

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2010

Members Present: Thomas Swaim, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan

The meeting was opened by Cathy Payne, Chief Deputy County Clerk at 3:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Meeting Minutes

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the December 9, 2010 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, approached the Commission and stated that Tom Potts, Architect for Silling & Associates will be coming to the courthouse on Monday, December 20 to meet with the Commission to discuss the HVAC system for the courthouse. Commission President, Brenda Hutchinson, said she would attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Dick Kline, Alpha Associates- present sketch of old courthouse

Dick Kline, President and CEO of Alpha Associates, approached the Commission. Mr. Kline explained that every year Alpha Associates does a sketch of a historical building in West Virginia. Mr. Kline stated that in 2006, they completed a sketch of the Morgan County Courthouse. Mr. Kline stated that they have been holding the completed sketch since the courthouse fire and now is the appropriate time to present it. Mr. Kline presented the sketch to the County Commission. The Commissioners thanked him and stated that the sketch was beautiful.

Timothy Stranko, Steptoe & Johnson, LLC- Chesapeake Bay mandate

Timothy Stranko, representing Steptoe & Johnson, LLC, approached the Commission and presented a power point presentation. Mr. Stranko stated that in support of a multi-state effort to restore the Chesapeake Bay, the citizens are subject to new and very restrictive regulation regarding land use and discharge to the watershed. Mr. Stranko stated that increased expenses will inevitably be placed upon the citizens for capital improvements, regulation, operation and maintenance of new systems that are required to meet the new Bay standards. Mr. Stranko explained that Senator Herb Snyder is leading the fight to ensure that the citizens and governments of the eastern panhandle do not pay these new costs, and he has drafted and is sponsoring legislation that will create a state fund dedicated to these costs. Mr. Stranko stated that he is trying to get counties in the Eastern Panhandle to support the legislative issue and pledge money to come forward. Mr. Stranko stated that he is trying to get \$5000 for each entity. Mr. Stranko stated that the Warm Springs Public Service district has agreed to pay up to \$5000. Commissioner

Hutchinson stated that she would like to speak to the neighboring counties and discuss this further during the budget meeting in January before making a decision. The Commission decided to revisit the issue in January after the budget meeting and the newly elected Commissioner, Brad Close, is present. Mr. Stranko stated that he would follow up with the Commission in January.

Jim Michael, Warm Springs Watershed Association- report of the maintenance work for the dams

Jim Michael, representing the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, approached the Commission to give a report on the maintenance work for the dams in Morgan County. Mr. Michael presented a handout of information. Mr. Michael introduced Jeremy Salyer and Derrick Tettenburn, representing the West Virginia Conservation Agency. Mr. Salyer reviewed the handout of information with the Commission. Mr. Salyer stated that there are 8 dams in Morgan County. Mr. Salyer explained the benefits of watershed structures and the monitoring and emergency action plans. Mr. Salyer explained the operation and maintenance of the watershed association. The Commission thanked Mr. Salyer and Mr. Michael for their time and the update.

Alma Gorse, County Planner- Intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Bath- floodplain reviews

Alma Gorse, County Planner, approached the Commission with an intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Bath. Ms. Gorse presented the intergovernmental agreement to the Commission for their review. Ms. Gorse explained that she will review floodplain applications within the Town of Bath. Ms. Gorse stated that the town will be billed by Arro Engineering for the engineering work, and the town will reimburse the county. Ms. Gorse stated that she already reviews the floodplain applications for the Town of Paw Paw. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission authorizes Brenda J. Hutchinson, President, to sign the agreement for Alma Gorse, County Planner, to review the floodplain applications for the Town of Bath. This motion carried.

Commissioner Stacy Dugan- Letter of support for satellite DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) office

The Commission is in support of the development of a Division of Motor Vehicles satellite office in Morgan County, WV to be open for operation once a week. There is office space for the satellite office at the Emergency Services Building in Berkeley Springs, WV. Commissioner Dugan stated that this would stop citizens from having to travel to Romney, WV or Martinsburg, WV for general DMV tasks. The office will not be able to perform driving tests but can renew tags and answer general questions. The Commission will send a support letter to the DMV Commissioner in Charleston, WV and has sent copies of the letter to neighboring counties asking for their support as well. The Commission signed the support letter.

Carol York, Grant Administrator- Establish committee to score EECBG solar grant proposals. (Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant)

Carol York, Grant Administrator, approached the Commission and explained that their approval is requested for the establishment of the above referenced RFP evaluation committee. Ms. York stated that the committee is being established to score response proposals for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Courthouse Solar Electricity Project RFP Evaluation Committee. Ms. York presented a list of committee members to the Commission for approval. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approves the list of committee members for the RFP evaluation committee. This motion carried. The committee members are as follows: Rodney Hovermale, David Michael, Carol Crabtree, Jody McClintock and Carol York.

Bob Dugan, Morgan County EMS- review and update on Morgan County Emergency Medical Services Board

Bob Dugan, representing Morgan County EMS, approached the Commission and presented a handout. Mr. Dugan stated that on November 1, 2010, by a unanimous vote, it was decided by the County Commission to distribute the fire fee funds collected to date for the years of 2007, 2008 and 2009. The disbursements are \$31,692.49 to the Morgan County Rescue Service and \$3,521.38 to the Paw Paw Volunteer Fire Company. The County Commission approved the handout.

Kevin Duckwall, Morgan County EMS- appointment to the 911 Board

Kevin Duckwall, representing the Morgan County EMS, approached the Commission to be appointed to the Morgan County 911 Advisory Board. On a Thomas Swaim/Stacy Dugan motion, the Morgan County Commission hereby appoints Kevin Duckwall to the Morgan County 911 Advisory Board to serve the remainder of John Corson's three year term. This term is effective immediately and will expire December 31, 2013. This motion carried.

Adjournment

On a Stacy Dugan/Thomas Swaim motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m. This motion carried.