

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2009

Members Present: Thomas Swaim, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan

The meeting was opened by Kim Nickles, Deputy County Clerk at 3:37 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes

On a Thomas Swaim/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the minutes from the October 8, 2009 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Brickstreet Insurance

The Morgan County Commission received an invitation to attend the Annual Meeting of Members of West Virginia Employers' Mutual Insurance Company. There was a proxy enclosed for the Commission to vote and return. The Commission completed the proxy.

Legislative Summit

Commissioners Hutchinson and Swaim plan to attend the Tri County Legislative Summit meeting that will take place at the Woods Resort in Hedgesville, WV on November 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The Commissioners agreed to create a list of concerns to be presented at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Judy Wolfe- presentation for Software Systems, Inc. computer system for Sheriff Tax Office

Judy Wolfe and Mike Manley, representing Software Systems, Inc. approached the Commission and presented information regarding the software system for the Sheriff Tax Office. Mr. Manley explained that Software Systems, Inc. has worked with various offices in Morgan County since October of 1989 and installed the first computer system in the Sheriff's Tax Office for tax collection and fire fee billing and collection. Mr. Manley explained that since 1989, SSI has implemented an ambulance fee billing and collection system, the Assessor's Supplemental system, the DMV Management System and also has provided support for the Circuit Clerk's Office with a docketing and case management system. Mr. Manley also explained how SSI helped during the courthouse fire by getting equipment together so the Tax Office could continue collecting property taxes and fees within days of the disaster. Mr. Manley explained that the current computer system is becoming outdated and presented a proposal for a replacement upgrade system for the Commission to review and discuss. The Commission agreed to review the information on the upgraded system and thanked them for their time and presentation.

Cannon Wadsworth- presentation for Global Science Technology computer system for Sheriff Tax Office

Cannon Wadsworth and Matt Freier, representing Global Science Technology approached the Commission and presented information on Global Science Technology's computer system for the Sheriff Tax and Assessor's Office. Circuit Clerk, Kim Jackson and employees from the Sheriff Tax Office presented a list of questions to Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Freier concerning the software system. Mr. Wadsworth explained that Global Science Technology is based in Fairmont, WV and currently has technology contracts with 48 WV counties for various services and has worked for the Morgan County Assessor's Office for 12 years. Mr. Wadsworth presented a price list for the program to the Commission to review. Mr. Freier approached the Commission with the questions given by the Sheriff's Tax Office, and Mr. Freier reviewed and answered the questions. The Commission thanked them for their time and presentation. The Commission will make a decision at a later date.

Maxie Maggio- Courthouse Expenditure Drawdown

Ms. Maggio presented an expenditure drawdown to the Commission for approval. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the Commission authorized its president, Brenda J. Hutchinson to sign the adopted resolution and authorize the directed payment to Milestone Construction Services, Inc in the amount of \$844,082.10 for the construction of the courthouse. This motion carried.

Dale McConnell- Interview for the Fire Board

Mr. McConnell approached the Commission for an interview for the Fire Board. Commissioner Dugan explained the duties and responsibilities of the Fire Board. Mr. McConnell explained that he has seventeen years experience with different fire departments. The Commission decided to appoint Mr. McConnell to the Fire Board. On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission appoints Dale V. McConnell to the Morgan County Fire Board to serve a three year term. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire April 30, 2012. This motion carried.

County Commission discuss and consider re-finishing the desk and clock out of the County Clerks office

Commissioner Swaim explained that an oak rolltop desk and a clock was saved during the courthouse fire. The desk and clock were in the County Clerks office. Commissioner Swaim has the items stored in the basement of his home. Commissioner Swaim has checked into getting the two items re-finished and presented a quote. Commissioner Swaim explained that the price is \$2500.00 for the desk and \$350.00 for the clock to be re-finished. The Commission discussed the items and would like to have them re-finished and placed in the new courthouse. On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission agreed to spend \$2500.00 to have the desk re-finished and \$350.00 to have the clock re-finished. This motion carried.

Public Hearing- False Alarm Ordinance

Sheriff Vince Shambaugh approached the Commission and explained that with a small sheriff's department, it is hard to answer the alarm calls and the time dealing with a false alarm takes time away from a possible emergency call.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that this was a public hearing and the Commission is willing to hear the publics' comments.

Lou Clawges, representing Security Electronics approached the Commission and explained that alarm systems can be set up for the double code system. Mr. Clawges explained that the double code system is a system set up to go off when two detectors are activated instead on one. Mr. Clawges explained that if an animal sets off one detector the alarm will go off, but the double code system allows for 2 movements setting off two different detectors, therefore, having fewer false alarm calls. Mr. Clawges further explained that all is needed for the double alarm system is to alert the monitoring companies that two motions or movements are needed to set off the alarm and alert authorities. John Ramming, a local citizen approached the Commission and requested the Commission look at the situation like a repair project and not scare the citizens and make them afraid to use their alarm systems. Some other concerns from the public included a list of the resident names that have alarm systems, Sheriff Shambaugh stated that the list would be kept in a secure location for law enforcement and 911 emergency personnel only. The Commission decided not to proceed with the actual ordinance at this time and explore alternative options. The Commission agreed to explore the double code system. Commissioner Hutchinson agreed to research the double code system and find out if this is an option that can be enforced in Morgan County. Commissioner Hutchinson also requested that Sheriff Shambaugh speak to the 911 dispatch center to find out if the dispatch can require two detectors going off before police are notified. Sheriff Shambaugh agreed to talk to the 911 dispatch center and get back to the Commission with any information he obtains.

Adjournment

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m. This motion carried.