

## **Morgan County Commission Meeting March 7, 2013**

### **Members present:**

Bradley Close, President  
Stacy Dugan  
Robert Ford

**Also present:** Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Marshall Younker II; Dale McConnell; Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper; Lisa Unger, Shirley Hiles, Tama Hiles, Andy Hiles, Terri & Monte Bohrer, Philip Harmison, G. Daniel Unger, Glorious Sagle, Bill Locke, Beverly Locke, Joyce Hiles, Lynn Hiles, Stephanie Mathias, Office of the Governor; Lewis Braithwaite; John Allen Swaim; Amber Booher; Dan Duckwall; Laura Breeden, Sheriff Tax Office; Jim Hoyt; Tim Seims; Larry Schultz; Zac Caldwell, 911 Director; Kate Lehman; Bill Lewis; Robert Mangold, Sheriff Deputy Reserves; Amy Lane; Kim Hanback, Circuit Clerk; Vince Shambaugh, Sheriff; Jason Pearce, Animal Control Officer and Stephanie Nichols, Animal Control Officer

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

### **Administration Items:**

#### **Patriot Award Honorees**

The Patriot Award is an award giving to a Morgan County resident that goes above and beyond to help the community by volunteering their time to help others. Each Commissioner selected one resident to give the award to.

President Close honored William Locke with the Patriot Award.

Commissioner Dugan honored the late Jack Winford Hiles with the Patriot Award.

Commissioner Ford honored Philip Harmison with the Patriot Award.

Each honoree received a certificate and pin.

#### **County Commission's nominee for Volunteer of the Year Award**

Commissioner Dugan explained that Jerry Berman had worked on creating the Comcast Franchise agreement and volunteered many hours of his time. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission nominates Jerry Berman as the County Commission's Volunteer of the Year Award. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **Old Deed Hung in Courthouse**

President Close explained that there is an old deed that was possibly signed by Robert E. Lee and asked if the Commission would agree to hang it in the courthouse. The County Commission agreed.

### **Review of County Commission appointments**

The County Commission reviewed the Commission board appointments to local organizations. President Close stated that due to the employment of his wife, he is recommended to resign from the Senior Life Services Board due to a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Ford stated that he is resigning from the Fair Board and the Morgan County Partnership.

Commissioner Dugan asked if Commissioner Ford would be willing to serve on the Berkeley/Jefferson Criminal Corrections Committee for the Criminal Justice Board and she could sit on the Senior Life Services Board. The Commission agreed to further discuss the appointments at the next Commission meeting.

### **Calendar for March**

The Commission approved the calendar for March.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Commission will defer the purchase/check logs and budget revisions until the budget meeting.

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

#### **Stephanie Mathias- Regional Representative for Eastern Panhandle for Governor Tomblin's office**

Stephanie Mathias, Regional Representative for Eastern Panhandle for Governor Tomblin's office, approached the Commission to introduce herself. The County Commission thanked Ms. Mathias for her time.

#### **Dave Michael, Director, Morgan County WV Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management & Zachary Caldwell, 911 Director- Update on 911 Emergency Center**

Dave Michael and Zachary Caldwell approached the Commission to give an update on the 911 Emergency Center. Mr. Caldwell explained that the dispatchers have completed the mandatory training. Mr. Caldwell stated that they will be performing job interviews to hire 911 dispatchers. Mr. Michael and Mr. Caldwell will follow up and give another update at the April 4 County Commission meeting.

#### **Morgan County Marcellus Shale Committee- Report on Marcellus Shale**

Larry Schultz, Tim Seims and Jim Hoyt, all members of the Marcellus Shale Committee, approached the Commission to give a report on the preliminary report of the Morgan County Marcellus Shale Committee. The Morgan County Commission formed a committee in September 2011 to study the current Marcellus Shale boom and make recommendations to the Commission. Mr. Schultz, Mr. Seims and

Mr. Hoyt reviewed the report with the Commission and made a few recommendations. The County Commission thanked the members for their time and work on the report.

**John Stump, Steptoe & Johnson- Final reading of an Ordinance of the County Commission titled as follows: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE LEASE REVENUE BONDS**

John Stump, Steptoe & Johnson, approached the Commission for a public hearing and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading of the ordinance authorizing the payment of the lease revenue bonds. There were no comments or questions from the public. On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission enacted the ordinance as presented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried. The County Commission scheduled a closing date of March 25 for the refinance of the courthouse loan.

**John Allen Swaim & Lewis Braithwaite- Deford Masonic Lodge Tax Purposes**

John Allen Swaim, Trustee & Lewis Braithwaite, Treasurer, Deford Lodge, approached the Commission and asked why other organizations in the county are tax exempt and the Deford Lodge is not. President Close explained that this is a tax classification issue and unfortunately the Commission cannot solve the problem. The Commission suggested Mr. Swaim and Mr. Braithwaite talk to the Assessor regarding their question.

**The Honorable Debra Kesecker, County Clerk- Election Fund Request**

The Honorable Debra Kesecker, County Clerk had previously presented the Commission with a estimate of cost in the amount of \$29,567.92 for the Special Levy Election for the Morgan County Board of Education. Ms. Kesecker explained that she is requesting an additional \$599 for the election budget. On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved the additional funds of \$599. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

**Bill Lewis & Robert Mangold, Morgan County Sheriff's Deputy Reserves- Funds request to replace diving gear**

Bill Lewis & Robert Mangold, Morgan County Sheriff's Deputy Reserves, approached the Commission regarding funds to replace diving gear. Mr. Mangold is a diving specialist and lost his gear in his cruiser when it caught fire. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Mangold explained that they have already replaced all but 2 items and asked for the re-imburement of \$500 for the insurance deductible. The Commission will further discuss the request during the budget meeting.

**Executive Session- County Employee Credit Card Usage**

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission went into executive session at 11:15 am to discuss a personnel issue regarding credit card usage.

President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission came out of executive session at 11:37 am. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Administrator Report**

#### **Jody McClintock, County Administrator**

##### **Exoneration Policies**

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approved the exoneration policies. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

##### **Geothermal Pump**

Ms. McClintock stated that the geothermal pump will be back next week and ready for installation.

##### **Recess**

##### **Budget/Policy Work Session**

###### **Budget Meeting with Elected Officials**

The County Commission held a workshop budget meeting and met with each elected official individually to discuss their budget for FY 2013.

##### **Request for Transfer of Funds**

###### **Department- County Clerk Elections**

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$2277 transferred from fund account 413 line item 230 to fund account 413 line item 103.

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$156 transferred from fund account 413 line item 230 to fund account 413 line item 104.

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$2828 transferred from fund account 413 line item 230 to fund account 413 line item 223.

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$1183 transferred from fund account 413 line item 220 to fund account 413 line item 223.

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$247 transferred from fund account 413 line item 220 to fund account 413 line item 341.

###### **Department- County Commission**

There was one budget revision in the amount of \$900 transferred from fund account 401 line item 457 to fund account 401 line item 217.

##### **Approval of Appointment of Special Prosecutor**

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approves the two orders of appointment for Special Prosecutor. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

##### **Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**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.