# Morgan County Commission Meeting January 17, 2024

# **Members present:**

Commissioner Sean Forney Commissioner Joel Tuttle Commissioner Bill Clark

#### **Staff Present:**

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk Misty Clingerman, County Administrator Melanie Smith, Commission Secretary





# Items from the public

## **Review and Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustments of adding an appointment to WSPSD Board, introduction of a new officer, and allow Mr. Gay to explain the Robert Allison Will. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **Administration Items**

# **Approval of meeting minutes**

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **Assessor's Exonerations**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve exonerations of tax payers Rothe, Ambrose, Smith, Slack and Wagner. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **Quarterly Funds Request for Postage Machine**

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve \$12,000.00 to pay USPS for the  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  quarter. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

# **Re-Appointment for the Civil Service Commission**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to re-appoint John Coleman to a four-year term beginning January 17, 2024 ending December 31, 2028. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **Appointments for the Fire Board**

President Forney made a motion to appoint James Steiner, Bernard Hook, Jr. and Dale V. McConnell to the Fire Board. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

#### **Contract Renewal for the Power Connection**

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to renew the contract for the Power Connection in the amount of \$6,710.00 for preventive maintenance. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

## Re-Appointment to WSPSD Board

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to re-appoint Thomas Stein to the WSPSD Board for a three-year term beginning January 17, 2024 ending December 31, 2026. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted nay. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Items**

## **Sheriff Bohrer- Honoring Deputy Reserves**

Sheriff Bohrer approached the Commission, introducing Chuck Hess as his newest deputy. Sheriff Bohrer also honored his Deputy Reserves Keith Shade, Dave Fink and John Mauck for their years of service.

#### **Estate of Linda Caldwell**

Nelson Caldwell approached the Commission to request the removal of Joshep Caldwell II. as co-administrator of the Linda Caldwell estate. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to remove Joseph Caldwell II as the co-administrator, making Nelson Caldwell the sole executive of the estate. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

## Estate of Gary Glascock, Jr.

Timothy Glascock approached the Commission to request the removal of Eric Glascock as executor of the Gary Glascock estate. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to remove Eric Glascock and appoint Thimothy Glascock the executive of the estate. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

#### Richard Gay- to explain the will of Robert Allison

Richard Gay approached the Commission to explain the will of Robert Allison. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the original will and replace it with 2<sup>nd</sup> original will without the interlineation with advisement from Mr. Gay. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

## Sleepy Creek/ Warm Springs Watershed Discussion

Christi Hicks approached the Commission to further discuss the Sleepy Creek/Warm Springs Watershed Plan. She requested the Fringe Benefit percentage that Morgan County uses for the employees. Once Commissioner Tuttle provides the Fringe Benefits, Christi will draft the documents for agreement.

## **Dan James-Hiring of a Third Prosecutor**

Dan James approached the Commission about hiring a third prosecutor. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve a  $2^{nd}$  Assistant with a salary of \$80,000.00 plus benefits to

be paid from the Opioid Fund and up to \$5,000.00 in expenses for a new employee to include a new desk, computer, software license, bar dues, etc. to be taken from various line items in Fund 424. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

# **Bryan Bandy- PC Lifecycle for Prosecutor**

Bryan Bandy was unable to attend the meeting.

# **Hobart Delph-Morgan County Littion League**

Hobert Delph approached the Commission concerning the Morgan County Little League fees. The League currently pays \$6,900.000 in rental fees for the fields and \$3,500.00 for the umpire salaries. They currently only charge \$75.00 for registrations in comparison to surrounding counties who charge \$120.00-\$160.00 registration fees. The Commission has agreed to talk to Parks and Recreation about the rental fees for the fields and will make a decision during Budget time in March.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

## **Adjourn**

President Forney adjourned the meeting at 12.00pm.

Minutes submitted by M. Smith