

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
September 16, 2026
Morgan County Courthouse**

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PRESIDENT COUNTY COMMISSION



Members present:

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

Staff Present:

Kim Nickles, County Clerk
Jason Hoover, OES Director
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Felicia Darlington, Grants Administrator/ Commission Secretary

Marshall Younker, 911 Director

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. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Items from the public

None.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 9/02/2026. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the exonerations that were objected by the Assessor for taxpayers McCloud (2) and Krug, The Whistle Stop. 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 Harmison, Van, Hott (2), and Lemster for the non-objects presented by the Assessor. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Trump Lot Lease Renewal

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the lease renewal agreement for the parking lot with Trump in the amount of \$1,194.40 for 1 year. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion Carried.

Agenda Items

Marshall Younker- JAG Grant

Marshall Younker, 911 Director, came before the Commission to ask for approval to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to request six dispatch console workstations. The current workstations are more than 20 years old and are physically straining to staff and don't hold the capacity needed for the modern technology used in 911 Centers. There is no cash match required by the Commission. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the 911 Director to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG for six dispatch console workstations. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

NBRT Amended DOH Contract

There is an Amended Funding Agreement with DOH regarding the North Berkeley Rail Trail. Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve Commissioner Clark to sign the Amended Funding Agreement for the CDS Project. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Berkeley-Morgan County Health Department- Food handler Card Fees- Discussion/Possible Action

Last Commission Meeting Cara Harding with the Berkeley- Morgan County Health Department proposed Morgan County to adopt a Policy for Food Handler's Cards. The Commission requested to see the list of changes to clarify the Commissions concerns from the first meeting about the food handler cards. Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Food Handlers Card Policy as presented. President Tuttle voted nay. Commissioner Clark voted nay. Commissioner Forney voted nay. Motion failed.

Adoption of Revised Farmland Protection Board Application Scoring Sheet

The Farmland Protection Board revised the scoring sheet for funding to fit a whole number of 1,000 instead of 670. Some things that were changed or added are good soil, size of parcel, percent of parcel in active agriculture, and a minimum of 500 points to be considered for 100% local funding. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the revised scoring sheet. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Warm Springs Watershed Resolution

Christi Hicks with NRCS wrote a Resolution for the County to collaborate with the town for the town's Warm Springs Watershed Project. Some of the project is in town limits and outside of town limits. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the Resolution to collaborate with the town on the watershed project and change President signature to include all three Commissioners signatures. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Wellness Center New Hires- Dave Ellis and Keith Kavanaugh

There are two new hires for the Wellness Center. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the new part time Wellness Center Employee Dave Ellis at an hourly rate of \$14.00 retroactively effective September 12, 2026 and no more than a 19.5 hour employee and re-hire Keith Kavanaugh at an hourly rate of \$14.00 retroactively effective September 12, 2026 and no more than a 19.5 hour employee. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Recreation Property Purchase- Discussion/Possible Action

Sales agreement is ready but hasn't been sent back to the Commission yet. Commissioner Clark made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the full-time OES Director position and the recreation purchase. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark vote yea. Motion carried. Commissioner Clark made a motion to come out of Executive Session. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the Commission President to sign the final sales agreement up to the maximum amount. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark vote yea. Motion carried.

Jason Hoover- Full-Time OES Director Status Discussion

During Executive Session there was a conversation about potential full-time employment for Jason Hoover beginning in January 2027. Official action on that decision will take place on a future agenda.

Administrator's Report

Melanie Stotler with Morgan County Partnership asked the Commission to be the applicant to the BJA Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) for the Morgan County Partnership and Life or Drugs. President Tuttle made a motion to approve the Morgan County Commission's participation in the grant process and signing of the Resolution. President Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Adjourn

President Tuttle adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by F. Darlington