

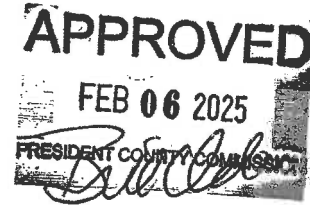
**Morgan County Commission Meeting
February 3, 2025**

Members present:

Commissioner Sean Forney
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Bill Clark

Staff Present:

Joyce Spring, County Clerk Chief Deputy
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Sheriff John Walter, Sheriff's Department
Bob Ratcliff, Assessor Chief Deputy



Call to Order

Joyce Spring called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Items from the public

None

Review and Approval of Agenda

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

Administration Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 1/15/2025 meeting. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Board of Equalization (BOE)

Commissioner Forney made a motion to enter into Board of Equalization for 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

BOE – Robert Mang

Robert Mang approached the Commission, stating that he felt like his property was assessed too high. Commissioner Clark explained that Assessor Weaver has managed to keep rates as low as possible over the last several years. Unfortunately, the State is requiring a 10% increase. Chief Deputy Ratcliff explained that Mr. Mang's assessment was based off the surrounding property in his neighborhood and what people have recently paid to live in that area. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to leave the tax assessment in the amount of \$72,800 for Mr. Mang's Assessment as initially given by the Assessor.

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

2025 Legislative Summit

The Commissioners invited the following Representatives to discuss Morgan County's Legislative concerns for 2025. In attendance was Daryl Cowles, Delegate George Miller, Delegate Darren Thorne, Delegate Dave Cannon and Senator Tom Willis attended via phone. The Legislatures discussed many topics concerning the County Jail Bill, PEIA rates for county employees versus state employees, assessment on home policies, our efficiency gets less money for the Fire Departments, retirement programs for volunteer firefighters, homestead exemption on tax assessment, memorialize the EMS Salary Enhancement Fund permanently, Air BNBs taxed in the correct classification. Our Representatives assured they would do the best they can to stand by the concerns for Morgan County.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Clingerman reported that the Sheriff's Tax Office requested a new hire. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to retroactively hire Brittany Miller starting January 31, 2025 as a full-time 80 hour employee with a starting pay of \$15.00 per hour – plus a \$1,000 yearly stipend from the Ambulance 6.5%. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator Clingerman let the county know that we received the following funds from the Local Economic Development Assistance Grant. \$20,000 to Parks and Rec for a Pump Track at Biser Street. \$10,000 to Morgan County Public Library for books, carts, tables, and chairs. \$10,000 to the Morgan County Solid Waste Authority for a parking lot paving project. \$10,000 to the Paw Paw Public Library to repair and replace the walkway and sidewalks. \$140,000 to Cacapon Resort Park Foundation to repair game courts and purchase a bobcat skid steer. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the County Clerk's to go ahead and write the checks to the entities. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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

Recess

President Clark recessed the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman