

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
September 3, 2025**

Members present:

President Bill Clark
Commissioner Joel Tuttle



Staff Present:

Joyce Spring, County Clerk
Alex Moore, GIS Director
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator

Call to Order

Joyce Spring called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding some reappointments under Administration Items. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Items from the public

Kate Shunney asked about the Senior Life Services closing down the center in Paw Paw and asked if the Senior Life Services Board has approached the Commission for financial assistance. President Clark sits on the Senior Life Services Board. Both he and Commissioner Tuttle said that individual residents have inquired about the closure, but Senior Life Services has not approached the Commission with their concerns.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 8/20/2025. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Morgan County EDA Board Appointment

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to appoint Amanda Hollins-Teikeira to a three-year term, effective immediately and will expire December 31, 2025. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Wellness Center New Hire

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to hire Gage Miller as a part-time, 19.5 hour Wellness Center Employee, at an hourly rate of \$14.00 retroactively effective August 23, 2025. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Deputy Introduction/Updates

Sheriff Walter came before the Commission to introduce his newest Deputy, Kurt Yoder. Sheriff Walter thanked the Commission for increasing the starting salary, saying that it has

tremendously helped and has caused the department to be fully staffed now. Sheriff said that they will be hiring Keith Knotts as a Bailiff and still have one position still available. They have received some good applicants with hopes of hiring a new Home Confinement Officer. Sheriff asked that the Commission consider the purchase of another vehicle for his department. Also, Sheriff informed the Commission that he signed up to participate in the 287(g) Taskforce Program with I.C.E. to enforce immigration law. Participating in this program can provide funding up to \$250,000 in funding.

Planning Commission Rate Increases

GSI Director, Alex Moore, approached the Commission with a proposal to increase Building Improvement Rates for the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission President created a Fee Schedule Committee consisting of Glen Stotler, Heather Litten and Jeff Davison. They presented rates from surrounding counties. Morgan County has not increased their rates for over 10 years. Commissioner Forney sits on the Planning Commission Board and believes the committee did a great job vetting a new fee structure and did their due diligence before the latest iteration passed without issue. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the new fee schedule rates as presented and adopted by the Planning Commission. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried. Commissioner Tuttle amended his motion to adopt and start the new fee schedule effective October 1, 2025. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Constitution Week Proclamation

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the Proclamation of September 17 through the 23 as Constitution Week. President Clark voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Board Activity Updates

The Commission has decided to wait for Commissioner Forney's return to get an update on board activity.

Administrator's Report

Misty made the Commission aware that the Office of Emergency Medical Services has awarded \$90,909.09 to the EMS Equipment Fund that will be distributed to Company 7.

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 10:20 am.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman