

**Morgan County Commission Special Meeting
April 25, 2013**

Members present:

Bradley Close, President
Stacy Dugan
Robert Ford

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Josh Clark, Morgan Messenger; George Farnham, Brenda Hutchinson, Roger Steiner, Great Cacapon Fire Department, Jerry Berman, Kevin Duckwall, Todd Ruppenthal;

The meeting was opened by Cathy Payne, Chief Deputy County Clerk, at 5:30 p.m.

911 Advisory Board to purchase radio equipment

Commissioner Ford explained to the Commission that he believes there is a need for better emergency communications for emergency personnel in Morgan County. Commissioner Ford reviewed with the Commission an emergency systems program with VHF Simulcasting. Commissioner Ford stated that this is very important and we need to keep our emergency personnel safe and make sure they can communicate with each other during emergencies. Commissioner Ford stated that the system costs \$830,546.15. Commissioner Ford stated that he would like to consider raising the 911 fees to help fund the project. Commissioner Dugan stated that she is against raising the fees. Commissioner Close stated that he needs time to review this before he can make a decision. Commissioner Dugan agreed and stated that she would like to look into other options rather than raising fees. On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission tabled the decision to the July 11, 2013 County Commission meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Transfer money in Animal Control Fund

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved transferring \$15,000 from capital improvements to the Animal Control fund for improvements. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried. The improvements include a 14x26 building with 5 kennels, remodeling the inside of the current facility, planting trees and shrubs and installing a fence.

Authorization of Morgan County Outdoor Recreational Facilities Tobacco-Free Policy

On a Brad Close/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission authorized Bradley J. Close, Commission President, to sign the Morgan County Outdoor Recreational Facilities Tobacco-Free Policy. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

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.