

**Morgan County Commission Meeting
March 26, 2025**

Members present:

President Bill Clark
Commissioner Joel Tuttle
Commissioner Sean Forney via phone

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PRESIDENT COUNTY COMMISSION
William Clark

Staff Present:

Kimberly Nickles, County Clerk
Misty Clingerman, County Administrator

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 Forney made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 3/5/2025, 3/10/2025, 3/11/2025, 3/12/2025, 3/14/2025, 3/17/2025, and 3/19/2025 meetings. 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 for Taxpayer Younker for the years Of 2022, 2023, and 2024. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Wellness Center New Hires

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to hire Gabriel Clark as a full-time Wellness Center Employee at a yearly salary of \$31,200 with benefits, retroactively effective March 17, 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to hire Brianna Link as a part-time, 19.5 hours, Wellness Center Employee at an hourly rate of \$13.50, retroactively effective March 17, 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Forney made a motion to hire Hayle Wright as a part-time, 19.5 hours, Wellness Center Employee at an hourly rate of \$13.50, retroactively effective March 17, 2025. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea. Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Agenda Items

Berkeley Springs Water Works

Commissioner Forney made a motion to approve the invoice for Berkeley Springs Water Works in the amount of \$9,995.00 to be paid from the Water/Sewer Fund. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Commissioner Forney made a motion to authorize the President Clark to sign the Statement of Interest for Morgan County's participation in Region 9's Hazard Mitigation Plan. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

WVU Extension Office MOA

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to authorize President Clark to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the WVU Extension Office for an approved budget of \$49,900. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Unsafe Structure Board

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to suspend the Morgan County Unsafe Structure Ordinance indefinitely and the Commission will re-evaluate the status of the board at a later time. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

2025/2026 Budget Approval

The County earned \$318,000 in additional tax revenue and reached the state rollback by \$108,000. Morgan County has bumped up to Class II. Last year's budget was \$13.4 million with the help of ARPA carryover. The upcoming year's budget will be \$11,165,546.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to approve the 25/26 budget at \$11,165,546.

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

Commissioner Tuttle amended his motion to authorize Kimberly Nickles to sign the 2025/2026 budget. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Clingerman informed the Commission that the meeting date to approve the Levy was incorrect. Joel made a motion to move the meeting on April 22, 2025 to April 15, 2025 in the Commission Room at 9:30am. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to change the location of the May 21, 2025 meeting to Paw Paw at 6:00 pm. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Wellness Center Manager, Matt Pennington, gave the Commission his recommendations for membership fees for the new facility. Commissioner Tuttle made a motion to adopt the rates for The Wellness Center monthly memberships as follows: County Residents \$25 per person, \$60 per household, and \$5 for a day pass. Non-residents \$30 per person, \$72 per household, and \$6 for a day pass. President Clark voted yea, Commissioner Tuttle voted yea and Commissioner Forney voted yea. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tuttle made a motion for Kate Shunney, Jill Saletta, Terri Beard, Misty Householder, and Lyn Goodwin to serve indefinitely on the Wellness Center Advisory Committee. 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.

Adjourn

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by M. Clingerman