

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
February 21, 2013**

Members present:

Bradley Close, President
Stacy Dugan
Robert Ford

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Marshall Younker II; Leonard Barroh; Dale McConnell; Barbara Green; Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper; Barbara Tutor; Penny Lynch; Libby Woods; Peggy Mullen; Tammy Hankin; Kay Miller; William Mesner; Ronnie Gaither; Laura Breeden, Sheriff Tax Office; Mary Bennett; Kenny Mesner; Michael Mesner; Jazz Clark; Roger Day and Jeanne Mozier

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

Administration Items:

Nominee for Volunteer of the Year Award

The County Commission will discuss nominees at the next Commission meeting.

Bill Clark, EDA Director, Resolution to improve telecommunications for Morgan County

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission hereby establishes cell service and the attraction of carriers to Morgan County as a high priority action item for 2013. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Purchase/Check Logs

The County Commission will discuss a credit card statement at the next meeting.

Approval of minutes

There was one amendment to the February 7, 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.

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$10,000 transferred from fund account 401 line item 567 to fund account 401 line item 459.

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$451 transferred from fund account 716 line item 341 to fund account 716 line item 217.

There was one budget revision in the amount \$16,000 from fund account 390 to fund account 712.

Consent Agenda Approval

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan 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:

Courthouse Re-finance Amortization Decision

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves to pay 4 million dollars out of the fire recovery fund on the principle prior to refinancing the loan for the courthouse. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

**Kim Nickels, County Clerks Office
-Estate of William Frederick Mesner**

Attorney D. Frank Hill approached the Commission and stated that he was hired two weeks ago for the estate of William Frederick Mesner. Mr. Hill stated that the medical and funeral expenses have been paid. On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission issued a continuance for 60 days. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Home Consortium Resolution

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission participates in the Eastern Panhandle Home Consortium of WV and recognizes the need to obtain funding for affordable housing and has identified the HOME Program as a source of funds to meet this need. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Water & Water Cooler in Courthouse offices

Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney approached the Commission and requested approval for her to purchase water for the water cooler in her office. Ms. McLaughlin stated that she has purchased the cooler herself and the cost for water would be approximately \$120 year. Ms. McLaughlin explained that the water is a courtesy to the public when they are at her office for court, meetings, etc. On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approved the cost of \$120 out of contracted services for the purchase of water for the Prosecuting Attorney's office. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commission Dugan opposed and voted nay stating that there are water fountains in the courthouse and she does not think this is an appropriate expense for the taxpayers. Motion carried.

Roger Day- Animal Loss

Roger Day approached the Commission and stated that he was previously at a meeting and was instructed to approach the Magistrate's Office regarding compensation for his chickens that he claims were killed by his neighbors dog. Mr. Day explained that the Magistrate's Office is unable to seek reimbursement. Mr. Day stated that the chickens were worth \$135 and he requested reimbursement. Commissioner Ford stated that the average price for a chicken on open market is between \$5-\$6. Mr. Day stated his loss was justified by no longer getting eggs and the difficulty of buying new chickens. The County Commission asked Mr. Day to provide a bill of sale or documentation stating the price he paid for the chickens before they can approve reimbursement.

Debra Kesecker, Honorable County Clerk- Estimated Cost Proposal for Excess Levy Election

Debra Kesecker presented an estimated cost proposal to the Commission itemizing the cost of the Special Excess Levy Election. The County Commission reviewed the proposal.

Debra McLaughlin, Prosecuting Attorney- Possible Executive Session -Legal Matters

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission came out of executive session. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried. The County Commission will submit a letter to the Warms Springs Public Service District Board requesting the board change the meeting hours to accommodate operating hours of the County Commission office or consider changing the location of the meetings.

Reports

Jody McClintock, County Administrator

Approval to hire part time Animal Control Kennel Cleaner

The County Commission will not hire a part time Animal Control Kennel Cleaner at this time.

Approval of updated attendance policy

The County Commission suggested having all of the elected officials sign the attendance policy and submit it to the Wage and Review Board to be included in the employee handbook.

Approval of Goals 2013

The County Commission approved the Goals for 2013.

Update on Geothermal Pump

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, stated that neither the pump motor or the assembly have been damaged. Ms. McClintock stated that she is waiting for recommendations from the company on repairing the problems.

WV Extension Office

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, stated that Bill Clark, EDA Director, Vince Cichocki, Facilities Director, and herself visited the Pines Opportunity Center to see the space available for the WV Extension Office. Ms. McClintock stated that there may need to be some changes to make the space accommodating for the WV Extension Office.

Recess

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