

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2012

Members Present: Stacy Dugan, Brenda Hutchinson and Bradley Close

The meeting was opened by Debra Kesecker, County Clerk at 9:30 a.m.

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary, Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff, Tim Harthrow, Town of Paw Paw Police, Glen Ryburn, Jason Pearce, Jerry Ortel, George Farnham, Pam Farnham, EJ Fisher, Laurie Fisher, Dale McConnell, Amy Lane, Paul Murtha, Barbie Ginck, Dawn White, Danielle Hofe, Probation Office, John Coleman, Department of Highways, Lucile Sasser, and Tricia Strader, Journal

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/ Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approves the meeting minutes from the March 1 and March 8, 2012 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Exonerations

Ronnie McIntire, Assessor, approached the Commission and presented four exonerations. Mr. McIntire explained that the exonerations were for clerical errors. On a Brad Close /Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the exonerations. This motion carried.

Carol York- Court Security Fund Application Resolution

- DJCS Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Grant Application-IBR
- DJCS Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Grant Application- Prescription Drug Investigations/Interventions

Court Security Fund Application Resolution

Carol York, Grants Administrator, approached the Commission with a court security fund application resolution for approval. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission authorizes Stacy A. Dugan, Commission President, as the official representative for the Commission in the administration of the West Virginia DJCS FY2012 Court Security Fund Grant program. This motion carried.

DJCS Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Grant Application-IBR

Carol York presented a resolution for the DJCS Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Grant Application-IBR. Ms. York explained that the Morgan County Sheriff's Department, the Town of Paw Paw Police and the Town of Bath Police Department wish to apply for funding for incident based reporting (IBR) software, hardware and training. Ms. York explained that if funding is awarded, the County Commission will

need to provide a cash match contribution. The County Commission decided to table the decision until the budget meeting on March 16 when they will review the budget and make a decision on the amount of the cash match.

DJCS Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Grant Application- Prescription Drug Investigations/Interventions

Carol York presented a resolution for the DJCS Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Grant Application. Ms. York explained that the Morgan County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit, and the Morgan County Partnership wish to apply for funding to aid Prescription Drug Investigations and Interventions in Morgan County. Ms. York explained that if funding is awarded, the County Commission will need to provide a cash match contribution. The County Commission decided to table the decision until the budget meeting on March 16 when they will review the budget and make a decision on the amount of the cash match.

Certified Development Community Resolution

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission is interested in the economic well-being of its citizens and the community at large and wishes to participate in the Certified Development Community Program. This program requires the existence of a local Economic Development Organization and this governing body designates the Morgan County Economic Development Authority as the lead economic development agency to participate in the program and hereby pledges \$31,008 from the 2012-2013 fiscal year budget to match a grant award acquired from the Economic Development Grant Program. This motion carried.

Commission packets reviewed on website

The County Commission agreed to start posting the Commission packets on the website for the public to view prior to each Commission meeting.

Approval of 911 Dispatcher Employees

The County Commission approved the hiring of Heath Fleming and Jennifer Hicks as full time 911 dispatchers.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Glen Ryburn- funds request for Morgan County Fair-\$6500

Glen Ryburn, representing the Morgan County Fair, approached the Commission with a funds request. Mr. Ryburn presented a funds request application and budget to the Commission. Mr. Ryburn reviewed the budget with the Commission. Mr. Ryburn explained that they are requesting funds in the amount of \$6500. The County Commission thanked Mr. Ryburn for his time and stated that they will review the funds request at the budget meeting.

Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff- In car cameras & new vehicle

Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff, approached the Commission to discuss the purchase of a new vehicle and in car cameras. The County Commission explained that they will decide on the purchase of the vehicle after they review the budget on March 16. The Commission may be able to purchase in car cameras from grant funding. The Commission thanked Sheriff Shambaugh for his time.

Request for Proposal for Maintenance Ball Fields

Commissioner Close presented the proposal for maintenance for the ball fields. The Commission will decide on the proposal during the budget meeting on March 16, 2012.

Jason Pearce- Presentation on Animal Control

Jason Pearce, representing Morgan County Animal Control, approached the County Commission to discuss ways to improve the operation and effectiveness of Animal Control. Mr. Pearce presented a handout of information to the Commission for review. Mr. Pearce reviewed the information with the Commission. Mr. Pearce discussed rabies clinics, training and fees with the Commission. The Commission thanked Mr. Pearce for his time.

Danielle Hofe, Probation Officer- Purchase of Cabinet

Danielle Hofe, Probation Office, approached the Commission. Ms. Hofe explained that she has talked to Jody about purchasing a cabinet for evidence storage. Jody McClintock, County Administrator, stated that she had looked online and the size of cabinet that Ms. Hofe needs costs between \$2500 -\$3000. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that US Silica has cabinets that they are giving away. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that it will cost \$25 to rekey the lock. Ms. Hofe agreed to go to US Silica and see if there is a cabinet she can use. The County Commission tabled the decision of purchasing a cabinet until Ms. Hofe visits US Silica.

Howard Hughes- Public Safety & Gayle Drive

Howard Hughes approached the Commission and explained that he is a retired federal employee and a citizen of Morgan County. Mr. Hughes explained that he felt terrible when he heard about the vehicle that drove over the embankment at the doctor's office on the hill behind Food Lion shopping center resulting in death of the individual in the car. The Commission explained that it was a tragic accident and there has been a guardrail constructed at the location. Mr. Hughes explained his concern for Richards Street at the Warm Springs Restaurant and states that it is a one lane road with a hill and an accident can occur. Mr. Hughes stated that there needs to be guardrail along that street. Mr. Hughes also discussed Gayle Drive, the road between McDonald's and Rite Aid. Mr. Hughes stated that the road is in terrible condition and needs repaired. The Commission explained that the maintenance on Gayle Drive is split between McDonalds, Rite Aid, Berkeley Gardens Homeowners Association and the county. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that the Commission has tried to get the road repaired and has contacted Rite Aid and

McDonalds but has had no response from either party. Commissioner Hutchinson suggested the Commission send a letter asking for assistance to repair the road. The Commission agreed and will send a letter. The Commission thanked Mr. Hughes for his time and concern.

Decision on facility for Morgan County Animal Control

George Farnham, representing the Humane Society and Tina Byers, Legal Counsel, approached the Commission for the decision on the facility for the Morgan County Animal Control. The County Commission reviewed the proposal. Commissioner Close had questions regarding the right of first refusal. President Dugan asked if the Humane Society is financially strapped, why they won't sell the property. George Farnham stated they want to get back into the dog business one day. Commissioner Hutchinson asked why the county would want to purchase it when we can take our own property and build kennels on it. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she would like to see a decision made today. Commissioner Close stated that he cannot agree when he doesn't know where the money is coming from for the additional services if they move Animal Control to the Humane Society facility. Commissioner Close asked where is the money coming from to clean the kennels and for the part time help needed. Commissioner Hutchinson stated if you shut down the current facility you will make money and save costs. Commissioner Close stated that he does not think its fair to the tax payers to spend more money on this. Commissioner Hutchinson made a motion to move Animal Control to the Humane Society now. Motion dies for lack of a second. President Dugan stated that we need clear polices and procedures and she feels they need to do a 30 day trial to see how animal control functions and how many dogs are actually taken in. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that every day a dog is in the animal control kennel the county is committing animal cruelty. Commissioner Close stated he doesn't feel that they are maximizing all the resources. Morgan County Animal Control will continue to use the current facility and not move to the Humane Society.

The County Commission adjourned for lunch.

1:30 pm- Public Hearing on Comcast Cable TV Franchise Agreement

The County Commission held a public hearing to hear public concern and comments regarding service provided by Comcast. President Dugan opened the public hearing by thanking everyone for attending. President Dugan introduced the Comcast committee members and Paul Comes, Director of Government & Community Affairs. Jerry Berman, Comcast Committee Chairperson, gave a brief overview of the Comcast committee and what they have been working on. Paul Comes stated that he was here to see what the customers need and answer questions. Dave McDonald, Information Technology, explained that he had posted a survey on the county website asking for public comments regarding their service with Comcast. Mr. McDonald presented the public comments at the meeting and reviewed the concerns and comments with the Commission along with the committee members

and Mr. Comes. President Dugan asked if anyone present at the meeting had any comments.

Ann Beckley- Ms. Beckley stated that she lives at Coolfont Mountainside and is a member of the Mountain Side Association. Ms. Beckley stated that they had a homeowner's association meeting, and Paul Comes attended this meeting. Ms. Beckley stated 1/3 of the members expressed interest in Comcast. Ms. Beckley stated that 90% of the homeowners are weekenders and 10% full time residents. Ms. Beckley stated that the internet is spotty at times and has been out of service for at least 6 weeks before. Ms. Beckley stated that the homeowners that have weekend rentals have stated that no one wants to rent the house because there is no tv. Ms. Beckley stated that because of the location and wooded areas, its impossible to get satellite television as well.

Paul Comes stated that he will continue to work and see if something can be done at Coolfont.

Jeanne Mozier- Jeanne Mozier asked how many customers Comcast has in Morgan County. Ms. Mozier explained that feels that cable is going to be a dead end one day and Comcast should be trying to find directions to bring more to its customers. Jerry Berman stated that he thinks there are ways for the county to grow.

Dawn White- Dawn White stated that she has not had television for 8 years and has dial up service for internet. Ms. White stated that 8 years ago she sold her house to someone that worked for Comcast, and they had service immediately. Paul Comes stated that he will follow up with Ms. White and see if something can be done to get her television.

President Dugan stated that she has Comcast and asked why the tv upstairs does not get the same channels as the tv downstairs.

Paul Comes stated that 2 years ago boxes were changed, and there may be a software glitch. Mr. Comes stated that he will have a service tech come look at it.

President Dugan also commended Donna, a Comcast employee that works at the office in Hancock, Md. President Dugan stated that Donna helped fix the problems at the Rescue Squad Auxiliary rescue mission and has been very helpful.

Chris Domich- Chris Domich stated that he has poles in his yard but cannot have Comcast service. Mr. Domich asked if Mr. Comes has looked at accommodating services to maximize the amount of service to their customers. Mr. Domich stated if you provide good internet services citizens may go with the tv service also.

Paul Comes stated that over the last year there has been 100 service calls and only 2 complaints have went to the state level from Morgan County. Mr. Comes applauded the survey and thanked Morgan County for all of their support for Comcast.

President Dugan suggested having annual follow up meetings to continue communication with Comcast. The Commission and Paul Comes agreed.

Commissioner Close thanked the Comcast committee for all of their hard work and thanked Paul Comes and Jerry Berman for all of their hard work. President Dugan also thanked everyone for attending and the Comcast committee.

Administrator's Report

Euthanasia requirements for Animal Control

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, asked if the County Commission wanted the animal control officer to be trained to handle euthanasia. President Dugan stated that she is not in favor of animal control performing euthanasias.

Interviews for Animal Control Officer and part time maintenance person

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, asked the Commission if they wanted to be present during the interviews for animal control officer and maintenance personnel. The County Commission agreed to be present during the interviews.

Adjournment

On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m. This motion carried.