

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
May 16, 2013**

Members present:

Bradley Close, President
Stacy Dugan
Robert Ford

Also present: Jody McClintock, County Administrator; Ginger Johnson, Commission Secretary; Josh Clark, Morgan Messenger; Linda Kjeldgaard; Kim Golden; Jacob Golden; Keith DeBlasio; John Webster; Tim Seims; Tim Newton; Barb Wolfe; Ronda Michael, Morgan County Sheriff's Dept.; Jim Hoyt; Joe Mogus; Kris O'Brien; Laura Steepleton; Hayley Andrews, Assessor's Office; David O'Brien; Steve Kaldes; Kevin Sites; Amy Lane; Angelia Riddell; Summer Riddell; Skye Riddell; Saydee Ridell; Jacob Ridell; Shauna Riddell; Darlene Bane; Margaret Herring; Anthea McAllister; Charlene Gilliam, First Energy; Brenda Hutchinson; George Farnham; Diana Riddell; Wayne Riddell; Tammie Giller; Kelly Frazier; Bill Harmison; Dale McConnell; Laura Simms; Kim Wills; Patricia Dilts; Naomi Cajly; Sally Marshall; Larry Lower; Joe Lillard; Sonya Householder; Linda Lillard; Zachary Caldwell and Tricia Strader, Journal Newspaper

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

Administrative Items

Jake Golden- Eagle Scout Project for Pleasant View

Jake Golden approached the Commission and stated that he is doing an Eagle Scout Project for Pleasant View. Mr. Golden explained that he is building a pavilion for the Pleasant View Community Association Inc. The County Commission thanked and commended Mr. Golden for his work.

Carol York, Grants Administrator- COPS Technology Grant Resolution for Purslane Tower Grant

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission authorizes Bradley J. Close, President of the Morgan County Commission, to act on its behalf to approve TRIAD Engineering, Inc. to provide the remaining services as defined in the approved Professional Services Agreement, contingent upon release of funds by the COPS grant agency. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

County Commission match "TIGER V Connector Road Grant and Cash Match determination"

Commissioner Dugan recused herself and left the meeting due to a conflict since she is employed by Valley Health Systems.

On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approves the application to the TIGER IV grant program and approves commitment of matching funds in the

amount of \$25,000. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dugan returned to the meeting.

Resolution in support of the Town of Bath TIGER V Grant for Streetscapes Improvements

On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission authorized President Close to sign the support letter for the Town of Bath Streetscapes TIGER V Grant Application. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval for Hire Letter for summer employee for Sheriff's Department

Rhonda Michael, Sheriff's Department, approached the Commission with a letter requesting approval to hire Caitlin Shambaugh as temporary help for the summer. On a Bob Ford/Brad Close motion, the County Commission approves the request to hire Ms. Shambaugh as a temporary employee for the summer. Commissioner Dugan stated that she will not approve this hire and explained that the position was not advertised in the newspaper giving other individuals a chance and Ms. Shambaugh is a family member of one of the deputies. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea and Commissioner Dugan voted nay. Motion carried.

Action Items

Marcellus Shale Committee- Finalize Report & thank members

Commissioner Dugan thanked the members of the Marcellus Shale committee for their work on the draft preliminary report and the Commission presented the members with a certificate. The members are: Jim Hoyt, Carol Coryea, Linda Kjeldgaard, Mark Hann, Tim Seims and Larry Schultz. The County Commission requests the Marcellus Shale Committee have another public meeting allowing additional changes and suggestions to the report from the public citizens and then come back to the County Commission to finalize the report.

Renewal of \$200,000 line of credit account

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission authorizes Bradley J. Close, President, Morgan County Commission, to sign the annual renewal of the \$200,000 line of credit to the capitol reserve account. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Estate of Shawn Riddell

The County Commission reviewed the estate case. On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission removes the current Administrator, Diana Riddell and appoints Jacob Riddell, son of Shawn Riddell as Administrator of the Estate. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried. William Harmison, Attorney, will continue to close out the estate.

Video Streaming of County Commission meetings

Commissioner Dugan explained that she feels it is important for citizens to learn about County Commission meetings and they should be able to view the meetings in their own homes. Commissioner Dugan stated that she has consulted with Kevin Boles and the County Commission meetings can be video recorded and placed on the website for the citizens to access. Commissioner Dugan made a motion to move forward with video streaming the Commission meetings to be placed on the website for the cost of \$1350.00. Commissioner Ford seconded the motion to vote.

President Close stated that he is not in favor of this and feels we do not have the Information Technology capacity for this kind of project. Commissioner Dugan voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted nay and President Close voted nay. Motion failed.

Laura Simms- Request of Exoneration for Personal Property Assessment

Laura Simms approached the Commission with a request of exoneration for personal property assessment. Ms. Simms explained that she is in the middle of a divorce and doesn't feel she should be responsible for the entire personal property tax bill. Commissioner Ford explained that there are no revisions in the WV Code dealing with exoneration due to divorces. President Close explained that there is nothing the Commission can do and they cannot approve the exoneration. The Commission thanked Ms. Simms for her time.

Washington Homeopathic Works- Request of Exoneration for Real Estate Assessment

President Brad Close recused himself and left the meeting due to the conflict that Washington Homeopathic Works is a tax client of the firm. Joe Lillard and Sonya Householder approached the Commission with an application for exoneration for Washington Homeopathic Works. Mr. Lillard explained that he had a business in town but had moved it to the industrial park on 522. Mr. Lillard continued to fill out assessment forms for both locations. After reviewing the application, the Commission suggested Mr. Lillard come to the next Commission meeting and bring their tax bills so the County Commission can review them and make sure he is not getting double billed. The Commission thanked Mr. Lillard and Ms. Householder for their time.

President Close returned to the meeting.

Reports

Charlene Gilliam, Representative for First Energy- Update on billing & storm preparedness

Charlene Gilliam, representing First Energy, approached the Commission to give a review on the billing and storm preparedness. Commissioner Dugan stated that she has had complaints from citizens regarding their high electric bills. Ms. Gilliam explained that residents can call First Energy with questions about their bills and explained that First Energy will work with people to set up payment plans. Ms. Gilliam stated that due to Super Storm Sandy, there were more estimated bills than

actual bills and the estimates were low so when people received an actual reading bill, the bill was higher than they expected. Commissioner Ford that the problem is the community is living on fixed incomes and they are having trouble paying the high electric bills. The Commission thanked Ms. Gilliam for her update.

Larry Lower & Sally Marshall- Request for support on cost sharing for 2012 Transportation Enhancement Grant

Larry Lower & Sally Marshall, representing the Town of Bath Streetscape Committee, approached the Commission and explained that the Town of Bath has received a Transportation Enhancement Grant, where \$380,000 in federal funds will support the continuation of the Streetscape program. Mr. Lower explained that the grant is a 80% / 20% grant match that means for the Town of Bath to use the \$380,000, they need to provide a 20% match totaling \$95,000. The Town of Bath Streetscape Committee requests funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the Morgan County Commission to go towards the cash match. President Close explained that the County Commission will have a budget review meeting the end of June and will consider the request at that time. The Commission thanked Mr. Lower and Ms. Marshall for their hard work with this project.

Zack Caldwell, 911 Director & Dave Michael, Office of Emergency Services- update on 911 Center

Zack Caldwell, 911 Director & Dave Michael, Office of Emergency Services approached the Commission to give an update on the 911 Center. Mr. Caldwell updated the Commission on the 911 center. Mr. Caldwell explained that things are improving and the employees are cooperating with the changes. The Commission thanked Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Michael for the update.

Funds Request for Pleasant View Community Association Inc. - \$5000

The County Commission reviewed a funds request from Pleasant View Community Association Inc. in the amount of \$5000. The funds will be used for a concrete foundation slab for a pavilion. The County Commission will review the request at the budget review meeting the end of June.

Consent Agenda

Check Logs

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

Approval of Minutes

April 18, 2013

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the April 18, 2013 County Commission meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

May 2, 2013

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission approved the meeting minutes from the May 2, 2013 County Commission meeting. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Budget Revisions

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

Exonerations

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approved the exonerations due to clerical errors. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report**HOME Consortium Board Member**

Jody McClintock, County Administrator, stated that she needs to table the Home Consortium board member until the next meeting.

Training for Animal Control Officers

On a Bob Ford/Stacy Dugan motion, the County Commission approves funds in the amount of \$1300 to fund training for two Animal Control Officers. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried. Funds will come out of 401-567(Contributions to Other Government Fund).

Court Order

On a Stacy Dugan/Bob Ford motion, the County Commission hereby designates CNB Bank, BB&T Bank and City National Bank as depositories for the Morgan County Commission. President Close voted yea, Commissioner Dugan voted yea and Commissioner Ford voted yea. Motion carried.

Recess**Work Session @ 5:30 p.m.****Emergency Radio System**

The County Commission held a work session meeting regarding the Emergency Communications Issues.

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.

