

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2011

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

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Andy Swaim, Tricia Strader, Kate Shunney, Joe Yost, Kim Michael, Sandy Kesecker and Robert Dugan

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

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the May 5, 2011 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Pollworkers

The County Commission approved the list of poll workers for the special primary election that is being held on May 14, 2011.

Court Order for depositories for Morgan County Commission

The County Commission signed a court order designating Citizens National Bank, BB&T and City National Bank as depositories for the Morgan County Commission.

Additional information on Animal Control location

Commissioner Hutchinson explained that the animal control residence was purchased through the HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) program. Commissioner Hutchinson stated to the Commission that she has talked to a representative from HUD regarding selling the house and stated that the house can be sold. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would like to further pursue the possibility of selling the house and possibly building a new animal control kennel at a new location on county owned property.

Re-appointment of Margie Allgyer & Lynn Hall to Board of Health

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission hereby re-appoints Lynn Hall to the Morgan County Board of Health to serve a five year term. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2016. This motion carried.

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission hereby re-appoints Margie Allgyer to the Morgan County Board of Health to serve a five year term. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2015. This motion carried.

Relay for Life

Commissioner Hutchinson, chairman of the Morgan County Courthouse Cruisers Relay for Life team explained to the Commission that the Courthouse Cruisers team is doing fundraisers. One of the fund raisers is a bake sale and silent auction on May 26, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Commission hallway next to the Commission meeting room. Commissioner Hutchinson also stated that another fund raiser is affiliated with Georgie's Pizza and she explained that on May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14, 2011, Georgie's Pizza will donate 25% of all pizza sales to the local relay for life.

Budget

Commissioner Close stated that he has been reviewing the budget. Commissioner Close stated that there are some issues with jail bills and the Sheriff's Department's budget. Commissioner Close stated that the County Commission had cut the budget for all of the departments. Commissioner Close stated that the jail bills and the gas bills for the Sheriff's department have increased. Commissioner Dugan stated that jail bills will be reviewed monthly by the Criminal Justice Committee for accuracy. Commissioner Close stated that he would like to make it a regular practice for the County Commission to review the budget and do an annual review of the loans to compare interest rates. The County Commission agreed.

Marcellus Shale

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she had attended a meeting regarding Marcellus Shale and watched the movie Gaslands. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she has ordered a copy of the movie, and would like the Commissioners to watch it. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that drilling for Marcellus shale is a serious matter and she would like to inform the citizens and property owners of Morgan County about the dangers involved in drilling for Marcellus shale.

Parks & Recreation Fundraiser

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Parks & Recreation is having a fundraiser for the skate park. The fundraiser is scheduled for June 18, 2011 from 4:00 pm- 7:00 pm. The fundraiser will take place at the skate park property.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Kim Michael, Morgan County Sheriff's Tax Office- Maintenance fees for Software Systems

Kim Michael, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Tax Office, approached the Commission and presented a maintenance bill from Software Systems. Ms. Michael stated that she had received a bill for maintenance fees from Software Systems regarding the ambulance fees. Ms. Michael stated that she forwarded the bill to the Morgan County Rescue Squad. Ms. Michael stated that she had received an email from Kevin Duckwall, Morgan County Rescue Squad, stating that the maintenance fees bill be paid from the county's 6.5% portion as administrative costs. Ms. Michael stated to the Commission that the Sheriff Tax Office covers office supplies, bills/reminders and publishing from the county's 6.5%. Ms. Michael stated that there is no money in the account to pay the fees and asked that the rescue squad take the responsibility to pay them. Joe Yost, citizen, approached the

Commission and asked why the taxpayers should have to pay an ambulance fee while the rescue personnel drive the ambulances to eat lunch and leave the vehicle running outside wasting gas and money. Bob Dugan, representing the Morgan County Rescue Squad, stated that the rescue workers work 24 hour shifts, and they need to eat. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she understands both sides and stated that there is a kitchenette in the rescue squad building; and in her opinion, if you are working and on call for a 24 hour shift, you can take your food with you to fix at the station in the kitchenette. The County Commission agreed that the maintenance fees bill need to be discussed at the rescue squad budget meeting set for June 1, 2011 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Review and Discuss Changes to the Ambulance Service Fee Ordinance

The County Commission reviewed and discussed the ambulance service fee ordinance. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission agreed to amend the ordinance. This motion carried. The amended change is as follows:

EMS Agency-

Any network of services coordinated to provide aid and medical assistance from primary response to definitive care.

The amendment is effective immediately.

Alma Gorse & Jack Soronen, Morgan County Planning Commission-approve Planning Commission By-Laws

Alma Gorse & Jack Soronen could not attend the meeting. The County Commission reviewed the Planning Commission By-Laws. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved and accepted the Planning Commission By-Laws. This motion carried.

Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney- Executive Session

On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 11:00 am to discuss an administrative issue. Commissioner Hutchinson questioned whether it was appropriate to go into executive session solely because the Prosecuting Attorney requested it. This motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission came out of executive session and reconvened into regular session at 11:15 a.m. This motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission authorizes Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney, to issue a letter in dispute of termination charges to Avaya regarding a cancelled contract for phone equipment. This motion carried.

Jody McClintock, County Administrator- Executive Session- Regarding Personnel Matter

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 11:24 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter. This motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission came out of executive session and reconvened into regular session at 11:40 a.m. This motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission dissolves the agreement between the county and Senior Life Services for maintenance and approves increased hours up to 40 hours per week for Joe Farris, Maintenance Supervisor, Morgan County Courthouse, and approves the part time employee to work 19.5 hours per week.

The part time employee receives no benefits. This motion carried. Joel Tuttle, Senior Life Services, will follow up with the agreement letter.

Administrator's Report

Deputy Reserves using Ford Explorer instead of selling

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, approached the Commission to discuss the deputy reserves using the Ford Explorer instead of selling the vehicle. Ms. McClintock stated that she has spoken to Tony Link, Chief Deputy, regarding the vehicle. Ms. McClintock stated that Deputy Link is in favor of replacing one of the bailiff's vehicles with the Ford Explorer. The County Commission stated that they are in favor of selling the Ford Explorer and agreed to further discuss the vehicle at a future meeting and have it placed as an agenda item.

Invoice 109 from Morgan County Rescue Service

The County Commission agreed to discuss the invoice at the Morgan County Rescue Squad budget meeting on June 1, 2011.

Discussion on Elevator Maintenance Proposals

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, presented the elevator proposal to the Commission for review. Ms. McClintock stated that the proposal is from Kone Inc. Ms. McClintock stated that War Memorial Hospital uses Kone Inc. for their elevator maintenance. Ms. McClintock stated that she has spoken to Keith Beddow, War Memorial Hospital and Mr. Beddow stated that he has not had any problems with the company. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission accepts the proposal from Kone Inc. in the amount of \$2640.00. This motion carried.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m. This motion carried.