

Morgan County Commission  
Special Budget Review Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2011

The meeting was opened at 9:30 a.m. by Cathy Payne, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Members present: President Stacy Dugan, Commissioner Brenda Hutchinson and Commissioner Brad Close

Also present: Debra Kesecker, County Clerk, Cathy Payne, Deputy County Clerk, Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Dave McDonald, Information Technology Director, Pam Farnham, Morgan County Humane Society, Larry Lower, Morgan County Association for Food and Farm, Dave Abner, Morgan Messenger, Abby Porter, Morgan County Association for Food and Farm, Dale McConnell, Tricia Strader, Journal, and Tony Link, Morgan County Sheriff's Department

Carol York- Grant Administrator- Resolution

Carol York, Grant Administrator, approached the Commission and presented a resolution for the WV DOT Safe Routes To School Program. Ms. York explained that the resolution is in support of applying for the SRTS FY2011 grant program for funding necessary to complete a sidewalk on Concord Avenue to Widmyer Elementary School. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission authorizes Stacy A. Dugan, President of the Morgan County Commission, to act on its behalf as the official representative for the Commission in the administration of the West Virginia Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program. This motion carried.

Dave McDonald- Information Technology Director, gave a power point presentation to the Commission regarding the possibility of video taping the Commission meetings to be available on the [morgancountywv.gov](http://morgancountywv.gov) website. Mr. McDonald also explained IT supplies that are available to upgrade the current computer system for the county offices. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would not be in favor of the additional expense of videotaping Commission meetings as long as only 140 people have subscribed to the current County list serve and as long as we do not have high speed internet countywide. The Commission did not make any decisions at this time.

Funds Request & Budget Review

Morgan County Sheriff's Department

The Commission reviewed the budget and funding requests. The Commission reviewed the request from the Morgan County Sheriff's Department requesting 2 vehicles and a new K-9. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she was not in favor of purchasing 2 new Dodge Chargers and retaining the Ford Explorer. She suggested purchasing 1 Dodge Charger and 1 four wheel drive Dodge Durango and taking two high mileage vehicles out of service. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission authorizes funds in the amount of \$45,578.00 for one new Dodge Charger

and one new Dodge Durango for the Sheriff's Department. This motion carried. The funds will be distributed from the interest that has been put into the Capital Reserve fund.

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission authorizes funds in the amount of \$5200.00 for a new K-9 dog and \$1000.00 loan for training for the dog with the \$1000.00 to be reimbursed to the General County Fund. This motion carried. The funds will be taken out of the coal severance fund for the new K-9 dog and out of the General County fund for the training.

#### Morgan County Association for Food and Farm

The Commission reviewed the funding request from the Morgan County Association for Food and Farm requesting funds in the amount of \$2500.00. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved funds in the amount of \$1000.00 for education and organizational development for the Morgan County Association for Food and Farm. This motion carried. The funds will be distributed out of the General County Fund.

#### Morgan County Humane Society

The Commission reviewed the funds request from the Morgan County Humane Society requesting funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the TNR (Trap & Neuter) program. The Commission discussed the request. Commissioner Close stated that this is a lot of money requested and he cannot approve to spend it on a TNR program. Commissioner Close stated that there are many citizens in the county that are out of work and need money. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she believes that controlling the feral cat population is essential to public safety. As the feral cat population continues to expand so does the possibility of increased rabies cases and diseases. She also stated that she has had more complaints about feral cats than any other single issue in the county. On a Brenda Hutchinson/President Dugan motion, the County Commission approved funds in the amount of \$5000.00 to go towards the TNR program. Commissioner Close opposed. This motion carried. The funds will be distributed out of the General County Fund.

#### Potomac Highlands Support Services- Retired Senior Volunteer Program

The Commission reviewed the funds request from the Potomac Highlands Support Services- Retired Senior Volunteer Program requesting funds in the amount of \$3000.00. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved funds in the amount of \$1500.00 for the Potomac Highlands Support Services- Retired Senior Volunteer Program. This motion carried. The funds will be distributed out of the General County Fund.

#### Adjournment

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. This motion carried.