

Morgan County Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2012

Members Present: Stacy Dugan, Brenda Hutchinson and Bradley Close

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

Also Present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator, Ginger Johnson , Commission Secretary; Joshua Clark, Morgan Messenger; Tricia Strader, Martinsburg Journal; Amy Lane, Glorious Sagle, Sandy Bienen, Hayley Andrews, Assessor's office; Patty Heaphy, Linda Kjelgaard, Jim Hoyt, Jeanne Mozier, Bob Ford, Larry Schultz, Carol Coryea, Margaret Herring, Anthea McCallister, Tim Seims, Barb Wolfe, Jack Soronen, George Farnham, Margie Allgyer, Kevin Sites, Angela Gray, Patti Hamilton, WV Association of County; Steve Kaldes, Paul Zorich, Rodney Hovermale, Susan Webster and Marian Park

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

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June 9, 2012 Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the June 9, 2012 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

June 21, 2012 Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commissioner approved the meeting minutes from the June 21, 2012 County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

June 28, 2012 Meeting Minutes

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commissioner approved the meeting minutes from the June 28, 2012 budget County Commission meeting. This motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Hayley Andrews, Assessor's Office, approached the Commission and presented exonerations. The Commission decided to postpone the exonerations until the next meeting when they have had a chance to review them.

Calendar for July

The County Commission approved the calendar for July.

Relay for Life

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Courthouse Cruisers Relay for Life team is having a bake sale on Friday, July 6, 2012 at the Mountain State Cruisers event in the Morgan County Commission

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Berkeley Springs State Park. Commissioner Hutchinson also stated that there will be a community yard sale in the parking lot behind the courthouse on July 21, 2012. Vendors are welcome and space rental is \$10.00. Bring your own table. Anyone interested can call the Commission Office at 304-258-8540.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### Kim Nickles, County Clerk- Estate of Arnold Bearup

Kim Nickles approached the Commission and explained that the appraisal booklet has been completed. The Commission stated that the estate requires no further action from the Commission.

##### Larry Schultz- Presentation of Preliminary Report on Marcellus Shale by the Marcellus Shale Committee

Larry Schultz approached the Commission and explained that a committee was formed to study the current Marcellus Shale boom and make recommendations to the Commission. Mr. Schultz stated that the preliminary report has been completed. Mr. Schultz presented the preliminary report to the Commission. Jim Hoyt approached the Commission and spoke of the benefits of Marcellus Shale. Linda Kjelgaard approached the Commission and presented a brochure on the sale and leasing of gas & mineral rights. Ms. Kjelgaard requested the brochures be sent out to the citizens with the annual tax bills. The Commission stated that the bills have already been mailed out but the brochures can be placed in the courthouse for any citizen that would like to pick one up. The Commission thanked the Marcellus Shale Committee members for their work with the preliminary report.

##### George Didawick- Interview for Planning

George Didawick approached the Commission for an interview to serve on the Planning Commission board. Mr. Didawick stated that he has a degree in Engineering. Mr. Didawick stated that he would have no problem attending the meetings. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that although she feels Mr. Didawick would be a great board member, she feels that other applicants should be interviewed. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that Amy Lane was a great board member that never missed a meeting but was not re-appointed because of her position with Animal Control. President Dugan stated that other applicants for the Planning Commission have already been interviewed. The Commission will make a decision at the next County Commission meeting on July 19, 2012.

##### Angela Gray- Interview for Board of Health

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she has some things to say and explained that they are not associated with Ms. Angela Gray in any way. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she was on the Board of Health and was blindsided by the Commission and not re-appointed. President Dugan stated that Commissioner Hutchinson was asked at the last meeting if she was ok with appointing a citizen to the board and she stated that she was. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she is not ok with it and made a motion to re-appoint herself to the Board of Health.

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Motion died to lack of a second. Angela Gray approached the Commission for an interview for the Board of Health. Ms. Gray stated that she was sorry and didn't want to get in the middle of any political issues. The Commission reviewed her volunteer application. Ms. Gray explained that she would like to help serve her community with the experience that she has obtained in her career. The County Commission thanked Ms. Gray for her time and stated that they will make a decision at the next meeting on July 19, 2012.

Patti Hamilton, WV Association of Counties- Benefits of remaining a member

Patti Hamilton, representing the WV Association of Counties, approached the Commission to explain the benefits of remaining a member of the WVACO. Ms. Hamilton stated that the dues are \$5000/county annually. Ms. Hamilton stated that the dues have not increased and there is 100% county membership in WV. Ms. Hamilton reviewed the benefits with the Commission. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that her reason for not wanting to remain a member is financial and budgetary reasons. The Commission will make a decision at the next Commission meeting on July 19, 2012.

Susan Webster- Billing Policy of the Warm Springs Public Service District

Susan Webster approached the Commission to discuss the new billing policy of the Warm Springs Public Service District. Ms. Webster stated that the new billing policy will allow vacant properties to be charged a flat rate. Ms. Webster stated that she feels this is unfair and the Town of Bath Council has filed a complaint with the Public Service Commission. The County Commission encourages everyone to attend the next Warm Springs Public Service District meeting.

Kevin Sites- Official Vote & Resolution on establishing an Animal Control Committee

Kevin Sites approached the Commission and explained that he has created a resolution for the Commission to approve and establish an Animal Control Committee. Mr. Sites requested the Commission appoint a six person special committee to evaluate the county's current animal control service and needs. Commissioner Close stated that if the Commission sticks to the WV State Code, we are doing what we are supposed to. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that the Commission needs to find grants to build a new facility and she feels that the current facility is animal cruelty. President Dugan stated that she wants to see the financial costs associated with building a new kennel and hiring staff before she makes a decision. President Dugan also stated that she will not be bringing the excess levy tax forward for an official vote because she did not receive support from her fellow Commissioners. There was no motion to approve the resolution or appoint individuals to create a special committee.

Contract Lease Agreement with Blue Ridge CTC & Morgan County Commission

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission signed the contract of lease effective July 1, 2012, by and between the Morgan County Commission and Blue Ridge Community & Technical College. This motion carried.

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Brenda Hutchinson- Volunteer Boards

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she was an active member on the Board of Health and had become vice chairman. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she sits on a number of different boards. Sandy Bienen approached the Commission and stated that Commissioner Hutchinson has done a good job on the Board of Health and he doesn't believe that any County Commissioner should sit on a County Commission appointed board.

Administrator's Report

WV Department of Environmental Protection REAP Litter Control Grant

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission authorized Stacy A. Dugan, President, Morgan County Commission to sign the applicant budget analysis form for the WV Department of Environmental Protection REAP Litter Control Grant. This motion carried.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m. This motion carried.