

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
February 13, 2018**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Robert Ford
Commissioner Ken Reed

Also present: Lawrence Thomas; County Administrator, Kim Nickles, County Clerk, Peggy Oakes, Commission Admin. Assistant, Robert Ratcliff, Assessor Appraiser

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

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

President Tuttle made a motion to approve meeting minutes for February 1st, 5th, and 8th, and January 19th, Oil Spill Meeting, with one change on Feb. 1st, and Feb. 5th, meeting minutes. Commissioner Ford voted yea, President Tuttle voted yea. **Motion carried.**

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the 4 exonerations due to Tax Payer Error. President Tuttle voted nay, Commissioner Ford voted nay, Commissioner Reed voted nay. **Motion Denied.**

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the 3 exonerations due to Clerical Error. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea. **Motion Carried.**

BOE - Debra C. Wachter

Ms. Wachter stated that her assessment was over property value. Robert Ratcliff, Assessor Appraiser addressed her questions, and the property value is current for her area. President Tuttle made a motion to lower the property assessment value from \$152,300.00 to \$145,000.00. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted nay, Commissioner Reed voted nay. **Motion Denied.** Assessment value remains at \$152,300.00. **Motion carried.**

Exoneration Tabled - Harold Messer

Mr. Messer explained to the Commission that he was a renter of the Mobile Home in a Trailer Park, not the owner. The owner came to Mr. Messer and wanted him to pay for the property tax on the Mobile Home. He denied her request, but had to pay the Tax Office \$42.63 in order to get his tags.

President Tuttle made a motion to exonerate Mr. Messer for the tax bill of 2015 and the \$42.63 that he paid to the Tax Office. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

K.C. Bohrer – Award Presentation

Sheriff Bohrer gave letters of Commendation to Mr. Kevin Barney and Mr. Todd Pearce for giving life saving CPR to Mr. Golden. The Golden family also came forward the show appreciation to Mr. Barney and Mr. Pearce for being at the right place and time. The Commission recognized and thanked Mr. Kevin Barney and Mr. Todd Pearce for their outstanding service to the citizens of Morgan County.

Eric Pritchard – Letters of support for Lyme’s Disease Legislation

Eric Prichard indicated that the Senate has passed the Senate Bill 242 and House Bill 4328, both relating to requiring health insurance providers to provide adequate coverage for long-term antibiotic therapy for patients with Lyme Disease.

President Tuttle made a motion to draft and sign a letter of support to endorse the Senate Bill 242 and House Bill 4328 to give to Eric Pritchard. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Ford voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Public Items

Aaron Close came before the Commission to have a Part Time Position for a Morgan County Park and Recreation Director to be put in place through the Commission. They have not had a director since Bruce Beadenkopf retired in February, 2012. The volunteers have exhausted their time; there is confusion and no direction as to who to go to for information on activities. Mr. Close will put together a panel of 3 people to interview for the Director position with Morgan County Park and Recreation. Mr. Close has the following proposal for the Commission to review.

- The Morgan County Park and Recreation Director will be a county employee and put on the Commission payroll.
- They will hand in a time sheet, and the Morgan County Parks and Recreation Department will receive a bill from the Commission for re-payment.
- The person will get 19 hours a week, and is a 12 month job. The hours would be 60 to 80 hours per month
- The budget would be \$20,000.00 dollars

President Tuttle is aware of the Park and Recreation problem. And will look into the Hotel Motel Budget and will have an answer by the end of March for Mr. Aaron Close.

Recess

President Tuttle made a motion to recess the meeting. Commissioner Ford voted yea, and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

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MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION
" MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET "

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NO.	" PRINT NAME "	REPRESENTING	PHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
1	DEBRA WACHTER	DEBRA WACHTER	304-258-1093	—
2	Chuck Dawson		304-762-4741	
3	MESSER, WANDA	self	304-947-7952	—
4	Aaron Clox	Parks & Rec	304-258-3900	
5	ERIC PRITCHARD	Self	304-258-4799	
6	LINDA PRITCHARD	Self	304-258-4075	
7	JUDY STRADER	Journal		
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