

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
March 5, 2025**

Members present:

President Bill Clark
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Sean Forney via phone



Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk
Sandy Kesecker, Sheriff's Tax Deputy
Eric Widmyer, Deputy Sheriff
Dan James, Prosecutor
Jason Hoover, OES Director
Ivory Brown, Animal Control Officer

Misty Clingerman, County Administrator
Johnnie Walter, Sheriff
Melanie Shambaugh, Circuit Clerk
Stephanie Nichols, DRC Director
Megan Houck, Animal Control Officer
Marshall Younker, 911 Director

Items from the public

None.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tuttle 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 2/19/2025 meeting with the addition of the statement saying no decision or motion was made during executive session. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea.
Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Assessor's Exonerations

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

Facilities New Hire

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to hire Christopher Swaim as a full-time Facility Maintenance employee at a yearly salary of \$31,200 with benefits, retroactively effective March 3, 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Wellness Center New Hire

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to hire Matthew Pennington as a full-time Wellness Center Manager at a yearly salary of \$50,000 with benefits, effective March 17, 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Sheriff Tax Employee Hours Change Request

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the move of Krisite Spielman from a 35-hour week employee to a 40-hour week employee. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items**Budget Presentations**

Circuit Clerk – Melanie Shambaugh presented budget.

Prosecutor – Dan James presented budget.

Sheriff Tax – Sandy Kesecker presented budget.

Sheriff – Johnnie Walter presented budget.

Day Report – Stephanie Nichols presented budget.

OES – Jason Hoover presented budget.

Animal Control – Megan Houck presented budget.

911 – Marshall Younker presented budget.

County Clerk – Kim Nickles presented budget.

County Administrator – Misty Clingerman presented budget.

Employee Handbook Work Session

Project has been pushed back to an April/May Discussion.

Wellness Center Purchase/Prefunded Debt Service

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to establish a new bank account in the amount of \$152,000 for the USDA Prefunded Debt Service from Capital Reserve. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Current Budget Review

Commissioners will discuss the status of the current budget in the upcoming budget meetings.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Clingerman presented a request from Sleepy Creek Watershed for a Letter of Support for the 2025 Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve a letter

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.

Adjourn

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman