receive and administer American Recovery and Reinvestment Act/.Stimulus Funding Program grant funds. This motion carried.

Adjournment

On a Stacy Dugan/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. This motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting

July 2, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m.

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Morgan County Meeting Room