

## **Morgan County Commission Meeting June 4, 2025**

### **Members present:**

President Bill Clark  
Commissioner Joel Tuttle

### **Staff Present:**

Kim Nickles, County Clerk  
Cathy Spielman, Clerk  
Charity Sullivan, Clerk  
Johnnie Walter, Sheriff  
Eric Widmyer, Chief Deputy  
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Budget Discussion with Sheriff Walter. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

### **Items from the public**

John Mason approached the Commission to inform them that he is now the President of the Bath Christmas Project. The Bath Christmas project partners with the Castle Foundation, Lion's Club, Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Travel Berkeley Springs to make our town magical during the Christmas season. He thanked the Commission for all the support given in the past and is looking forward to continued support.

### **Administration Items**

#### **Approval of meeting minutes**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/21/2025 with the correction of completing the sentence under the Administrator's Report. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

### **Fire Board Appointment**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to appoint Jimmy Reed to the Morgan County Fire Board. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

### **Region 9 Board Appointment**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to appoint Ron Davis to the Region 9 Board. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

### **2025 CNB Depository Resolution**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the Resolution for CNB Bank Depositories for 2025. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **NBRT Sub-contract Discussion/Possible Action**

The Commission needs to take some more time to review the documents presented by the town for the NBRT Sub-contract at the next meeting.

#### **Sheriff Department's Vehicle Outfitting**

Sheriff Walter approached the Commission to let them know that the new vehicle will be shipping soon. The cost of outfitting the vehicle will be paid from Coal Severance.

#### **Sheriff Personnel Budget**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Sheriff's Personnel Budget. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to come out of Executive Session. No motion was made, further discussion will continue at the next meeting. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

#### **EMS Company 7 Contract**

Company 7 approached the Commission and shared their budget deficit of \$199,700. The EMS Board voted to authorize a one-time payment in the amount of \$99,700 for the 25/26 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Forney proposed that the Commission make a one-time payment in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid from the Opioid Fund. After Discussion the Commission decided that would be the best solution for the budget. Commissioner Forney made a motion to contribute \$100,000 from the Opioid Fund to EMS for the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 contract. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

#### **Ratify Cash Match for CDS Radio Grant**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to support the letter Cash Match to 25% for the CDS Radio Grant. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

#### **Year-end Budget**

Review of the year-end budget has areas of concern in the Pines, Jail Bill, and the Courthouse budgets. The Pines are \$34,000 in the negative for utilities, phones, and M&R for buildings and grounds. The Jail Bill continues to increase and be in the negative. Group insurance for employees continue to rise every year.

**County Retiree Health Insurance**

The Commission wants to update the 2014 policy changing the rate for retirees' insurance for Courthouse employees, Sheriff Deputies, and 911 Dispatchers. Further discussion and legal opinion will be discussed with Mr. Gay

**Administrator's Report**

Travel Berkeley Springs would like to add another sign to the property at the roundabout. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve TBS to add an additional sign at the roundabout. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

The Assessor provided the annual Real Estate Tax Books for the Commissioner's signatures.

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Adjourn**

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman