

Morgan County Commission Meeting February 7, 2013

Members present:

Bradley Close, President
Stacy Dugan
Robert Ford

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Laura Breeden, Sheriff Tax Office; Joshua Clark, Morgan Messenger; Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper; Kevin Sites; Kim Michael, Sheriff Tax Office; Kate Lehman, Warm Springs Watershed Association; Gidget Edwards; Kenneth Merchant Jr. ; Kenneth Merchant Sr.; JoAnn Merchant; Debra West; Megan Scott, Kris Willard, Laura Smith, Morgan County Partnership; Steve Rawlings, WV Risk Pool Insurance; Larry Lower and Michael Parlor

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

Administration Items:

Patriot Award

Commissioner Ford explained that his nominee is a farmer who has contributed greatly to the community for years. Commissioner Ford stated that his nominee for the Patriot Award is Phil Harmison.

Commissioner Dugan explained that her nominee was a great citizen that led the way to feed people in the community. Commissioner Dugan stated that her nominee for the patriot award is the late Jack Hiles. Commissioner Dugan stated that Mr. Hiles was a preacher and went out of his way to help any individual in need.

President Close stated that he has not spoken to his nominee yet and would rather talk to them personally before he makes the announcement.

Water for courthouse office

The County Commission will talk to each elected official regarding the water and water coolers before an official vote is taken.

Carol York, Grant Administrator- Resolution to apply for WV Development Office Community Participation Grant

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission authorizes Bradley J. Close, President as the official representative for the Commission in the administration of the WV Development Office Community Participation Grant Program applications for the Morgan County Sheriff's Department and the Great Cacapon Volunteer Fire Company. Commissioner Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Representative for Comcast Cable

Commissioner Dugan explained that according to the Comcast Franchise Agreement there is a representative to be appointed to monitor the services and keep the County Commission updated. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission appoints Jerry Berman as the Comcast Cable Representative for the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Commissioner Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Ambulance Exonerations

According to WV Code, the County Commission cannot do anything with the ambulance exonerations.

Consent Agenda

February Calendar

The Commission made a few amendments to the calendar.

Purchase/Check Logs

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

Approval of minutes

There were a few amendments to the January 24, 2013 meeting minutes.

Budget Revisions

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$5000 transferred from fund account 401 line item 567 to fund account 401 line item 223.

Consent Agenda Approval

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the consent agenda. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Bill Clark, Economic Development Director- Water Tank for Business Park

Bill Clark, Economic Development Director, approached the Commission and explained that the WV Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council provides a binding to offer a loan of not more than \$300,000 to the Morgan County Economic Development Authority to finance the improvement of the water storage and treatment system at the Morgan County Industrial Park. Mr. Clark requested support and approval to go forward with the loan. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves conveying the title to use 50 acres of the property located at the industrial park as collateral and move forward with the loan. After the improvements, the land will be returned back to the County Commission. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Estate of Robert Joseph Clay

Kim Nickles, County Clerks Office, approached the Commission and explained that Robert Joseph Clay is deceased and there are multiple Wills regarding the estate and an ongoing investigation with the Sheriff's Department. The Commission reviewed the documents. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission appoints the Sheriff of Morgan County to serve as the Administrator to the estate of Robert Joseph Clay. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Kris Willard, Morgan County Partnership- Applications for Grants

Kris Willard, Morgan County Partnership, approached the Commission and asked the Commission to be the fiscal agent for the grant applications to receive funding for the Morgan County Partnership. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the Morgan County Commission authorizes Bradley J. Close, President of the Morgan County Commission, to act on its behalf in the administration of the WV DJCS FY2013 grant and the WV DJCS Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II Grant Program. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Steve Rawlings, WV Risk Pool- Possible Executive Session- Litigations

Steve Rawlings approached the Commission and presented a handout. Mr. Rawlings gave a brief description on the Risk Pool Insurance and coverages provided. On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 11:14 a.m. to discuss the pending litigations. Motion carried. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission came out of executive session at 11:52 a.m. Motion carried.

Kim Michael, Sheriff Tax Office Deputy- Quotes for safe for check scanning system

Kim Michael, Chief Deputy, Sheriff Tax Office, approached the Commission to discuss the safe for the check scanning system for the Sheriff Tax Office. President Close stated that he would like to provide credit card payments for the citizens. After discussing the options, the Commission unanimously decided not to move forward with the purchase of the safe or use the check scanning system provided by CNB Bank.

Consideration of adoption by the County Commission on first reading of an Ordinance of the County Commission titled as follows: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE LEASE REVENUE BONDS

Attorney John Stump from Steptoe & Johnson approached the Commission to discuss the possibility of refinancing the loan on the courthouse through an USDA loan with the interest rate of 3.125%. The original loan was five years at a 1% interest before switching to the current agriculture loan, which is currently locked in at 4.75%. Mr. Stump stated that the 3.125% is the lowest rate he has seen and he doesn't want to miss the chance on the rate. The amount left to pay on the courthouse is \$7,597,711.00. There has to be three readings of the ordinance. The

Morgan County Building Commission has scheduled meetings for the readings of the ordinance on February 7 and February 14, 2013. The third reading will be at the County Commission meeting on March 7, 2013.

Debra Kesecker, County Clerk- Funds request for Excess Levy Election

Debra Kesecker, Honorable County Clerk explained that there are costs associated with the Excess Levy Election held by the Board of Education and asked if the Board of Education can pay the costs. Ms. Kesecker explained that the costs include early voting employee hours, time taken to test and load the voting machines and train the poll workers. The County Commission requested that Ms. Kesecker prepare a proposal estimating the costs for the election. Ms. Kesecker will present the proposal at the next Commission meeting held on March 7, 2013. The Excess Levy Election is scheduled for May 11, 2013.

Reports

Update on Geothermal

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, explained that the geothermal pump has been pulled. A portion of the wire rope cable was in the pump. The County Commission will seek reimbursement.

Personnel Issue

On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion carried. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission came out of executive session. Motion carried. On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approves Jody McClintock, County Administrator, to hire a temporary/ part time Animal Control Officer and handle the personnel issue as deemed appropriate. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Items from the Public/Miscellaneous Discussion

Grant Application for Cacapon State Park

Honorable Judge Glen Stotler approached the Commission to discuss the grant application for the Cacapon State Park Foundation grant for improvements to the Old Inn. Judge Stotler stated that the grant application has already been completed and since the County Commission is the fiscal agent for the application, he wanted to just update the Commission. The Commission will continue to get updates as the improvements are completed at the Old Inn.

Work Session

Goals

The County Commission participated in a work session to review and revise the goals for 2013.

WV Extension Office

The County Commission received a letter stating the rent will be increasing on the building currently being used by the WV Extension Office. The Commission discussed and agreed to move the extension office to the Pines Opportunity Center (old War Memorial Hospital) on September 1, 2013.

Recess

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission made a motion to recess the meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.