

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2011

Present: President Stacy Dugan and Commissioner Brenda Hutchinson

Absent: Commissioner Brad Close

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Kate Shunney, Phil Spriggs, John Coleman, Tricia Strader, Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney and Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff

The meeting was opened by Heather Tyler, Deputy County Clerk at 9:30 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission authorizes Stacy Dugan, President, Morgan County Commission to sign the pledge agreement with CNB Bank. This motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

John Coleman- Discussion on property in Green Acres

John Coleman approached the Commission to discuss property in Green Acres Subdivision. Mr. Coleman stated that he lives in Green Acres Subdivision. Mr. Coleman explained that the property next to him is vacant and has been sitting for two years. Mr. Coleman presented photos of the property. Mr. Coleman stated that the property is a foreclosure sale. Mr. Coleman explained that the property is getting tall grass and has a swimming pool that is attracting mosquitoes. Mr. Coleman asked if there is any kind of county ordinance that could help to get this property cleaned up. President Dugan stated that she has spoken to Lee Fowler, Morgan County Health Department, regarding the situation. President Dugan stated that Mr. Fowler suggested sending a letter to the bank that owns the foreclosed property asking them to have the property cleaned up. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested seeking an attorney's advice and possibly get the attorney to send a letter to the bank with a copy of the subdivision covenants and restrictions. President Dugan stated that Mr. Fowler stated that state guidelines do not state the restrictions for pools and there is nothing the Health Department can do. Mr. Coleman thanked the Commission for their time.

Decision on supplementing Lynn Creel's salary

Commissioner Close called in for a telephone conference call to discuss the decision on supplementing Lynn Creel's salary. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that Lynn Creel has been working in the County Commission office through the Potomac Highlands grant program. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Ms. Creel does a great job with filing and sorting and whatever else you ask her to do. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Ms. Creel's hours have been cut due to a budget cut in the program. Commissioner

Hutchinson explained that she would like to hire Ms. Creel as a part time employee for the courthouse and she would work in all of the offices as needed. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the total for Ms. Creel's salary would be \$7902.96 per year. Commissioner Hutchinson made a motion to hire Lynn Creel as a part time employee for the courthouse to work in all of the offices as needed. This motion died due to a lack of a second. Commissioner Close stated that Ms. Creel does a great job but when the Commission set the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, they agreed to do more with less. Commissioner Close stated that he cannot approve the additional funding to hire Ms. Creel as a part time employee. President Dugan stated that she agrees with Commissioner Close and agrees with doing more with less. President Dugan stated that if you are going to hire a part time employee, you have to advertise the job opening and perform interviews to make the hiring process equal and fair to everyone. President Dugan stated that she cannot approve the additional funding. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she wanted to bring the idea forward to see how the other two Commissioners felt.

Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney, approached the Commission and stated that she had a question. Ms. McLaughlin asked the purpose of the wage and review board. Ms. McLaughlin, a member of the Wage and Review Board, asked if the County Commission is going to work with the Wage and Review Board. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she has asked for increases for her employees months ago and was told that the budget was set and now she hears of possible hirings and pay increases for employees in the County Commission office. Commissioner Close stated that he requested the Commission to offer guidance for the wage and review board. Commissioner Dugan stated that the employee handbook should state the policies for hiring. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she just wanted to know if the County Commission planned to work with the wage and review board to set standards and procedures.

Adjournment

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m. This motion carried.