

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
August 4, 2021**

Members present:

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President
Commissioner Sean Forney
Commissioner Bill Clark

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk
Anna Padilla, Commission Secretary

Staff Absent:

Stefanie Allemong, County Administrator

Public Present: See attached sign in sheet

The meeting was opened by Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk, at 9:30 a.m.

Items from the Public/Miscellaneous Discussion

There were no items from the public/miscellaneous discussion.

Approval of Agenda

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

Administration Items

Approval of Meeting Minutes 7/21

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve meeting minutes from 07/21. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessors Exonerations & Consolidations

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the exonerations as presented. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Appointment of Julie Hartman to the Morgan County Planning Commission

Commissioner Clark made a motion to appoint Julie Hartman for a three-year term to the Morgan County Planning Commission effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2023. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Appointment of Charles Kapp to the Morgan County Economic Development Authority

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the appointment of Charles Kapp to the Morgan County Economic Development Authority to serve the remainder of Chase Andrews term effective immediately and expiring December 31, 2021. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of the West Virginia Library Commission Letter

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the West Virginia Library Commission Letter, stating the in-kind contribution of the value of the rent for \$42,000 per year. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Approval to purchase heat pumps and remove old boiler system Dyche/Kidwell

Facilities director Randy Stotler explained to the Commission that the boiler system in the Dyche/Kidwell building is need of repair but it will be more cost effective short and long term to replace it with heat pumps. Three quotes were received from Eastern Panhandle Heating and Cooling for \$20,416.00, Johnson and Johnson for \$29,099.00 and one from Southern Air for \$17,686.18. Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the quote from Southern Air for \$17,686.18. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Discussion of revised air card quotes

Director Ron Mason explained the findings from testing the devices throughout the county from AT&T, Verizon and U.S. Cellular. It was explained that Verizon had little to no service in parts of the county while surprisingly U.S. Cellular had the best service in places. AT&T (state contract) is more expensive with less service throughout the county. The U.S. Cellular is least expensive with best service. President Tuttle suggested that a final headcount for the number of devices be taken, as the Commission doesn't want to pay for something that's not needed. No action taken.

Dedication of Vietnam War Memorabilia

Members of the Morgan County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund; Susie Barker, Chuck and Linda Hampe, presented a picture titled, "Reflections", of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. The picture shows the names of the seven individuals killed in the line of duty in the Vietnam War. The picture was originally donated to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund by Sue Rempsey in honor of her mother, Emma Jean Cupp, past National President of Gold Star Mothers, Robert Cupp and all Vietnam Veterans. The picture will be placed in the Commission Room.

Announcement of Morgan County Courthouse's inclusion in the Retrospective of Courthouse Design 2010-2020

President Tuttle explained that the architects that designed the Morgan County courthouse have been selected to be featured in the 2010-2020 Retrospective of Courthouse Design for their work on the Morgan County Courthouse, published by the National Center of State Courts. The original courthouse burned in 2006 and reopened in 2010.

Approval of Morgan County Partnership Funds Request

President Tuttle made a motion to approve the funds request from the Morgan County Partnership for a total of \$2,729.16, for their internet and telephone services to be paid for out of contributions. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Town of PawPaw reallocation of Hotel Motel Award

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the reallocation of the town of PawPaw's fund request from funding for a new stage to repairs for the historic old mayor's office for \$11,000.00. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Sheriffs charges for trial lunch

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the charges for the trial lunch from Roy's Service Center and Betty Lou's Ol' Garage Café for \$98.67. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Court Security Fund Grant Resolution

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the resolution for the Court Security Fund Grant for a total of \$194,266 with a 50% match of \$91,133.00. President Tuttle explained that initially \$120,000 was budgeted to replace the camera system, the grant does not require a match, but the match of at-least half should make the commissions chances of receiving that grant more probable. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Acceptance of DOH Industrial Access Road Grant Award

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the President of the Commission to sign the official paperwork to accept the grant of \$400,000 from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways for the Caperton Furniture Works industrial access road. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Morgan County Fiduciary Commissioner

President Tuttle explained that Fiduciary David DeJarnett, has decided to step down after 23 years of service to the county. Ralph Lorenzetti, from Jefferson County, was mentioned as someone who may be interested in taking the position. Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk will reach out to him. No action taken.

Administrator's Report

The administrator did not give a report.

Consent Agenda

Purchases/Check Logs/Budget Revisions/Vacation Orders

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn President Tuttle 11:05 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: A. Padilla