

**Public Hearing on the Dilapidated Building Ordinance
May 15, 2018**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Robert Ford
Commissioner Ken Reed

Also present: Kristy Farris Somers, Commission Secretary

Public present: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting was opened by President Tuttle at 1:00pm

President Tuttle explained to the public that Commissioner Reed stated that when he was campaigning that the dilapidated buildings was a big concern of a lot of citizens in Morgan County. So Commissioner Reed researched and created this ordinance.

Commissioner Reed approached the public and explained how this ordinance will work. Commissioner Reed told the public that this ordinance is a combination of Woods County, Upshire County, and Roane County's ordinances. Commissioner Reed states that this Ordinance is by far one of the best ordinances out there. Commissioner Reed explained to the public that there will be a board of volunteers put together to work on this ordinance and they will meet monthly with possibility of meetings once a week if need be.

The meeting is now opened up to the public for questions and concerns.

Tom Kiley- Is there a specific Meth Amphetamine house component in this ordinance?

Commissioner Reed- There is a different ordinance needed for the Meth Amphetamine and Drug houses.

Commissioner Tuttle- Martinsburg just adopted an ordinance for drug houses In the near future Morgan County will be bringing this ordinance to the Commission to look at and discuss adopting.

Susan Webster- Does the County have a demolition permit?

Alma Gorse, County Planner- No nothing at the County level. Check with the DEP.

Commissioner Tuttle- What's the cost for a check to be done for asbestos?

Dick Myers, OES Director- Around \$2,000.00

Commissioner Reed – This will be funded out of the Transfer Tax for around \$10,000.

Commissioner Tuttle- There will probably be only 1 building done per year.

Susan Webster- If you have a house or building on 20 acres will there be a lien on the entire property or just the structure?

Commissioner Reed- The lien would be on the entire property deed, unless it's a farm because they are exempt from this ordinance. The Town of Bath and the Town of Paw Paw are also exempt from this ordinance, they are on their own.

Andrey Dimetry- Are subdivisions rules not sufficient? These things should fall under the subdivision codes and rules.

Alma Gorse, County Planner- It would be up to the Home Owner Association.

Lawrence Thomas, County Administrator- It should be clear that the County is not adopting the WV Code, this does not do that, It just looks at existing buildings.

Andrey Dimetry- There is also safety concerns, don't you think people would like their neighborhood to look good?

Lawrence Thomas, County Administrator- It depends on the Home Owners Association, some people would and some people won't care.

Tom Kiley- When you identify the properties who will handle the complaints?

Commissioner Reed- It will go to the Board.

Tom Kiley- Is the Board going to do the inspection themselves?

Commissioner Reed- That is up to the Board if they want to do so.

Lori Kiley-If you have a building in the middle of 15 acres does this pertain to the ordinance?

Commissioner Reed – No, this does not.

Lawrence Thomas, County Administrator- This was a big concern at the last Public hearings, there are organization who will help with the cost and assisting in tearing down these projects.

Susan Webster- A property with toxins in the ground, Is this something that the ordinance will address?

Commissioner Reed-No, it only addresses the structures.

Susan Webster- Does the DNR have any say in this?

Commissioner Tuttle- That is a good question!

Stefanie Allemong, GIS Director- Who decides that? Who says it needs to be condemned?

Lawrence Thomas, County Administrator- It will be taken on a case by case basis.

Susan Webster- The \$10,000 from the Transfer Tax how will it be used?

Commissioner Reed- The idea is to get the landowner to comply.

Lawrence Thomas- A lot comes to implementation

Susan Webster- Due process is a good thing, but is often expensive.

Recess-

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

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MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSION
77 Fairfax Street, Room 101
Berkeley Springs, WV, 25411

Tuesday May 15, 2018

9:00- Canvass Votes

1:00pm- Public Hearing for the Dilapidated Building Ordinance

***Times are approximate**