Morgan County Commission Special Meeting Minutes February 8, 2012

Rescind previous motion to appoint WSPSD member Appoint WSPSD board member

Members Present: Stacy Dugan, Brenda Hutchinson and Bradley Close

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk at 8:00 a.m.

Also Present: Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Connie Perry, Joyce Altomare, CT Altomare, Joyce Youngblood, Lori Higgs, Larry Schultz, Steve Hutchinson, Bob Ford, Dave Abner, Morgan Messenger, DJ Zahnow and Mike Jenkins

President Dugan stated that she has called the special meeting because of actions taken by the Warm Springs Public Service District Board. President Dugan stated that the Warm Springs Public Service Board scheduled a special meeting for today, February 8, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. to approve a 5 year employee contract knowing that the County Commission was going to interview and appoint a member at their meeting today at 10:15 a.m.

President Dugan made a motion to rescind the previous motion to interview WSPSD board member, Andrew Jurick on February 16, 2012. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Close opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Close stated that he had made a motion to interview Andy Jurick at the Commission meeting scheduled for February 16, 2012. Commissioner Close asked if the Commission was trying to get one up over the WSPSD board by scheduling this special meeting at 8:00 a.m. to appoint a member to the board. Commissioner Close stated that he thinks calling this special meeting was not right and is an embarrassment for the Commission. Commissioner Close stated that he feels it is disrespectful to current board member, Mr. Jurick and the taxpayers. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she had seconded the first motion to interview Mr. Jurick because she wanted to give him a chance to speak. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that she had gotten telephone calls over the weekend regarding decisions made by the board. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she regularly attends the WSPSD meetings, and that her decision was not about the employee contract. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that her concern was about the Boards continued appeals to increase the sewer rates after being

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denied by the Public Service Commission twice. Commissioner Hutchinson said that her decision on the board appointment is not about individuals but about what is best for the community as a whole. President Dugan stated that she was not trying to one up on anyone she was taking control of the situation.

President Dugan made a motion to appoint Joyce Altomare to the Warm Springs Public Service District board for a term of six years. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Close opposed. The appointment is effective immediately. President Dugan asked Debra Kesecker, County Clerk, to swear in Ms. Altomare as the new board member.

<u>Adjournment</u>

On a Stacy Dugan/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:06 a.m. This motion carried.