

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
July 2, 2025**

Members present:

President Bill Clark
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Sean Forney via phone



Staff Present:

Kim Nickles, County Clerk
Marshall Younker, 911 Director
Sarah Henry, 911 Assistant Director
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator

Sheriff Johnnie Walter
Chief Deputy Eric Widmyer
Deputy Bradley Mechem

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 Forney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 6/18/2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the exonerations for non-objectives as presented by the Assessor's Office. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Quarterly Postage Machine

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve \$32,000 for the postage machine with a reminder that only \$60,000 was approved for the year, so the amount remaining for the second half of the year is \$28,000. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Agenda Items

911 Ordinance Update

Marshall presented the Commission with the current ordinance that was last updated in 2019. Some of the things that need updated is the address of the center, emergency

providers needs to include the WV State Police and the two municipal police departments, update the telephone providers to say any communications company, and the effective date of ordinance. Commissioner Tuttle wants to research the code to see the steps for editing an Ordinance before official changing it.

Request for New Road Names

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the road name of Stonewall Lane. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the road name of Knotts Ridge Way. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Sheriff Department New Hire

Sheriff Walter introduced the County's new Deputy, Bradley Mechem. He will be our PRO Officer working in the schools.

WV Corp Insurance Renewal

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the WV Corp Worker's Compensation policy in the amount of \$41,167 and Insurance in the amount of \$155,554. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Retirement Discussion

There is a concern that the county is being a little too generous with insurance after retirement. The initial proposal was to pay for supplemental insurance with a cap of \$750 a month and we currently pay up to \$1,500. Commissioner Tuttle suggested adopting a vesting schedule of earning 5% per year of service towards retirement. For example, 10 years earns 50%, 20 years earns 100% of the 75% the county pays for insurance for all people being hired moving forward. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to adopt a vesting schedule of earning 5% per year of service towards retirement. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Administrator's Report

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the Dog and Goat Money in the amount of \$88.55 to be paid to the Assessor. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

The Town of Bath submitted a draft for the NBRT Agreement. The Commission would like to review the draft and see a proposed dollar amount. Once reviewed, the Commission will sign the agreement at a future meeting.

Misty presented the Commission with the Hotel/Motel Requests for FY25/26. President Clark mentioned that we need to add The Commissioners will review and approve the allocation of funds at the next Commission Meeting.

Jason Hoover needs President Clark's signature for his FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant. The award amount is \$22,409.

Governor Morrissey proclaimed July 3, 2025 as a holiday, but excluded county government in his proclamation. Since the Commission chose to remain closed for Juneteenth and taking into consideration the extra cost to the county for an unplanned holiday, the Commission decided to remain open on July 3rd. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion for the courthouse to remain open on July 3, 2025. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Tuttle 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 10:50 am.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman