

Morgan County Commission

Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2010

Members Present: Thomas Swaim, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk at 3:35 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the June 17, 2010 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Reliance Lab Inc.

Commissioner Dugan stated that after speaking to Rebecca McLeod last week at the County Commission meeting, she decided to call Reliance Lab Inc. to compare the prices for the soil sampling tests performed at the soccer field. Commissioner Dugan stated that she called Reliance Lab and spoke to a representative and requested a price quote regarding the same kinds of tests. Commissioner Dugan stated that the tests performed were volatile and semi-volatile and resource conservation recovery act (RCRA) metals soil sampling tests. Commissioner Dugan stated that a representative from Reliance Lab Inc. quoted her a price of \$2,910.00 for the lab work only. Commissioner Dugan stated that the price quote did not include the field work or retrieving the soil samples and did not report or suggest any plan or correction. Commissioner Dugan stated that she did a price comparison between Potesta Engineers and Environmental Consultants and Reliance Lab Inc. which resulted in the amounts being similar in price.

Recovery Zone Bonds

Governor Manchin signed into law Senate Bill 4002, amending the Code of West Virginia by adding an article which authorizes the use of certain bonds found in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Although the Commission had hoped to possibly use the bonds for a new senior center, the project is still in the early stages and has yet to identify a funding stream to repay the bonds. On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission will waive the recovery zone bonds at this time.

Water running through the Morgan County Library Parking Lot

Connie Perry approached the Commission and explained that the parking lot at the Morgan County Library is developing sink holes. Ms. Perry explained that the retaining wall from the bridge that is constructed over the Warm Springs Run is deteriorating and water is coming into the parking lot. Ms. Perry stated that eventually the wall will need to be replaced. Ms. Perry stated that she just wanted to explain the situation to the Commissioners so they are aware of the problem. Ms. Perry stated that she has spoken to different organizations including the West Virginia Soil Conservation Agency in Morgantown to design a fix for the wall. Ms. Perry stated that she will continue to get estimates and move forward with the permits. Ms. Perry stated that she will also check into receiving

grant money to help with the project. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Ms. Perry could talk to Carol York, Grants Assistant, and she is located in the County Commission office.

Handouts for the Zoning Public Hearings

Alma Gorse, County Planner, approached the Commission to discuss the zoning public hearings. Ms. Gorse presented a zoning ordinance review packet of information that is to be handed out at the public hearings. Ms. Gorse explained that the ordinance review features pictures of colored maps. Ms. Gorse explained if copies were made in the Commission office, they would be black and white instead of color. Ms. Gorse stated that color maps will be easier for the citizens to understand and read. Ms. Gorse requested the permission to have the ordinance review packets printed out by a printing company. On a Stacy Dugan/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved to have copies of the zoning ordinance review printed by the Morgan Messenger. The copies will be handed out at the public hearings set for July 1 and July 2, 2010. This motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Christina Vogt- Community Service for traffic ticket fines

Christina Vogt approached the Commission regarding the possibility of working off a traffic ticket fine through community service. Ms. Vogt stated that she will contact other counties and see if they provide that type of service. Commissioner Swaim stated that the County Commission has no authority over traffic tickets or fines. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she is willing to use the County Commission Association email list serve to check and see if neighboring counties allow this. Deputy Tony Link, representing the Morgan County Sheriffs Department, approached the Commission and explained that it states in the West Virginia Code that a person shall be fined an amount, and the only way to use community service is for jail time. Deputy Link stated that the court fees and fines are mandated by state code. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the County Commission can take a look at the idea and find out what other counties are doing. She also suggested that Ms. Vogt approach the State Legislature with her idea.

Revisit Ambulance Fees

Kevin Duckwall, representing the Morgan County Rescue Squad approached the Commission and presented a handout of information. Mr. Duckwall explained that the rescue squad members are discussing the possibility of creating an ambulance board. Mr. Duckwall will follow up with the Commission. Kim Michael, Chief Tax Deputy, approached the Commission to discuss the delinquent ambulance fee bills. Ms. Michael presented a list of delinquent bill totals to the Commission for review. Ms. Michael suggested sending out letters stating that if the bills are not paid, it will be turned over to a collection agency. The Commission agreed and are in favor of sending letters stating that delinquent customers will be turned over to Valley Credit Agency in Hagerstown, MD. The Sheriff Tax Office will start mailing the letters in November 2010.

Written request from EDA (Economic Dev. Authority) regarding the closing on the lot for Mountain View Solar

The Morgan County Economic Development Authority Fund has agreed to sell part of lot 7 which is located at the Morgan County Industrial Park to Mountain View Solar & Wind. The property is held in the name of the Morgan County Commission and must be deeded from the Commission to the Economic Development Authority prior to closing. The Commission received a written request from the Economic Development Authority requesting a motion be made authorizing the Commission President to sign the proper documents to transfer the property to the EDA for the sale. A date will be set for closing once the survey and all agreements are completed by Attorney George McVey. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan

motion, the County Commission authorizes its president, Brenda J. Hutchinson to sign all documents needed for the transfer of the property. This motion carried.

Traci Welch- Weiss Cleaning Supplies- cleaning equipment

Traci Welch, representing Weiss Cleaning Supplies approached the Commission. Ms. Welch presented a catalog and price list. The Commission reviewed the prices for the vacuums and floor scrubbers. The Commission will make a decision at the July 8, 2010 County Commission meeting.

Bruce Beadenkopf- power-point presentation on Parks & Recreation Facilities

Bruce Beadenkopf approached the Commission to present a power-point presentation. Mr. Beadenkopf gave the presentation and explained all the parks & recreation facilities. Mr. Beadenkopf explained the history of the properties. The Commission thanked Mr. Beadenkopf for the presentation. Mr. Beadenkopf asked what could be done at the soccer field and suggested fertilizing it very well and going over it with a metal detector to find any metal. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Commission will have to speak to Steve Rawlings from the WV Risk Pool Insurance Company before a decision can be made. Mr. Beadenkopf asked the possibility of including a line item in the budget for Parks & Recreation. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the budget is very tight, and the Commission will discuss his request at the July 1st budget meeting. Commissioner Swaim stated that the Commission has given a lot of money to Parks and Recreation.

Adjournment

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. This motion carried.