

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2012

Members present: Stacy Dugan, Brenda Hutchinson and Brad Close

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

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Alma Gorse, County Planner; Joshua Clark, Morgan Messenger; Linda Kjeldgaard; Bruce Embrey; Andy Swaim; Bill Clark, EDA Director; Hayley Andrews, Assessor's Office; Phil Spriggs; Kris Domich; Steve Kaldes; Ron Wilson and Dale McConnell

Executive Session

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 9:30 a.m. for legal advice regarding the discrepancies between the architects and the geothermal project for the courthouse. This motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission came out of executive session and reconvened into regular session at 9:45 a.m. This motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

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On a Brenda Hutchinson/ Stacy Dugan motion, the Morgan County Commission unanimously approved the September 6, 2012 meeting minutes. This motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Hayley Andrews, Assessor's Office, approached the Commission and presented the Assessor's Exonerations for review and approval. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approves all of the Assessor's exonerations except one due to language confusion. This motion carried.

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the final exonerations were approved after language corrections. This motion carried.

Breast Cancer Week- October 1-7, 2012

Breast Cancer Awareness Wreath

President Dugan explained that the week of October 1-7, 2012 is Breast Cancer Awareness Week. President Dugan requested that a Breast Cancer Awareness wreath be hung on the courthouse door.

Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Interim Tour

President Dugan explained that the Parks, Recreation & Natural Resources Tour is set for October 1-3, 2012. President Dugan stated that Legislators will be staying at Cacapon State Park if the public would like to visit or speak with them.

Resolution for Senior Center HUD grant

The County Commission reviewed the change of scope for the HUD EDI Special Project to construct a senior housing component with the Morgan County Senior Life Services facility. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission authorizes the change of scope for the HUD EDI Special Project. This motion carried.

Approval for use of Coal Bed Methane gas funds for EDA

Bill Clark, EDA Director, approached the Commission and presented a letter for the Commission. Mr. Clark explained that Economic Development Authority receives funding through the Coal Bed Methane Funds. Mr. Clark requested approval to use the funds to support the Water and Sewer Systems at the 522 Business Park. On a

Stacy Dugan/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approves the use of the funds in the amount of \$15,008.00 to be used for the water and sewer systems at the 522 Business Park. This motion carried.

Jody McClintock, County Administrator & Bill Clark, EDA Director- Rents & Costs associated with old hospital

Jody McClintock, County Administrator and Bill Clark, EDA Director, approached the Commission to discuss the costs associated with the old hospital. Ms. McClintock presented a spreadsheet of information to the Commission. Ms. McClintock stated that the spreadsheet shows costs for the Pines Building (old hospital), the Gayle Drive medical office building and the Dyche-Kidwell medical building (Dr. Quarantillo's medical office). Ms. McClintock stated that the estimated cost for the year for all three buildings is \$90,000, not including expenses for the heating systems. The County receives \$144,000 of rental income a year for the facilities. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that she heard that there was buzz in the community that the county was losing money on these buildings so she had asked Ms. McClintock and Mr. Clark to review the costs and come before the Commission. The Commission thanked Mr. Clark and Ms. McClintock for their time and work on this project.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Kris Domich- Interview for Criminal Community Corrections Board

Kris Domich approached the Commission for an interview to sit on the Criminal Community Corrections Board. Mr. Domich stated that he is interested in serving Morgan County and contributing to the betterment of the county. President Dugan asked if he could attend meetings. Mr. Domich stated yes he could. The County Commission thanked Mr. Domich for his time and interest. The Commission will make a decision at the next Commission meeting on October 4, 2012 after all interviews are complete.

Ronald Wilson- Possible Donation of property along Fisher's Bridge

Ronald Wilson, President, Friends of the Cacapon River, approached the Commission to discuss the possibility of donating property along Fishers Bridge in Great Cacapon, WV. The land would be donated in the memory of Hal and Barbara Tufty, founders of the Friends of the Cacapon River. Mr. Wilson explained that he is representing the Tufty family since the children do not live in the area. Mr. Wilson explained that the children would like to donate approximately ½ acre at the junction of the old road and river. The parcel includes a 16 x 30 pavilion on the site. Mr. Tufty stated that Friends of the Cacapon River would be willing to do maintenance on the park if necessary. Mr. Tufty asked the legal options for transferring/donating the land and what liability issues are involved. Mr. Wilson presented a tax map of the property to the Commission. President Dugan stated that first step is deciding if the County Commission will accept this and what the costs will be to the taxpayers. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that a survey will need to be completed and asked who would pay for the survey and legal fees. The County Commission decided to go to the site and see the property before any decisions are made. The County Commission will decide at the County Commission meeting scheduled for October 4, 2012.

Linda Kjeldgaard- Marcellus Shale

Linda Kjeldgaard approached the Commission and presented a Moratorium to the Commission for review and approval. Ms. Kjeldgaard explained that the moratorium is for permits for Marcellus Gas Wells. Ms. Kjeldgaard requested a letter of support for the moratorium. The County Commission thanked Ms. Kjeldgaard for her time.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS

Approval for payment of \$5000 deductible to the WV Risk Pool for deductible on claim WV 0332010000891

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, approached the Commission for approval for payment in the amount of \$5000 for the deductible on insurance claim WV0322010000891. The claim is in reference to the shooting on Fairview Drive

between Officer Seth Place and Ulysses Everett. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approves the \$5000 to be taken out of the 2011 carryover account. This motion carried.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m. This motion carried.