

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2011

Present: President Stacy Dugan, Commissioner Brenda Hutchinson, and Commissioner Brad Close

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Andy Swaim, Loretta Barron, Lenny Barron, Kate Shunney, Andy Jurick, Alana Hartman, Nick Schell, Sara Wuertenberg, Alma Gorse, Herb Peddicord, Jack Soronen, Lennox Cornwall, Robert Dugan, Mary Hott, Denise Bergen, Randy Fischer, Jim Hoyt, Kim Michael, Miriam Rider and Kevin Boles

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

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the March 3, 2011 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Leonard Barron approached the Commission and stated that he was concerned about social security benefits. Mr. Barron stated that he read in the newspaper that the government is spending our social security wages. President Dugan stated that she can give Mr. Barron names of representatives from the federal government if he would like to contact them. President Dugan thanked Mr. Barron for sharing his concerns and comments with the Commission.

Carol York, Grant Administrator- Resolution for Court Security Fund Grant Program

Carol York, Grant Administrator, approached the Commission and presented a resolution for the court security fund grant program. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the motion to provide a match of 10% on the fiscal year 2011 court security fund grant application and authorized Stacy A. Dugan, Commission President, as the official representative for the Commission in the administration of the West Virginia Criminal Justice Services FY2011 Court Security Fund Grant Program. This motion carried.

Resolution for Local Economic Development Grant Program

The Morgan County Commission names the Morgan County Economic Development Authority as the primary economic development organization for Morgan County. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the Morgan County Commission hereby pledges \$31,008 from the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget to match a grant award acquired from the Local Economic Development Grant Program. This motion carried.

Tax Credit for Silling & Associates

The Commission discussed the tax credit for Silling & Associates. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission authorizes Commissioner Close to correspond with Tom Potts, Architect, Silling & Associates, and to specify that the jury notification system must be completed before the Commission will sign off on the project. This motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Alana Hartman- WV DEP- update on Chesapeake Bay TMDL-

Ms. Hartman approached the Commission to give an update on the Chesapeake Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load). Ms. Hartman explained that the Chesapeake Bay is a national and local treasure, and an important source of livelihood, recreation and cultural heritage for the region. Ms. Hartman stated that after receiving pollution from the surrounding landscape for many years, the Bay is in trouble. The states in the Chesapeake Bay watershed- Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, along with the District of Columbia and the US Environmental Protection Agency are working together to find solutions to the Bay's pollution problems. In May 2009, President Obama issued an Executive Order that substantially expanded the federal commitment to the Chesapeake Bay region. The order required the six watershed states and the District of Columbia to develop and submit Watershed Implementation Plans. Ms. Hartman presented the water implementation plan to the Commission. Ms. Hartman stated that WV DEP is launching an effort to have counties in WV help make the watershed implementation plan as strong as possible. Ms. Hartman stated that the WV DEP is looking for volunteers from local governments. Commissioner Hutchinson agreed to volunteer.

Decision on applicant for Planning Commission board

Commissioner Close stated that he liked all 3 candidates. Commissioner Close moved to appoint Jeremy Compton to the Morgan County Planning Commission board. There was not a second. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she thought all three candidates were good. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to appoint Eric LaRue to the Morgan County Commission. Commissioner Dugan stated that she also chooses Eric LaRue. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission appoints Eric LaRue to the Morgan County Planning Commission board. Commissioner Close opposed. This motion carried. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2013.

JJ Steiner, Morgan County Rescue Squad- Discuss fire plan for courthouse

Mr. Steiner was not present at the County Commission meeting.

Darren Parker & Lennox Cornwall- Americans Fidelity Assurance Company

Lennox Cornwall approached the Commission to explain the benefits of the Americans Fidelity Assurance Company. Mr. Cornwall stated that American Fidelity Assurance Company is a single source provider of benefits and services at both the employer and the employee level. Mr. Cornwall explained the plans that American Fidelity Assurance offers. Mr. Cornwall presented a handout of information to the Commission. Mr. Cornwall stated that some of the employee benefits include disability income insurance,

life insurance, accident only insurance, cancer insurance, hospital indemnity insurance and competitive core benefits. The Commission reviewed the information and thanked Mr. Cornwall for his time.

Mary Hott, Jeanne Mozier & Denise Bergen- Morgan Arts Council- Review & Funds Request- \$10,000

Mary Hott, representing the Morgan Arts Council, approached the Commission to give an annual review and funds request. Ms. Hott presented a budget overview for the Commission to review. Ms. Hott also presented advertisements of upcoming events held by the Morgan County Arts Council. Ms. Hott stated that the funds requested from the Commission will be spent on summer concerts, concerts held at the Ice House, summer camps and art theaters. Denise Bergen, President, Morgan Arts Council, approached the Commission and stated that she is proud to be part of the Morgan Arts Council. Ms. Bergen stated that it is a very professional board and she enjoys taking part in the programs. President Dugan stated that the County Commission will review the request in June. The County Commission thanked the ladies for their time and hard work with the Morgan Arts Council.

Randy Fischer- Dispute Ambulance Fee Bill

Randy Fischer approached the Commission and presented copies of his bill for ambulance fees. Mr. Fischer explained that he was having a heart attack while at War Memorial Hospital and needed to be transported, but the helicopter could not fly because of weather conditions. Mr. Fischer stated that Morgan County Rescue Services was contacted and was asked to transport him, but they refused due to the fact that they do not do transports. Mr. Fischer stated that an ambulance from Martinsburg, WV came and transported him to Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, VA. Mr. Fischer stated that he had a 100% blockage and he could have died. Mr. Fischer stated that he feels that he should not pay for a service that he did not get. Robert Dugan, Morgan County Rescue Services, approached and explained that the Morgan County Rescue Service is not licensed to do transports. Mr. Fischer stated that he has permanent damage to his heart muscles because of the time wasted while waiting to be transported. Mr. Fischer asked the Commission if he needs to pay his ambulance bill. Commissioner Close stated that he sympathizes with Mr. Fischer and understands his disappointment, but he feels that Mr. Fischer should pay the bill. Commissioner Dugan asked Robert Dugan what it will cost for the Morgan County Rescue Squad to perform transports. Mr. Dugan stated more people and equipment. Commissioner Close stated that you can start with communication and work on the problem. Commissioner Hutchinson asked if there were written protocols at Morgan County Rescue Service for this situation, and if the log for this incident had been reviewed. Failing to receive a clear answer on either of these, it was suggested that Mr. Fischer look into both. The Commission thanked Mr. Fischer for coming in.

Kevin Boles, Morgan County Observatory- Funds Request- \$3000

Kevin Boles, representing the Morgan County Observatory, approached the Commission and presented a budget review. Mr. Boles explained the types of children's programs that the Morgan County Observatory offers. Mr. Boles presented pictures of children

participating in the programs. Mr. Boles requested funds in the amount of \$3000 to be used for children's summer camp programs, scholarships for needy residents and Boys & Girls club summer & afterschool programs. President Dugan stated that the Commission will review the request during the funds request meeting in June. The Commission thanked Mr. Boles for his time.

Nominees for Community Volunteer Day

Commissioner Hutchinson suggested Don Largent for his tremendous assistance in bringing a cell tower to the Paw Paw area. The Commission agreed to recognize Don Largent as the County Commission's Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Largent will be honored at the 28th annual Community Volunteer Day at the Country Inn on May 21, 2011.

Administrator's Report

STAR Award Program- day off with pay incentive

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, explained that the Wage and Review Board are discussing the possibility of creating an employee incentive program for county employees. Ms. McClintock explained an employee will be selected quarterly and recognized as employee of the quarter. Ms. McClintock stated that the Wage and Review Board recommended awarding the employee with a day off of work with pay as an incentive. Ms. McClintock stated that the Wage and Review Board requests approval from the County Commission. President Dugan stated that she does not agree with rewarding the employee with a day off of work. President Dugan suggested a designated parking spot or a certificate. Ms. McClintock stated that the Wage and Review Board did not agree that a parking spot would be an incentive and stated that the back parking lot is for employees so parking is not an issue anymore. Commissioners Hutchinson and Close agreed that a parking spot is not much of an award. Debra Kesecker, County Clerk, stated to the Commission that a day off with pay would not be an additional expense to the county. President Dugan stated that she still does not agree with a day off with pay. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the problem is creating a fair program for all the employees. Commissioners Hutchinson and Close stated that they were in favor of giving an employee one day off as an award. On a two to one vote, the County Commission approved the request of the Wage and Review Board to continue working on an employee incentive program and gave approval for the employee of the quarter to receive one day off with pay as their award.

MOU with the Criminal Justice Board for per diem participation in the Berkeley/Jefferson Day Report Center

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, stated that the Berkeley/ Jefferson Community Criminal Justice Board in concert with the Berkeley/Jefferson Day Report Center proposes to enter into a MOU with the Morgan County Commission outlining a process that will permit residents of Morgan County who have been referred and accepted into this treatment program to have all rights and privileges to participate. Ms. McClintock presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the Berkeley/Jefferson Day Report Center to the Commission for approval. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the Morgan County Commission approves Stacy A. Dugan, President, Morgan County Commission to sign the memorandum of understanding between the Berkeley County

Community Corrections Board and the Morgan County Commission. This motion carried.

Discussion on excavation bill from 911 Center

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, approached the Commission and presented an excavation bill for the 911 Center. Ms. McClintock stated that Mid Atlantic Contracting, Inc. has been requested to change out the power pole for a larger pole due to changing clearance below the lines. The cost for this change is \$3423.00. Ms. McClintock asked if the County Commission pays this bill or if it should come from the 911 Center's budget. The County Commission discussed the bill and agreed that the payment should come from the 911 Center's budget.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. This motion carried.