

Morgan County Commission  
Special Public Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2012

Public meeting to listen to citizens concerns regarding the realigning the hours at the Great Cacapon Post Office.

Members present: Stacy Dugan, Brenda Hutchinson and Brad Close

The meeting was opened by Commission President Stacy Dugan at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Alliegiance was read aloud.

President Dugan asked for public comments and concerns regarding realigning the hours at the Great Cacapon Post Office.

Keith DeBlasio- Mr. DeBlasio stated that he was mis-informed and was told that the realigning of the hours at the Great Cacapon Post Office was a final and done deal. Mr. DeBlasio stated that after researching and spending hours on the telephone with postal regulatory commission representatives he has discovered that this is not a done deal. Mr. DeBlasio has filed a formal complaint with the postal regulatory commission and intends to follow through with this. Mr. DeBlasio stated that 46% of the post offices in America are revenue neutral and Great Cacapon post office is at the top of the list for earning revenue. Mr. DeBlasio thanked the Commission for having the meeting and listening to citizens concerns.

Louise Spring- Ms. Spring thanked the County Commission for coming and having a public meeting. Ms. Spring expressed her thanks for a small community and coming together at a time of need. Ms. Spring stated that she saw the Great Cacapon school close and she feels that cutting the hours on the post office will cause revenue loss and the post office will eventually be closed down.

Lynn Hiles- Mr. Hiles stated that he is a non profit ministry from Berkeley Springs, WV but drives to Great Cacapon, WV to do business at the Great Cacapon Post Office. Mr. Hiles' ministry ships a lot of packages and has exceptional service at the Great Cacapon Post Office. Mr. Hiles is concerned that the post office may shut down and if it does, he will no longer use the United States Postal Service at any location.

Rick Dunn- Rick Dunn, Postmaster at Great Cacapon Post Office, thanked everyone for their efforts and support and stated that Great Cacapon is definitely a worthy community.

Jerry Berman- Mr. Berman stated that he has looked at the regulations and hopes that having this meeting helps create a record that can be sent to the Post Office Regulatory Commission. Mr. Berman stated the residents need to submit reasons why the service is important to the residents and how the residents profit from the service in Great Cacapon.

Susan McConnell- Ms. McConnell stated that she read the documents explaining the proposed reduction in hours and believes that the public is also losing an additional 45 minutes of open business a day. Ms. McConnell suggested closing on Saturdays and keeping the hours during the week the same.

Lexa Kirk- Ms. Kirk stated that the post office is the life blood of the community. There is no library or school in Great Cacapon. The post office participates in programs including the children's backpack program, a coat drive and a book drive. It would be detrimental if the post office is closed.

Cheryl Rink- Ms. Rink stated that there is a lot of emotion with this and the public were told untruths. Ms. Rink stated that she has sent an email and 5 letters to the postal service. Ms. Rink stated that she will continue to follow up with this until she can get some response from the postal service.

George McHenry Jr.- Mr. McHenry stated that the post office is our representation and it supports the community. Cutting the hours will lose revenue and will eliminate the post office all together. The community needs to get public officials involved in this to support us. The post office provides communication for the citizens and offers programs. It will be a huge inconvenience to a lot of people if they have to travel to Berkeley Springs because the post office is shut down. We need to get support and try to stop this.

Commissioner Brenda Hutchinson- Commissioner Hutchinson stated that packets of letters for elected officials and legislators are provided on the back table. Commissioner Hutchinson explained that she personally uses the post office in Great Cacapon and knows how important it is to the community. Commissioner Hutchinson read aloud a resolution to be passed. On a Brenda Hutchinson/Brad Close motion, the County Commission of Morgan County, WV do not support the changes in operations in Great Cacapon and urge the U.S. Postal Service to reverse its decision and/or suspend its implementation until it can demonstrate that no other reasonable option exists for Great Cacapon. This motion carried.

Commissioner Brad Close- Commissioner Brad Close thanked postmaster Rick Dunn for the exceptional job he performs and everything he does to help the community. Commissioner Close stated this shows what a sense of community means, it's the small things that you have done. Things like this keeps the community together, stay active, stick to the facts and talk about revenue. Don't lose the fight and keep fighting.

Pam Mann- Ms. Mann stated that she is a children's librarian at the Morgan County Library located in Berkeley Springs, WV. The post office is the last thing we have for the community in Great Cacapon, WV. Ms. Mann suggested citizens go to their neighbors, explain what is happening, take the letters, the more we get the more

support we have. We need to write letters and make sure that the neighbors do as well.

Commission President Stacy Dugan- President Dugan thanked everyone for showing their support and attending the meeting. President Dugan stated that letters along with the minutes from the public meeting and the resolution will be sent to the state and local officials.

Jerry Berman- Mr. Berman stated that he is going to create a petition to be placed in the post office so the citizens will have a chance to sign it.

The public meeting was adjourned.

Sign In sheets attached



# Morgan County Commission

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**NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

## **MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION URGES US POSTAL SERVICE TO CONTINUE FULL TIME SERVICE AT GREAT CACAPON POST OFFICE**

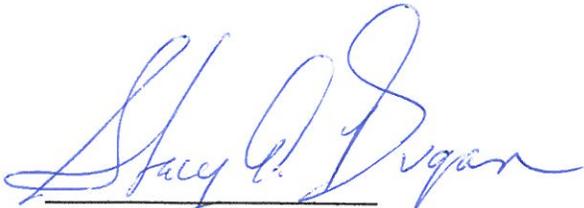
**WHEREAS**, The Morgan County Commission at a public meeting on November 1, 2012 heard testimony from a significant number of residents strongly opposing announced reduction in service at the Great Cacapon Post Office;

**WHEREAS**, the overwhelming view of local residents is that their Post Office is a vital institution in supporting small business operations, provides important services for seniors (e.g. obtaining mail order medical prescriptions), and facilitates rural communication and community;

**WHEREAS**, while the community understands the need of the U.S. Postal Service to significantly reduce costs to deal with changes in the postal economy, the community strongly believes the Great Cacapon Post Office pays for itself on an annual basis and should be maintained in any plan to save the Post Office and avoid further deterioration in service and operating loss;

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Great Cacapon believe their views were not taken into account in the Postal Survey conducted prior to the decision (by omitting the full service option) or adequately recorded at the Post Office Public Meeting held on October 26, 2012 attended by over 150 residents;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the County Commission of Morgan County, West Virginia, do not support the changes in operations in Great Cacapon and urge the U.S. Postal Service to reverse its decision and/ or suspend its implementation until it can demonstrate that no other reasonable option exists for Great Cacapon.



Stacy A. Dugan, President  
Morgan County Commission



Brenda J. Hutchinson  
Morgan County Commission



Bradley J. Close  
Morgan County Commission

ATTEST:   
Debra A. Kesecker  
Clerk of the County Commission

Morgan County Commission

MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Great Cacapon Post Office

DATE: NOV 1 - Public Meeting

Sheet: Of:

NO.	NAME	REPRESENTING	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1	Anna Rogers	citizen	304-258-7768	sldmsnwo@localnet.com
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3	Betty Hutchinson	citizen	304-258-2467	216829@frontier.com
4	Karen Whomus	citizen	304-258-1421	KARENRW1@frontier.com
5	Sandra Ottaviano	citizen	304-258-4997	sandraanddoug@frontier.com
6	Margaret Barbright	citizen	304-947-7233	barbright@frontier.net
7	Roy Barb	CITIZEN	304-947-7233	BARBRIGHT@FRONTIER.NET
8	Claudia Rauch	self/citizen	304-947-7521	Stucker91@col.com
9	Just Ware	Self	304-947-5996	
10	Darryl Bertram	Self	304-947-7766	bertram@cdt.org
11	Kate Evans	Morgan Messenger	304-947-7037	Kate.evans@frontier.net
12	Rick Medinos	citizen	304-947-7546	
13	VAN Brown	citizen	304-258-4157	EAST COAST ANTENNA@Gmail.com
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15	Paul	CITIZEN	304-258-1606	
16	Marcus Mulander	citizen	304-258-9672	mmulander@aol.com
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1	Rick Dunn	Post Office	304-253-1012	Dunnrirst@AOL.com
2	Louis Spring	Community	304-258-3155	
3	Chris Gurgg	Citizen	304-258-2961	sewnifty@frontier.com
4	Bob Swigg	Citizen	304-258-2961	
5	Cheryl R. Kirk	"	304-258-5895	CHERRIUK@Frontier.COM
6	Tom Grindler	CITIZEN	304-867-2020	
7	Lynn Hiles	Citizen	304-258-4159	lynn@lynnhiles.com
8	JANICE McPEAK	Citizen	304-947-7087	64 Trotton Hollow Ct janicemcpeak@hotmail.com
9	Linda Kjeldgaard	"	304-947-5295	lindak@kjeldgaard.com
10	Jack Kjeldgaard	"	" "	jack@kjeldgaard.com
11	Joy Frazier	Citizen	304-258-6075	
12	Pamela Mann	Citizen	304-258-5189	wvfiddlersmom@gmail.com
13	E. Fischer	Citizen	304-258-8423	
14	LAURIE Metzger Fischer	"	304-258-9423	
15	Claire Mellick	Citizen	304-258-4648	
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6	Barb Lawhorne	self	304-258-0119 111brb65@aol.com
7	Ruby McHenry	SELF	304-258-6dl6McHENRY06@people.pc.com
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9	Frank Strader		
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12	Trish Strader	Journai	
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# SPEAKERS

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Great Cacapon Post Office

Speak -

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2	Louise Spring	Community	304-258-3155
3	Lynn Hiles	Lynn Hiles Ministy	304-258-4139
4	Rick Dunn	Self	304-258-1012
5	Jerry Bernman	Self	304-947-7616
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SHEET #2

# SPEAKERS

Morgan County Commission

Sign-In sheet to

Speak -

3 minutes

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