

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2011

Members Present: Brad Close, Brenda Hutchinson and Stacy Dugan

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk at 9:30 a.m.

Newly Elected Officials to be sworn in:

Debra Kesecker- County Clerk

Brad Close- County Commissioner

Commission President, Brenda Hutchinson, swore in Debra Kesecker, as the County Clerk for Morgan County.

County Clerk, Debra Kesecker, swore in Brad Close as County Commissioner for Morgan County.

Elect President of County Commission

Commission President, Brenda Hutchinson, approached the Commission and explained that two years ago, she was nominated as President of the County Commission. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that during the two years she has served as President, the Commission has sold War Memorial Hospital, which will help the county economically, enrolled in a purchase card program from which the county receives money back for using the card and has received over \$12,000 to date. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that over the past two years, the Commission has balanced the budget and has not had to raise the levy rate or lay off any county employees. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she believes the presidency should be rotated and asked for nominations. Commissioner Close nominated Commissioner Dugan. On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission nominates Commissioner Stacy Dugan to serve as Commission President for the year of 2011. This motion carried.

Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Dugan presented the 2011 Holiday Schedule for the Commission to review. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the Commission approved the holiday schedule for 2011. This motion carried.

Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Dugan presented the Commission Meeting Schedule for 2011 for the Commission to review. The Commission reviewed the schedule. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she is not in agreement with the meeting schedule and stated that the meetings are scheduled every other week instead of weekly. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that being a County Commissioner is a full time job, and she feels that weekly meetings are needed. Commissioner Hutchinson requested that the Commission

meet the first four Thursdays of the month with the first three Thursdays beginning at 9:30 am and the 4th Thursday going from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that this would allow working people a chance to participate in the meetings. Commissioner Close stated that he agrees being a County Commissioner is a full time job, but he doesn't feel weekly meetings are necessary. Commissioner Close stated that having meetings twice a month allows time for the Commissioners to be out working with the citizens. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested having the meetings begin at 9:30 am. The Commission agreed. On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approves the County Commission meeting schedule for 2011. Commissioner Hutchinson opposed. This motion carried.

Appoint Committee Appointments

The Commission reviewed the Committee Appointments for 2011. Commissioner Close stated that he has been on the Planning Commission for six or seven years and would like to continue serving. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Commissioner Thomas Swaim was on the planning commission board and out of respect for him, she has waited until he retired to serve. Commissioner Dugan stated that she will vouch for that and Commissioner Hutchinson has waited for two years to serve on the Planning Commission Board. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the Committee Appointments for the year of 2011. This motion carried. Listed below are the Committee Appointments:

Commissioner Stacy A. Dugan

Chamber of Commerce
Region 9 Planning & Development Council
Morgan County Fire Board
LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission)
County Extension Service Committee
Community Criminal Justice Board

Commissioner Brenda J. Hutchinson

Morgan County Economic Development Authority Board
Farmland Preservation Board
Senior Life Board
Morgan County Fair Board
Morgan County Planning Commission
Eastern Panhandle Transportation Authority
Executive Board for Morgan County Partnership

Commissioner Bradley J. Close

Parks & Recreation Board – after March
911 Advisory Board
Work Force Investment Board
Morgan County Emergency Medical Services
Wage & Review Board

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m. This motion carried.