

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2011

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

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Ashley Tomlinson, Student Representative, Kate Shunney, Morgan Messenger, Andy Swaim, Kevin Sites, Kim Michael, Sheriff' s Tax Office, Dan Duckwall, Todd Songer, Morgan County Emergency Medical Services, Mike Jenkins, Warm Springs Public Service District, Dorothy Beeler, Doris Fleece, Chris Rucker, Valley Health Systems, Neil McLaughlin, War Memorial Hospital, Pat McMillian, Home Consortium, Jim Hoyt, Jeanne Mozier and Bill Clark, EDA, Larry Lower, Morgan County Association for Food and Farms, Jack Soronen, Planning Commission, Alma Gorse, Planning Commission, Pam Farnham, Morgan County Humane Society, and Elsie Woods, Morgan County Association for Food and Farms

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

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approves the meeting minutes from the November 17, 2011 and December 1, 2011 County Commission meetings. This motion carried.

Jody McClintock, County Administrator- Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority Contract Resolution

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, approached the Commission and presented a courthouse facilities improvement authority contract resolution. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission hereby authorizes Stacy A. Dugan, President of the Morgan County Commission, to act on its behalf to enter into a contractual agreement with the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority to receive and administer funds pursuant to the provisions of the 9th Cycle Courthouse Facilities Improvement Fund program. This motion carried.

Jody McClintock, County Administrator- Safe Routes to School Program Resolution

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, approached the Commission and presented a resolution in support of the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways Safe Routes to School program. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close 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.

Re-appointments to the EDA (Economic Development Authority Board)

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission re-appoints Connie Perry, Robert Ayers, Beth Curtin and John Allen Swaim to the EDA board. These appointments are effective immediately and expire December 31, 2014. This motion carried.

Court Order for Gat Caperton's re-appointment to the Coolfont Community Enhancement District Board

The County Commission signed the court order re-appointing Gat Caperton to the Coolfont Community Enhancement District Board.

Sign the loan documents for CNB

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approves Stacy A. Dugan, President, Morgan County Commission, to sign the line of credit documents for the Sheriff Law Building. This motion carried.

Certificate of Deposit Anniversary Date Notice from CNB

The County Commission decided to leave the certificate of deposit as is and make no withdrawals at this time.

Berkeley and Jefferson County support resolutions for Cacapon State Park renovations

President Dugan explained that she has received the resolutions from Berkeley and Jefferson counties supporting the renovation project at Cacapon State Park. The County Commission agreed to draft a letter along with the resolutions and present them to the Governor and members of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Morgan County Partnership Breakfast/Meeting- Friday, December 16, 2011

President Dugan explained that she was scheduled to speak at the Morgan County Partnership meeting Friday morning but due to scheduling conflicts, she asked if one of the other Commissioners could attend in her place. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would attend and speak at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Morgan County Rescue Squad/Medcom- Update discussion regarding Transporting

Chris Rucker, Director of Valley Medical Transport, Neil McLaughlin, War Memorial Hospital, Todd Songer, Morgan County Emergency Medical Services and Dan Duckwall, Morgan County Emergency Medical Services, approached the Commission to give an update on transporting. Mr. Rucker stated that the results have improved in transporting from War Memorial to Valley Health hospital. Mr. Rucker explained that the response time for critical care patients has improved to 33 minutes. Mr. Rucker stated that they are working to improve the transporting system to make it quicker and

more efficient for the patients. Dorothy Beeler, citizen, approached and explained a problem that her daughter encountered regarding the emergency medical services. Ms. Beeler explained that her daughter was in labor and bleeding profusely and an ambulance was called. Ms. Beeler stated that her daughter asked to go to City Hospital where her doctor is located, but she was taken to War Memorial Hospital first. Mr. Songer, Morgan County Emergency Medical Services, explained that when paramedics called Medical Command they were told to take the patient to Valley Health in Winchester, VA but the patient didn't want to go there and requested to go to City Hospital in Martinsburg, WV. Mr. Songer explained that Medical Command then instructed the paramedics to take the patient to the closest facility which was War Memorial Hospital. Mr. Songer explained that since the patient was bleeding profusely, she was not coherent enough to sign a waiver form requesting to be taken straight to City Hospital. Mr. Rucker asked for information regarding the emergency and he offered to look into it further and contact the patient. The County Commission thanked the gentlemen for the updates and agreed to meet in June 2012 for a transport update.

Pat McMillian, HOME Consortium- Public Hearing to discuss specific housing needs of Morgan County, WV

Pat McMillian, representing the HOME Consortium program, approached the Commission for a public hearing to discuss specific housing needs of Morgan County, WV. Ms. McMillian presented a handout of information to the Commission. Ms. McMillian explained that there have been 15 first time homebuyers assisted through the program in Morgan County, WV. Ms. McMillian stated that there is also a tenant assistance program providing security deposits and first month's rent. Six families have been assisted so far in Morgan County with an average of \$902 assistance per household in Morgan County. Ms. McMillian asked if the public had any questions. The County Commission thanked Ms. McMillian for her time.

Bill Clark, Jeanne Mozier, Creative Task Force Committee- Current Hospital Facility

Jeanne Mozier and Bill Clark, representing Creative Task Force Committee, approached the Commission to discuss potential uses for the current hospital facility. Ms. Mozier presented a handout of information to the County Commission. Ms. Mozier reviewed the handout with the Commission. Ms. Mozier explained possible uses and ideas for the building including a satellite campus, Betty Ford type of rehab center, Veterans residential treatment center or used by the WV Osteopathic College as part of a residency program with 20 residential rooms and classroom space. Neil McLaughlin, President, War Memorial Hospital, explained that medical residents would live in the community and offer health services through a partnership with Valley Health. Mr. McLaughlin explained that the Osteopathic School of Medicine has a two year application time period before they can be operating. Mr. McLaughlin stated that the school of Osteopathic Medicine is ready and just waiting for available space. Commissioner Close and Mr. McLaughlin agreed to have a conference call with the representatives from the school of WV Osteopathic Medicine. The County Commission thanked Mr. Clark, Ms. Mozier and Mr. McLaughlin for their time.

Jim Hoyt- Request from the Marcellus Shale committee to have Planning Commission review the Commercial Improvement Location Permit regarding to gas drilling

Jim Hoyt, representing the Morgan County Marcellus Shale Committee, approached the Commission and explained that the Marcellus Shale Committee would like to request to have the Planning Commission review the Commercial Improvement Location Permit regarding gas drilling. Commissioner Close stated that he would like to see a report from the Marcellus Shale committee before considering any such request.

Commissioner Hutchinson explained that the Marcellus Shale committee will be presenting a first draft report in January 2012. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Marcellus Shale committee just wanted to give a heads up that they will be requesting the review from the Planning Commission. The County Commission thanked Mr. Hoyt for his time.

Bank of America Settlement Letter

The County Commission received a Bank of America settlement letter regarding an out of court settlement between various State Attorney Generals and Bank of America Corporation. Commissioner Close stated that he is in favor of taking the settlement. Commissioner Close made a motion to take the settlement check in the amount of \$5278.00. Motion died to lack of a second. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she is in favor of taking the advice from the Attorney General and join the settlement suit. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission agrees to take the advice from the Attorney General and join the settlement suit. Commissioner Close opposed. This motion carried.

County Commission reviews budget & funds request

The County Commission reviewed the funds requests. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested the Commission review the funds request procedure and make some changes. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested making the procedure similar to the Community Participation Grant process. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would feel more comfortable granting funds requests when the Commission knows exactly where the funds will be spent. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the organization could present receipts and a budget showing where the funds were spent and then the Commission could reimburse the funds. Commissioner Close stated that he totally agrees with changing the process. The County Commission agreed to consult with Carol York, Grant Administrator, to find out the process and how the participation grants are funded. The County Commission did agree to fund the Boy Scouts the \$100 funds request that was already approved. Commissioner Close suggested that the Commissioners split the \$100 personally between the three of them. The Commission agreed. The County Commission reviewed the request from the Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Close stated that there is great support for the Solid Waste Authority in the community. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission agreed to grant funds in the amount of \$3600 to the Morgan County Solid Waste Authority. The funds will be taken out of the coal severance fund. This motion carried.

The County Commission will continue to work on the funds request policy and will review all other funding requests in January.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. This motion carried.