

Morgan County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Scott Swaim, Amy Lane, Jim Hoyt, Mary Ellen Largent, Susan Parker, Carl Cowgill, Jack Soronen, Thomas Swaim, Brad Close.

Members absent: Thomas Stinebaugh, Wayne Omps.

Meeting opened: 7:05 p.m.

II. MEETING MINUTES

The Planning Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the June 22, 2010 meeting.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Lee Fowler, Administrator
Morgan County Health Department

Topics discussed with Mr. Fowler:

- Floodplain regulations for placement of well and septic systems within the 100-year floodplain are now in effect as of July 1, 2010.
- Personnel at the Health Department – 8 full time employees and 2 part-time doctors.
- Review of different types of septic systems.
- Staff questioned permitting process for natural gas wells through the local Health Department. At this time, there are none.
- Geo-thermal wells permitting process and fees.
- Areas of the county that are more susceptible to septic system failures are the Timber Ridge area along Timber Ridge Road and a few areas along Route 522.
- Two acre minimum restriction for new lots created that are serviced by well and septic systems – one of the best actions taken by the Planning Commission.

B. Zoning Ordinance Update – Public Hearing Schedule

At their meeting held July 8, 2010, the Morgan County Commission scheduled a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

July 29, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Morgan County Commission Meeting Room
Morgan County Courthouse

IV. STAFF DISCUSSION

A. Commercial Improvement Location Permitting and Construction

1. Construction has started at the following sites:
 - War Memorial Hospital Site on Fairview Drive
 - First United Methodist Church on Fearnow Road
2. Staff has issued a commercial permit for the placement of a new sign for Blue Flame along Route 522.
3. Hillbilly Heaven Bar and Grill has made application for a Video Lottery license for the placement of video lottery games. The ten day comment period expires July 30, 2010.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.