

Morgan County Commission Meeting
July 1, 2026
Morgan County Courthouse

Members present:

President Joel Tuttle (via phone)
Commissioner Sean Forney
Commissioner Bill Clark

Staff Present:

Kim Nickles, County Clerk
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Felicia Darlington, Grants Administrator/ Commission Secretary

APPROVED

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PRESIDENT COUNTY COMMISSION



Call to Order

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

Review and Approval of Agenda

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

Items from the public

Richard Denis with Governor Morrissey's party announced Governor Morrissey will be in Morgan County for a flag raising on Saturday, July 4, 2026 to celebrate America's 250.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

President Tuttle made a correction to the spelling of "Katie" for last weeks Removal of EMS board member. President Tuttle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 6/17/2026 with the correction of the spelling of "Katie". Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. President Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the exonerations for taxpayers Vyacheslavovna and Glasser, Montanaro and Buhr, Trustees of Mahnes Church, Arnold c/o Huttles, Brown, Dodson, Funk, Harmison, Harvey, Larue, Riffle, Schwerkolt, St. Clair, Unger, Wilson, Wood and Yost, and Ritz (2) for the non-objects presented by the Assessor and table the 3 for Sleepy Creek Boys Camp until a later meeting. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the exonerations that were objected by the Assessor for taxpayer Ziolkowski. President Tuttle voted nay. Commissioner Forney voted nay. Commissioner Clark voted nay. Motion failed.

Felicia Darlington- Part-time to Fulltime employee

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Felicia Darlington from a part-time employee to a full-time employee as Grants Administrator at a yearly salary of \$27,300 with benefits, effective July 6th, 2026, as a 35-hour employee. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Animal Control New Hire

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Hayle Wright as a part-time Kennel Technician, at an hourly rate of \$15.00 retroactively effective July 2, 2026 as a 19.5-hour employee. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Custodian New Hire

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve Lexy Zirkle as a new full-time Custodian at a yearly salary of \$31,200 with benefits, retroactively effective June 29, 2026, as a 40-hour employee. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items**Life or Drugs- Letter of Support**

President Tuttle made a motion to authorize the Commissioners to sign the Letter of Support for Crossroads: Crisis Intervention Diversion Initiative application for funding through West Virginia First Foundation Public Safety Response Target Area. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. President Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Board Reappointments

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the reappointments of Gary Easton and Lance Strait to the Morgan County Planning Commission Board to serve a three-year term effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2029. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Joel Tuttle made a motion to approve Andy Omphs to fulfil the remaining term of Jason Didawick to the Parks and Rec. Board to serve a one-year term, effective immediately and will expire June 30, 2027. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. President Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

President Tuttle made a motion to approve the reappointments of Lyn Goodwin, Ron Davis, and Commissioner Bill Clark to the Region 9 Planning and Development Board and clarify the dates for terms with Region 9. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. President Tuttle voted Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

President Tuttle made a motion to authorize the Commissioners to sign Letter of Support for Morgan County Partnership's grant application to the West Virginia First Foundation. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. President Tuttle voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the President to sign the Letter of Support for the Town of Bath's grant application to the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) for the Town of Bath Wellness Village Initiative. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the President to sign the Letter of Support for Appalachian Regional Commission for the Stewards Individual Placements ARC POWER Grant Proposal. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the President to sign the coversheet of the final document agreement with WV Corps Risk Pool. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the 10% commission from dog money, at \$115.73, to go to the Assessor. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the President to sign the agreement with CNB Bank as the County Commission's Depository for the year. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Adjourn

Commissioner Forney adjourned the meeting at 10:06 am.

Minutes submitted by F. Darlington