

Morgan County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2011

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

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Tricia Strader, Andy Swaim, Dave Abner, Morgan Messenger, Sara Green, Kathleen Erickson, Dale McConnell, Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff, Bill Lewis, Tony Link, Deputy Sheriff, Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney, Charlene Gilliam, First Energy, and Kim Jackson, Circuit Clerk

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

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approves the amended minutes from the August 18, 2011 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Calendar

The County Commission approved the calendar for September.

Brownsfield Conference- Sept. 14 @ Morgantown, WV

Commissioner Close stated that he and Jody McClintock, County Administrator, were planning to attend the WV Brownsfield Conference on September 14-15, 2011 in Morgantown, WV. Commissioner Close invited Commissioners Dugan and Hutchinson to attend. Commissioner Close then explained that he was planning to go, but he may have a conflict and be unable to attend. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that if Commissioner Close couldn't go, she would attend.

Region 9 Project list

The County Commission reviewed the Region 9 Project list. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would like to make some changes on several of the listed projects to add more positive language in the updates. Commissioner Dugan stated that she also needs to add the Ice House Renovations to the list. The updated list will be emailed to Commissioner Dugan and Carol Goosby at the Region 9 office in Martinsburg, WV.

Chesapeake Bay Grant Award

Carol York, Grant Administrator, approached the Commission and presented a handout. Ms. York explained that the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection agrees to grant funds in the amount of \$10,000. Ms. York stated that

there needs to be a motion giving Alma Gorse, County Planner permission to sign the document to move forward with the grant. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion the County Commission authorizes Alma Gorse, County Planner to sign the document and agree to carry out all terms and conditions regarding the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management Program. This motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Cathline Erickson- Congress Bill- HR1489

Cathline Erickson approached the Commission to discuss Congress Bill HR1489. Ms. Erickson presented a handout to the Commission. Ms. Erickson explained that in 1999, a bill was repealed that was the safe guard of our economy and banking system. It was the 1933 original bill called Glass-Steagall. Ms. Erickson stated that it worked for decades but in 1999, the Gramm Leach Bliley Act repealed Glass-Steagall. Ms. Erickson stated that it would strengthen our financial system by reinstating the Glass Steagall Act of 1933. Ms. Erickson requested that the Commission prepare a resolution in support of reinstating the bill and send it to Congress. President Dugan stated that she is not ready to make a decision today. The Commission thanked Ms. Erickson for her time.

Lieutenant Bill Lewis & Sheriff Vince Shambaugh- Deputy Reserve Vehicle Use

Lieutenant Bill Lewis and Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff, approached the Commission to discuss the use of the deputy reserve vehicles. Mr. Lewis stated that the deputy reserves are currently using 5 vehicles. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the majority of counties in WV do not have deputy reserves, and the ones that have them do not allow the reserves to take the vehicles home. Lieutenant Lewis explained that the vehicles are parked at their homes unless there is an emergency call or a call from the Sheriff. Lieutenant Lewis stated when there is an emergency, the guys do not have to drive to Berkeley Springs to pick up the reserve car, the car is at their home, which makes it accessible to get to the accident scene quicker. Sheriff Shambaugh stated a few years ago, the cars were parked at a central location and the windows were shot out. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested parking the vehicles at the Morgan County Rescue Squad building which should be manned 24/7. Commissioner Close stated that he thinks the reserves do a fantastic job keeping vehicle logs and records. Commissioner Close thanked them for all their hard work. Sheriff Shambaugh explained that the deputy reserves are volunteers and he cannot ask them to drive their own vehicle to a central location to pick up the reserve car. Sheriff Shambaugh stated that he will continue to let the deputy reserves take the vehicles home. President Dugan thanked them for their work and stated that she does not have a problem with the reserves taking the vehicles home. Commissioner Hutchinson agreed that the deputy reserves provide a valuable service to the community, but she still believes that the number of vehicles should be reduced and that they should be kept in a central location. However, Commissioner Hutchinson conceded that this was ultimately up to Sheriff Shambaugh.

PRO (Prevention Resource Officer) Agreement

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the agreement for the Protection Resource Officer. This motion carried.

Decision on Board of Health Member

President Dugan stated that all of the candidates were very good. Commissioner Hutchinson made a motion to appoint Jane McCloud to the Board of Health. Motion died to lack of a second. Commissioner Close stated that he was leaning towards appointing Barb Wolfe. President Dugan stated that she would like to make the decision on Parks and Recreation prior to deciding the Board of Health member. After the Parks and Recreation appointment was made, the Commission returned to the decision on the appointee for the Board of Health. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission appoints Barb Wolfe to the Board of Health. This motion carried.

Decision on Parks and Recreation Board Member

President Dugan made a motion to appoint Brock Vanorsdale to the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion died to lack of a second. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission appoints John Rowland to the Parks and Recreation Board. President Dugan opposed. This motion carried.

Charlene Gilliam- First Energy Corporation

Charlene Gilliam, representing First Energy Corporation, approached the Commission and presented a handout of information. Ms. Gilliam explained Allegheny Power is now part of the First Energy Family. Ms Gilliam stated that the only change is the name, and it is now called Potomac Edison. Ms. Gilliam stated that she is the local contact representative for Potomac Edison. The Commission thanked Ms. Gilliam for her time.

Kim Jackson, Circuit Clerk- Approval for Hiring Staff

Kim Jackson, Circuit Clerk, approached the Commission and requested approval in the hiring of Christi Walls and Ashley Moss as full-time deputy clerks. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the hiring of Ms. Walls and Ms. Moss. This motion carried.

Cathy Payne, Chief Deputy County Clerk- Maintenance Contract Agreement for Voting Machines

Cathy Payne, Chief Deputy County Clerk, approached the Commission and presented a maintenance contract agreement for the voting machines. Ms. Payne explained that the machines were purchased in 2006. Ms. Payne explained that the machines are on an extended warranty that ends on September 30, 2011. The next election is October 4, 2011. Ms. Payne explained that the cost for a 2 year maintenance contract is \$6000/yr and the cost for a 4 year maintenance contract is \$5156.25/yr. Ms. Payne stated that if there is an issue with the machines, the cost is \$2520/day

for repair services without the maintenance agreement. Ms. Payne stated that if other counties go with the 4 year maintenance contract, the price will be lowered. The Commission discussed the expense and tabled making a decision until the September 15, 2011 County Commission meeting.

September 29, 2011

The County Commission will have a special County Commission meeting on September 29, 2011 to sign checks.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the County Commission meeting at 11:50 a.m. This motion carried. The County Commission will go look at the bell that was salvaged from the old courthouse. The Commission may display the bell in the new courthouse.