

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
January 10, 2013**

Members present:

Brad Close, President
Stacy Dugan
Robert Ford

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Joshua Clark, Morgan Messenger; Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper; Ronnie McIntire, Assessor, Haley Andrews, Assessor's Office; Kate Lehman, John Anderson, Dale McConnell, Bill Clark, EDA Director; Matthew Pennington, Region 9 and Jeanne Mozier, Berkeley Springs Museum

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

Administration Items:

Employee Awards

President Close announced the employee awards for years of service.

Revised Agenda Items/rules- June 20th meeting change

President Close explained that June 20th is WV Day and the courthouse is closed. The revised date for the Commission meeting will be June 27, 2012.

Assessor's Tax Exonerations- clerical errors

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the exonerations from Regina McCoy and Michael Martz. This motion carried. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission objects to the exonerations from Mark Sugg due to the tax year. This motion carried.

Court Order for appointment to Fire Board- Todd Ruppenthal

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission hereby appoints Todd Ruppenthal to the Morgan County Fire Board to serve the remainder of JJ Steiners three year term. This appointment is effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2013. This motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Purchase/Check Logs

There were no questions or comments regarding the purchase/check logs.

Approval of Minutes

There were no changes to the December 20, 2012, January 2, 2013 and January 7, 2013 Morgan County Commission meeting minutes.

Commission Calendar

The Commission Calendar was approved with one amendment.

Budget Revisions

There were no budget revisions.

Consent Agenda Approval

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the consent agenda. This motion carried.

Action Items:

Policies/Procedure for tax exoneration application

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, will create policies and procedures for tax exoneration applications. Ms. McClintock will present the policies and procedures at the Commission meeting on February 7, 2013.

Economic Development Director Bill Clark & Matt Pennington- Small Grant Application for Business Park

Bill Clark and Matt Pennington approached the Commission and requested approval to proceed with a grant application to obtain funding to plant trees in the 522 Business Park. Mr. Pennington explained that there is an in kind match for volunteer services and no county funds will be spent. Mr. Pennington explained that the planting of trees will provide storm water credits and trees reduce the amount of stormwater. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves to move forward with the grant application. This motion carried.

Jeanne Mozier- Funds request for Berkeley Springs Museum

Jeanne Mozier representing the Berkeley Springs Museum, approached the Commission to request additional funds in the amount of \$5000 for the Berkeley Springs Museum. Ms. Mozier explained that the funds will be used for the geology room that is being constructed. President Close explained that the funds request will be discussed and considered at the January 24 Commission meeting during the budget request session.

Reports

Jody McClintock, County Administrator

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approved the request to hire Melissa Yost as part-time kennel cleaner. This motion carried. Barbie Ginck, who was previously selected declined the position due to transportation issues.

Items from the Public/Miscellaneous Discussions

John Anderson asked the Commission what is happening with the soccer field? President Close stated that they are waiting to hear back from the Environmental Department.

John Anderson asked the Commission if the county has ordinances regarding crematories. President Close stated that there are no crematory laws from Morgan County.

Miscellaneous Discussion- Geothermal System for Courthouse

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 10:55 am to seek legal advice regarding the geothermal system for the courthouse. This motion carried.

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission came out of executive session at 11:09 a.m. This motion carried.

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved to go forward with sending certified letters to Silling & Associates and Milestone Construction and move forward with putting into action a plan to pull the pump to the geothermal system. This motion carried.

Adjournment/Recess

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission adjourned the meeting. This motion carried.