

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
January 16, 2019**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Ken Reed
Commissioner Sean Forney

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk
Stefanie Allemong, County Administrator
Mark Hill, Assistant County Administrator

Public Present: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting was opened by Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of meeting minutes – 1/2/2019

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2019 as amended. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Administration Items

Approved sales agreement for purchase of election equipment from Jackson County

Commissioner Reed made a motion to authorize the President of the Commission to sign the sales agreement for purchase of election equipment from Jackson County. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Discussion/action EMS Board appointments

Commissioner Forney made a motion to re-appoint Lori Kiley to the EMS Board for a three year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2021. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to appoint Martin Caskey to the EMS Board for a two year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2020. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

President Tuttle made a motion to appoint Dale Heironimus to the EMS Board for a two year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2021. Commissioner Forney voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and President Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

K.C. Bohrer / Kim Michael – Request to hire replacement Office Deputy

Commissioner Reed made a motion to hire Serena Skaggs as Office Deputy for the Sheriff's Tax Office. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessors Exonerations & Consolidations

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the Exoneration for CNB Bank & Darrell & Terri Bennett in the amount of \$202.92. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the exoneration for David P. Bittner in the amount of \$74.67. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of new road name – Wind Dance Trail

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the new road name Wind Dance Trail. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of new road name – Hornsby Trail

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the new road name Hornsby Trail. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval to amend the Holiday Schedule 2019 with the addition of October 11, 2019 (Apple Butter Friday)

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve October 11, 2019 as a county holiday. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Library letter to the West Virginia Library Commission for the in kind donation of the building on a yearly basis

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the library letter to the West Virginia Library Commission for the in kind donation of \$42,000 annually. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Recognition of Roy's Service Center

President Tuttle presented a certificate to Buffy Farris, Jimmy Farris and Virgil Cain representing Roy's Service Center respectively. A picture was taken with the Commissioners and the County Administrator.

Discussion/action regarding postponing the public hearings for the draft alarm ordinance

President Tuttle made a motion to postpone the public hearings that were to be held today at noon and January 24, 2019 at 7:00pm. Commissioner Reed voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and President Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Connie Perry, Christmas Committee – Discussion/possible decision to place two (2) storage units in the gravel lot at the pines for storing Christmas decorations

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve space behind the Pines for the Christmas Committee for two (2) temporary storage units to store Christmas decorations. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted tea. Motion carried.

Chuck Hampe and Bill Clark – Vietnam War Memorial fund

President Tuttle advised to postpone any decision until after March 31, 2019

Ginger Johnson and Bob White – Morgan County Farmland Protection / Board Director contract approval

No official action taken today.

Matthew Pennington – Region 9’s findings and recommendations for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan, Phase 3

Matthew Pennington provided findings by the Eastern Panhandle Planning and Development Council. Among Morgan’s priorities he spoke about remediating privately owned sources of pollution to include failing septics & leaking storage tanks, efforts to reduce duplication, for the DOH to have a more defined role and assistance with Toxic Containment spill.

Neil Doran and Jonathan Brossart – Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport Authority

Neil Doran shared the results of their Economic Impact Study showing the airport’s economic impact analysis on all three counties (Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson) as well as their activity.

Discussion on steps to remove non-used, non-contracted equipment from Morgan County towers and potentially changing language in our co-location policy

Dan James was in attendance to provide advice concerning the current co-location policy. President Tuttle invited Dan James to come back during the BOE meeting on February 5, 2019.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the consent agenda. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Items from the Public / Miscellaneous Discussion

Tracy Cannon came forward from the public to speak for her friend Patricia Kesecker who could not be here today because Mr. Kesecker is sick. Ms. Cannon is concerned, with other citizens from Morgan County, that if Mountaineer Gas does not get the connection/supply of gas to run through the county from Maryland that the gas company would use the line as storage. They would like to know if this would make the pipeline more hazardous. With that said, their secondary question would be if they plan on placing a gas storage facility in the area. Lastly, they would like to know what kind of herbicide is used to fight the overgrowth around the pipeline. President Tuttle agreed to reach out to Mountaineer Gas.

Recess

President Tuttle Made a motion to recess the meeting at 12:25

Minutes submitted by: M. Hill