

Morgan County Commission Meeting February 14, 2024

Members present:

Commissioner Sean Forney
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Bill Clark

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk
Melanie Smith, Commission Secretary
Marshall Younker, E- 911 Director

Items from the public

The Honorable Kimberly Nickles, Morgan County Clerk, approached to Commission to remind the public that Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9am is the drawing for ballot positioning. The drawing will be held in the County Commission Meeting Room.

Review and Approval of Agenda

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

Administration Items

Approval of Corrected Meeting Minutes from the 2/6/2024 County Commission BOE Meeting and the Agenda from the 2/9/2024 County Commission BOE Meeting

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the corrected 02/06/2024 Meeting Minutes and the 2/9/2024 Meeting Agenda with the addition of "Board of Equalization". President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes 2/9/2024

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

Assessor's Exonerations

None.

New Hire for Assessor's Office

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve a new hire for the Assessor's Office. The new hire will be paid \$15/hour for a forty-hour work week with benefits. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Stephen Skinner- Opioid Settlement Checks

Mr. Skinner approached the Commission to clarify how the Opioid Settlement Checks should be spent. He explained that the Morgan County Commission can spend the funds in any way necessary as long as it's opioid related. He stated that up to half of the money could be put into the general fund to reimburse for previous opioid-related expenditures as long as a resolution was passed stating what the money was being used for. The money can

be used for reimbursement of past opioid related expenses and jail fees, for example. He stated that he believed it was okay that the Commission used money from the fund to hire an additional Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Board of Equalization- Annette Clark

Ms. Clark approached the Commission to challenge the amount of property tax she must pay. She thinks it's unfair to make citizens of Morgan County pay taxes on the appraised value of their property if they have moved here to improve a property for retirement. She believes a cap should be placed on the tax rate for retirees. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to decrease Ms. Clark's property value to the original \$45,800 that it was last year. President Forney voted nay. Commissioner Tuttle voted nay. Commissioner Clark voted nay. Motion denied.

Marshall Younker- New Part-time Hire

Marshall Younker, E- 911 Director, approached the Commission to request approval for Jacob Cunningham, a new part-time hire as an Emergency Telecommunicator at the E-911 Center. Mr. Cunningham began part-time work on February 2, 2024 at the pay rate of \$16/hour. Mr. Younker requested approval for Mr. Cunningham's pay rate beginning February 2, 2024. Mr. Younker also notified the Commission that after Jacob Cunningham graduates from High School, he would immediately transition into a full-time position. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the hire of Jacob Cunningham as a part-time employee, effective February 2, 2024, with the intention of Jacob Cunningham moving into a full-time position after his graduation from High School. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

SUV for Health Department Discussion

Commissioner Clark opened this discussion with the idea of using the Chevy Tahoe SUV for the Health Department. After a discussion with Mr. Stotler, Commissioner Clark discovered that maintenance uses it. The idea of using the Day Report's old Jeep Liberty was presented. Commissioner Forney placed a call to Day Report. He was informed that Day Report uses it every day. Commissioner Clark and President Forney explored the idea of sharing it between Day Report and the Health Department, but Commissioner Tuttle didn't agree, and pointed out that there would be complications due to the maintenance and insurance on the vehicle. Commissioner Clark suggested reaching out to the Sheriff to see if they had a vehicle that they could donate to the Health Department. The subject will be revisited during the next County Commission Meeting.

Old Animal Control Building Discussion/Possible Action

The County Commissioners discussed looking into what it would take to sell the old Animal Control Building. Commissioner Tuttle mentioned that the title may not be clean but that HUD should be contacted to find out. Commissioner Clark stated that all information should be gathered before making a decision. This item will be revisited at a future Commission Meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Recess

President Forney recessed the meeting at 12.00pm.

Minutes submitted by M. Smith