

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
October 2, 2024**

Members present:

Commissioner Sean Forney
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Bill Clark

APPROVED

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PRESIDENT COUNTY COMMISSION

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Melanie Smith, Commission Secretary
Marshall Younker, 911 Director



Items from the public

Kimberly Nickles informed the Commissioners that Mr. Lorenzetti, fiduciary commissioner, resigned.

Kate Shunney asked the Commissioners if they could facilitate a public information discussion regarding the bi-pass to answer the many questions from the community concerning a timeline. President Forney emailed the DOH requesting that representatives be present for the discussion at either the October 16, 2024, or November 6, 2024, Morgan County Commission Meeting. He is awaiting a reply.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of approval for the letter of support for CASA of the Eastern Panhandle. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion Carried.

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 09/18/2024 Morgan County Commission Meeting. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

None

Morgan County EDA Board Appointment

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the appointment of David Banks to the Morgan County EDA Board to fulfill the remaining term of Kristen Tuttle who resigned. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Commendation Letter for Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to authorize President Forney to sign the Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church Commendation Letter for their 150th Anniversary. President Forney voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Children's Home Society of West Virginia Letter of Support

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize President Forney to sign a letter of support for the Children's Home Society of West Virginia for funding from the WV First Foundation. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of Mogan County Partnership's Letter of Support

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize President Forney to sign a letter of support for the Morgan County Partnership for their grant application to WV First Foundation. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval of CASA of the Eastern Panhandle's Letter of Support

Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize President Forney to sign a letter of support for the CASA of the Eastern Panhandle for their grant application to WV First Foundation. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Larry Jent – Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area Presentation

Larry Jent of the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area gave a presentation about his organization. He expressed his hope to partner with Morgan County. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Jent for his presentation.

Linda Martin – West Virginia Breast Cancer Awareness Day & Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Linda Martin requested that the Morgan County Commission proclaim October 13, 2024, West Virginia Breast Cancer Awareness Day and October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Morgan County. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve and authorize President Forney to sign the West Virginia Breast Cancer Awareness Day & Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Morgan County Emergency Communication Network Radio Request

John Peterson of the Morgan County Emergency Communication Network had requested \$5000 for 250 emergency radios for families in Morgan County at a previous Morgan County Commission Meeting. The Commissioners re-visited his request. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve \$1,000 for 50 radios to be distributed to families at the Morgan County Preparation Day on November 9, 2024, to be paid out of the ARPA fund.

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

Request for a New Road Name

Alex Moore, Morgan County Planner, requested the new road name of Bear Claw Court. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the new road name. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Wellness Center Project Invoice Approval

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve payment of the Financial Feasibility Study invoice from Griffith & Associates for \$35,000 to be paid out of the ARPA Fund. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Approval to open a USDA Loan Account Discussion /Possible Action

President Forney discussed the need to open a USDA Loan Account for the Wellness Center. He explained he is still waiting on a Letter of Conditions to open the account. The letter is forthcoming.

Approval of Manager Position for the Morgan County Wellness Center Job Posting Discussion/Possible Action

President Forney discussed the need to place a job posting for a Manager Position for the Morgan County Wellness Center. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the job posting. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

County Administrator Misty Clingerman requested to enter into a lease agreement with Kirsten and Conrad Trump and the need to remove Charles Trump from the agreement due to a conflict of interest. Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve entering into a lease agreement with Trump & Trump for \$1,232.04 to be paid from 424 rent. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

County Administrator Misty Clingerman reported the need for a letter from the Morgan County Commission to the DOH regarding the hillside landslide at Berkeley Castle, requesting a plan of action for repairing the hillside. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize President Sean Forney to sign the letter. President Forney voted yea. Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Clark voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Adjourn

President Forney adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Minutes submitted by M. Smith