

Morgan County Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2012

Members present: Stacy Dugan, Brenda Hutchinson and Brad Close

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

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Joshua Clark, Morgan Messenger; Keith DeBlasio; Laura Breeden, Sheriff Tax Office, Andy Swaim, Dale McConnell and Trish Strader, Journal

ADMINISTRATION ITEMS:

October 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

On a Brenda Hutchinson/ Brad Close motion, the Morgan County Commission unanimously approved the October 18, 2012 meeting minutes. This motion carried.

Ambulance Exonerations

Laura Breeden, Sheriff Tax Office, approached the Commission and presented Ambulance Fee Exonerations. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the ambulance exonerations. This motion carried.

Court Order for re-appointment of Louis Herrell to Fire Board

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission appoints Louis Herrell to the Morgan County Fire Board to serve a three year term. This motion carried.

Blue Ridge Technical Community College Grand Opening

Commissioner Close explained that the grand opening for the Blue Ridge Technical Community College has been postponed.

Holiday Helpers

Commissioner Hutchinson explained that the procedure process for the holiday helpers toys for tots program has been changed. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that applications must be completed in person and certain documentation must be provided for each member in the household. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that you can apply at Starting Points and you can reach them at 304-258-5600.

Great Cacapon Post Office

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she has prepared packets of letters to be sent to the legislators regarding realigning of the hours at the Great Cacapon Post Office. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she wanted to make sure everyone knows that she paid for this out of her own pocket and did not use county funds. Commissioner Hutchinson stated that she has mailed 60 sets of letters with each set containing 11 letters.

Dave Michael, Office of Emergency Services Director- Update on Hurricane Sandy
Dave Michael, OES Director, approached the Commission to give an update on the effects of Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Michael explained that there are still 275 customers in Morgan County without electricity. Mr. Michael presented a handout of information to the Commission. The County Commission reviewed the list of issues with Mr. Michael. Mr. Michael made suggestions for future planning and preparations for storms. Commissioner Close asked Mr. Michael to provide action items with recommendations. The Commission thanked Mr. Michael for his time.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Keith DeBlasio- Review Administration Appeal Process for the Postal Regulatory Commission

Keith DeBlasio approached the Commission and presented a handout of information. Mr. DeBlasio explained that as the Executive Director of a nonprofit corporation, AdvoCare Inc., he wishes to appeal the United States Postal Service's (USPS) decision to approve the POST Plan realignment of service hours to eliminate a full time position for the Great Cacapon Post Office. Mr. DeBlasio explained his concern regarding the post office possibly closing down. The County Commission thanked Mr. DeBlasio for his time and concern.

Public Meeting

The County Commission is holding a public meeting on November 1, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Great Cacapon Elementary School to listen to citizens concerns regarding the realignment of the post office in Great Cacapon.

Commissioner Brad Close- Contract Agreement between the School Board and Commission regarding the Soccer Field

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved and authorized Stacy Dugan, President, Morgan County Commission, to sign a contract agreement allowing a temporary transfer of the county-owned soccer field to the Morgan County School Board so it can be eligible for a \$200,000 Brownsfield Clean Up Grant. This motion carried. The Phase I environmental site assessment has already been completed and a Phase II environmental site assessment by Triad Engineering is in progress. The Phase II assessment will indicate the extent of the site contamination and the clean up options.

ADMINISTRATOR'S ITEMS:

Approval to hire Facilities Director

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved the hiring of Vincent Cichocki as a full time Facilities Director. This motion carried.

Approval to use coalbed methane severance tax for 10 passenger van for community service

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, explained that the community service is in need of a van. On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission approved spending up to \$8,000 for the purchase of a van for community service. This motion carried.

Adjournment

On a Brad Close/Brenda Hutchinson motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. This motion carried.