

**Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes**

**General Budget Meeting
July 2, 2009**

Members Present: Thomas Swaim, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan

The meeting was opened by Cathy Payne, Deputy County Clerk at 9:32 a.m.

Administration

Discussion on Approval of meeting minutes dated 6/25/09

Commissioner Hutchinson objected to the statement in the minutes under WV Association of Counties to deduct “the sum of \$5.00 annually from their salary to be paid to the Association of Counties to cover any expenses related to lobbying for an increase in salaries.” Commissioner Swaim said that was what the \$5.00 was for and he wanted it in the minutes. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the decision was made prior to her term on the Commission and she certainly was not in favor of salary increases at this time for elected officials and was not aware of any lobbying by the WV Association of Counties for salary increases since she came onto the Commission in 2007. After a heated discussion, it was decided to table the approval of the minutes until the tape from the 6/25/09 meeting could be reviewed.

Morgan County Fair letter of support

Commission President Brenda Hutchinson signed a letter of support for the Morgan County Fair.

Interviews for the Assistant Grant Employee Position

The County Commission reviewed the applications and agreed to make selections and set up interviews for the individuals.

Jeanne Mozier- Washington Heritage Trail

Jeanne Mozier, representing the Washington Heritage Trail Board of Trustees approached the Commission. Ms. Mozier explained to the Commission that the Washington Heritage Trail Board of Trustees held their annual meeting to elect officers and review the organizations bylaws, and the review resulted in several changes to the bylaws. Ms. Mozier explained to the Commission that the Washington Heritage Trail Board of Trustees requests the Morgan County Commission’s approval to transfer the appointment of Morgan County Trustees to Travel Berkeley Springs. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission agreed to change the bylaws for the Washington Heritage Trail and transfer the appointment to Travel Berkeley Springs. This motion carried.

Susan Caperton- SPF SIG Resolution & Memorandum of Understanding

Megan Hauser, representing the Morgan County Partnership, approached the

Commission and explained that she was filling in for Susan Caperton while she was on vacation. Ms. Hauser presented a SPF SIG resolution and Memorandum of Understanding to the Commission and explained the accomplishments the partnership program has achieved and the programs it offers to children. Ms. Hauser explained that the programs include positive youth activities and after school activities. Ms. Hauser explained that future goals for the program include creating a program for children in grades K-5th grade. The Commission commended Ms. Hauser for all the hard work the partnership puts into their programs. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission authorizes its president, Brenda J. Hutchinson, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Morgan County Commission and the Morgan County Partnership, and also the Morgan County Commission accepts the conditions of the contract and authorizes Brenda Hutchinson, its president, as the official representative for the Morgan County Commission in the administration of the Stragic Prevention Framework State Implementation Grant (SPF SIG) for its fourth year. This motion carried.

Rob Steptoe- Economic Recovery Bonds

Mr. Steptoe, representing Crews & Associates approached the Commission and presented information regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) Bond Program Overview. Mr. Steptoe explained to the Commission that there are new discounted bond programs offered by the Federal Government. Mr. Steptoe reviewed the information packet and the different types of bonds with the Commission. Mr. Steptoe agreed to check the rates for a \$7 million dollar project and follow up with the Commission.

Discussion on Board Appointees

The Commission discussed the board appointments and agreed to review the applications and current board members that are due for reappointments to find out if they are still interested in serving. The Commission will review the attendance of the current board members and start the re-appointment process along with court orders.

Upcoming Meetings

July 9, 2009 @3:30 p.m.

Morgan County Commission Meeting

Morgan County Commission Meeting Room