

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
February 19, 2025**

Members present:

President Bill Clark
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Sean Forney

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Debbie Weaver, County Assessor
Bob Ratcliff, Assessor's Deputy Chief

Items from the public

Dave O'Connell gave an update on the US Silica line. The line appears to be durable and does not look like the project will come across any problems and things will be moving forward in March.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the agenda with a possibility of going into executive session for potential hiring. 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 2/12/2025 meeting. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the Assessor's Exonerations. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Economic Development Authority Board Re-appointments

Commissioner Forney made a motion to re-appoint Larry Omph, Terri Beard, Denise Wagenbrenner, and David Banks to the Economic Development Authority Board for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

Agenda Items

ARC Grant for trail feasibility from Cacapon State Park to the C&O Canal

The initial application for the ARC trail grant was denied. The alternative is to do a 50/50 match for the new grant. The initial for the denied grant that was already approved was \$82,000. The new amount is \$82,368. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to allow Region 9 to apply for the ARC Grant for the trail from Cacapon State Park to the C&O Canal and

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provide the match of \$82,368. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Commissioner Forney made a motion to go into Executive Session for a discussion of a potential new hire. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to come out of executive session. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Eastern Panhandle HOME Consortium Public Hearing

Cory Roman, CDBG Administrator from Martinsburg, gave an overview of what the HOME Consortium Program does. This is updated every spring by HUD and adjusts to the market. So far, HUD has allocated \$455,810 for the Eastern Panhandle. Morgan County's allocation is currently at \$162,761. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the Resolution for Morgan County to participate in the HOME Consortium of the Eastern Panhandle from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Estate of Debra Waugh

Tammy McWilliams and Eric Black informed the Commission that Danny Smith, administrator of the estate, has resigned from the estate and the families have come to an agreement. Jeremy and Jonathan Waugh will be qualifying as the new administrators. This will conclude the matter that was brought before the Commission.

BOE for Edward Asher

Mr. Asher approached the Commission for his recent tax assessment. He is not interested in debating the value of his assessed property. He just wants to change the classification of cabin to shed. After further discussion with Assessor Weaver and Chief Deputy Ratcliff stating they are following the state regulations for determining the classifications. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the classification to change cabin to storage shed. President Clark voted nae, Commissioner Tuttle voted nae and Commissioner Forney voted nae. Motion failed.

BOE Sine-Die

Commissioner Forney made a motion to end Board of Equalization Sine-Die. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

None

Consent Agenda

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

Executive Session

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to go back into Executive Session to continue the discussion for hiring a new Grants Administrator/Commission Secretary. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to come out of Executive Session. New information presented has extended the hiring process to a later date. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman