

**Morgan County Commission Meeting  
July 15, 2020**

**Members present:**

Commissioner Joel Tuttle, President  
Commissioner Reed  
Commissioner Forney

**Staff Present:**

Kimberly Nickles, Honorable County Clerk  
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**

**Administration Items**

**Approval of meeting minutes – 7/1**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 7/1. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

**Assessors Exonerations & Consolidations**

President Tuttle made a motion to approve the Exoneration for Taxpayer Farris due to taxpayer error. Commissioner Reed voted nay, Commissioner Forney voted nay and President Tuttle voted nay. Motion denied.

President Tuttle made a motion to waive the \$50.00 late filing fee for the \$2.41 bill for Taxpayer Farris. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Exoneration as presented due to clerical error. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the Consolidations for Taxpayers Gaither and Schwartzbeck. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the petition by Taxpayer Wilson to reinstate her Homestead Exemption. President Tuttle voted nay, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted nay. Motion denied.

**Review of applications/possible appointment to Morgan County Planning Commission**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to re-appoint Lori Hansroth to the Morgan County Planning Commission Board for a three year term effective July 1, 2020, and will expire June 30, 2023. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted nay and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

**Re-appointment of Jane McCloud to the Berkeley-Morgan County Board of Health for a five year term effective immediately and to expire June 30, 2025**

Commissioner Reed made a motion to re-appoint Jane McCloud to the Berkeley-Morgan County Board of Health for a five year term. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

**Approval of the P & W Excavating Proposal for the Morgan County Sheriff's Department**

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the proposal from P & W Excavating who is on the State Contract to finish up the paving at the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$21,500.00 to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

**Agenda Items**

**Staci Rohn, CEO Boys and Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle – Update on Boys and Girls Club move and request for financial assistance**

Commissioner Reed recused himself due to him owning property at Berkmore Place that the Boys and Girls Club is looking to renovate.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the request from the Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$25,000.00 to be paid out of Carryover Funds from FY2020. President Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Reed returned to the meeting after the motion was voted upon.

**Dawn Beal – Request for funds for the Back to School Bash**

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the request for \$1,000.00 for the Back to School Bash for 2020 to be paid for out of Carryover Funds from FY2020. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Reed voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

**Thom Rubel and Jeanne Mozier – Request for funds Morgan Arts Council**

Thom Rubel and Jeanne Mozier spoke to the request for funds, not necessarily for their main request, but for upcoming renovations to be made to the Icehouse. No action taken.

**Establish the FY21 Hotel/Motel Tax Budget**

Commissioner Reed made a motion to approve the \$125,000 for the Hotel/Motel budget with the quarterly payouts as discussed with the County Clerk’s Office. President Tuttle voted yea, Commissioner Forney voted yea and Commissioner Reed voted yea. Motion carried.

\$31,010	Morgan County Parks and Recreation
\$20,190	Maintenance employee – mowing
\$15,000	Cacapon Resort State Park Foundation
\$14,000	Morgan Arts Council (continued support of community arts program)
\$12,500	Cacapon Resort State Park Foundation (dog park)
\$10,000	Morgan Arts Council (capital project)
\$5,000	Morgan County Tennis Association
\$6,500	Museum of the Berkeley Springs
\$6,000	Foxglove Garden Club
\$4,000	Travel Berkeley Springs
\$800	Civil War Trails
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\$125,000	Hotel/Motel funding

**Consent Agenda**

**Purchases/Check Logs/Budget Revisions/Vacation Orders**

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

**Adjourn**

President Tuttle 11:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: M. Hill