

Morgan County Commission Meeting May 7, 2025

Members present:

President Bill Clark
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Sean Forney via phone

Staff Present:

Kim Nickles, County Clerk
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Dan James, Prosecutor
Marshall Younker, 911 Director

Call to Order

Kim Nickles called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the agenda. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Items from the public

None

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 4/15/2025 with the minor change of removing Sheriff Walter from the motion being made. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the exonerations for taxpayers Huntzberry, Crumbaker, Carter and Sanders. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the exoneration for taxpayer Miller Carpentry for tax year 2024. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve exonerations for taxpayers Price, Hardin, Kipps and Kipps. President Clark voted nay. Commissioner Tuttle voted nay. Commissioner Forney voted nay. Motion Failed.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the exoneration for taxpayer Miller Carpentry for tax years 2021, 2022, 2023. President Clark voted nay. Commissioner Tuttle voted nay. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Failed.

Farmland Protection Board Appointments

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve Lin Dunham to the Farmland Protection Board with a term expiring June 30, 2028. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

CEOS May Proclamation Month

Linda Martin came before the Commission to present Community Education Outreach Services. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to recognize the month of May as Community Education Outreach Service Month. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Provider Appreciation Day

Mountain Heart appeared before the Commission and asked to recognize May 9, 2025 as Provider Appreciation Day to acknowledge the hard work dedicated by childcare providers. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to observe May 9, 2025 as Provider Appreciation Day. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Shely Estate

The Shely Estate came before the Commission to express the filing of new probate and documenting improperly done by Fiduciary Commissioner Dejarnette. They also disagree with who should be responsible for the service fees of Mr. Dejarnette. Patrick Henry Represented Jimmie Smith and Henry Marrow represented Mr. Dejarnette. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to grant the petitioners request to pay the fiduciary expenses out of the estate. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted nay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made an additional motion that further report of the findings of fact from the Fiduciary Commission will be approved by the Commission. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Next Gen Core Services

Marshall Younker came before the Commission and presented the firms who applied to add Next Gen Core Services to the 911 Department. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to move forward with the contract with INDigital starting May 15, 2025 at a cost of \$63,507.57 to be paid out of 911's Funding in Carryover. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

NBRT Discussion

Once the state provides the funds and says we can move forward with the North Berkeley Rail Trail, the plan is to remediate with the town. An action will be taken at a future meeting when the state finalizes the project.

Wellness Center Finances

Salaries for the Wellness Center will be paid from 425-103. A Court Order will be needed to transfer \$5,000.00 from Hotel-Motel into the Wellness Center Account for equipment purchases. Matt will submit an end-of-the-month report with total income of membership and rental fees. Reimbursements will be submitted monthly to the Sheriff's Tax by check made out to the Morgan County Commission.

Magistrate Court Phone Reimbursements

The Commission said that we will be following State Code as it pertains to Magistrate Court Phone Reimbursements. The Commission will pay for one phone line, either a land line or a cell phone, not both.

EMS Work Session

Kevin Duckwall, Renae Stansbury and Mike Jenkins came before the Commission to discuss their budget deficit of \$230,000. The budget is needed to cover supplies, equipment and salaries of 40 staff and 3 administrative staff. Commissioner Forney made a motion to go into Executive Session for EMS Financial Discussion. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Nothing discussed needed to be voted on at this time. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Marshall Younker is requesting to hire Khloe Unger as a full-time dispatcher. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve Khloe Unger, as a full-time 40-hour employee with benefits with an hourly rate of \$16 an hour with a start date of June 9, 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Adjourn

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman