

Morgan County Commission Meeting
August 19, 2026
Morgan County Courthouse

APPROVED

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PRESIDENT COUNTY COMMISSION



Members present:

President Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Sean Forney
Commissioner Bill Clark

Staff Present:

Kim Nickles, County Clerk	Johnnie Walter, Sheriff
Johnathan Varum, Deputy	Eric Widmyer, Deputy
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator	Nevin Camp, Facilities Director
Felicia Darlington, Grants Administrator/ Commission Secretary	

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 amend the Agenda to add Nevin Camp, Facilities Director to the beginning of the meeting to speak about the Mold remediation at the Sheriff's Department. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Items from the public

Kate Shunney from the Morgan Messenger asked about the progress of the North Berkeley Rail Trail. Commissioner Clark stated the positive assistance the County is receiving in completing the required permitting that takes place for these types of projects. Once it is complete then physical work can happen on the property.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 8/5/2026. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the exonerations that were objected by the Assessor for taxpayers Taylor (2), Smith, and Lofgren. President Tuttle voted nay. Commissioner Forney voted nay. Commissioner Clark voted nay. Motion failed.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the exonerations for taxpayers Bachert, Lopp, Stoltzfus, and First Citizens Bank & Trust Co- C/) Ryan Tax Serv LLC for the non-objects presented by the Assessor. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

New Road Name – Legacy Lane

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the new road name, Legacy Lane. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Nevin Camp- Mold Remediation Update

Three companies gave estimates for the remediation that needs to take place at the Sheriff's Department because of the mold in the building. CWP \$29,314.46. Pittsnogle \$47,650. Master Dryer \$9,114.35. Master Dyer completely missed the scope of what is needed to be completed. Pittsnogle understood the scope but is very busy so it will take a while for them to start remediation. CWP understands the scope and we have a track record with them because they did the remediation at the Wellness Center. Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the bid for CWP for the mold remediation at the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$29,314.46 to be paid for out of Capital Reserve and hopefully reimbursed to the County by Risk Pool. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items**911- AT&T Lease**

AT&T has new equipment going on the county tower located at 4 Dispatch Lane. AT&T will be paying a monthly rent of \$1,600. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the Commission President to sign the Tower Structure Lease Agreement. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Letter of Support – Town of Bath Streetscapes

The Town of Bath is asking for a Letter of Support for the Phase VIII Design Project. The project continues the Town's long-term commitment to creating a safer, more accessible, and economically vibrant downtown environment. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the signing of the Letter of Support for the Town of Bath Streetscapes Project. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Letter of Support- Paw Paw Sidewalks

The Town of Paw Paw is asking for a Letter of Support for their application to the Transportation Alternatives Program for a Sidewalk Improvement Project. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the signing of the Letter of Support for the Town of Paw Paw for the Sidewalk Improvement Project. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Bath Christmas Market – Request for use of parking lot

The Bath Christmas Market & Ice Rink is requesting to use the Eastern Half of the gravel parking lot Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM to Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the Commission President to sign the terms for subleasing the eastern half of the leased gravel parking lot by the Morgan County Commission. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Additional Hotel/Motel Requests – Discussion/Possible Action

The Town of Bath Tree Board is requesting \$5,000 from Hotel/Motel Tax funds to plant new trees and canopy growth, create new green spaces, public safety and hazard mitigation, and economic enhancement through beautification. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve \$3,000 to the Town of Bath Tree Board for the Tree Canopy Development, Public Safety Mitigation, and Economic Revitalization Initiatives from the Hotel/ Motel Account. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

The Town of Bath Streetscape Committee is requesting \$25,000 for Phase VI and VII of streetscape projects. DOH has let the Town know they have been awarded but the governor has not officially announced them. The Town is short for their cash match and is requesting funds to help. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the request of \$25,000 to the Town of Bath for the Phase Vi and Phase VII Streetscape projects out of Carry Over Account. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Recreation Property Purchase – Discussion/Possible Action

The counteroffer was rejected for the property that is adjacent to the Senior Center that will be utilized for the North Berkeley Rail Trail. Commissioner Clark made a motion to move into executive session. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried. Commissioner Forney made a motion to come out of executive session. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried. Commissioner Clark made a motion to agree to the counteroffer from US Silica but include an additional .25 acre in the Northwest portion of the property and do the plat work necessary to include that parcel. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

A Resolution for the Sheriff's Department for the Governor's Highway Safety Program needs to be signed to receive \$126,000 in grants funds for FY27. Commissioner Forney made a motion to authorize the signing of the Resolution for the Governor's Highway Safety Program for the Sherriff's Department to receive \$126,000 in grant funding. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

A Resolution for the Day Report Center for the Community Corrections Program needs to be signed to receive \$120,199 in grant funds for FY27. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the Commission President to sign the Resolution for the Community Corrections Program for the Day Report Center to receive \$120,199 in grant funding. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

The town is doing a watershed project which needs the county's approval because it is out of town limits. At the Walgreen's area there needs engineering skills for a water structure. We will have Christi Hicks from NRCS attend the September 2nd Commission Meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Adjourn

President Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 11:25 am.

Minutes submitted by F. Darlington