

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY,
MAY 2, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, PAUL PRATHER, VICKIE KIVETT, DAVE ZOLLER, DANIEL ELLIOTT, KIM MERIDETH, AND VIRGINIA PERRY. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*Paul Prather*)

PRAYER (*Daniel Elliott*)

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

Rod Bray stated that the County Commissioners signed an agreement with the Indiana Department of Transportation accepting responsibility for a section of SR 267. The Commissioners then signed an agreement transferring that responsibility to the Town of Mooresville. The Town Council of Mooresville has approved the Interlocal Agreement. Virginia Perry stated that they have been working on this for a long time. This will allow Mooresville to set the speed limits and weight limits. Mr. Bray stated that the state will also need to approve the agreement. Virginia Perry made a motion that the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Morgan County, Indiana and the Town of Mooresville, Indiana transferring the maintenance and state funding for the maintenance of SR 267 from the county to the Town of Mooresville be passed. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution to Purchase Real Estate

Bryan Collier stated that this resolution expresses interest in purchasing real estate at the corner of Morgan Street and Park Avenue in the City of Martinsville. Sheriff Robert Downey stated that he noticed that this property was for sale and made contact with the Commissioners and Council members to see if there would be interest in purchasing the property. Sheriff Downey felt the property location would be a good fit since it adjoins county property. He toured the building on the property, but he would not have any use for it; he does envision the possibility of needing more courts or a justice center in the future. He has talked to two appraisers within the county and a commercial appraisal would cost \$2,500 to \$3,000. The county would need two appraisals and would be able to offer the average of the two appraisals. Virginia Perry stated that the resolution should have a limit on the amount that is spent on the appraisals and suggested that it not exceed \$6,000. Rod Bray stated that there is not a specific purpose for this property yet, but it is not likely to come back up for sale in any of their lifetimes. From a planning perspective, it is useful to at least consider buying the property because of its proximity to the jail and it makes sense to at least investigate it. The resolution gives the Commissioners authority as the purchasing agent to obtain appraisals and purchase the property for no more than the average of the two appraisals. Dan Bastin stated that if an offer is made to purchase the property, it would have to be contingent upon being able to get an additional appropriation from the Council. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Purchasing Agent to Purchase Certain Real Estate in the City of Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana. Virginia Perry asked if the resolution would be amended to state that the combined amount for the appraisals would not exceed \$6,000. Daniel Elliott amended his motion to state that the combined amount of the appraisals would not exceed \$6,000. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

EMS Director Salary

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request that the salary for the EMS director be set at \$59,500. Mr. Voyles stated that this amount is within the range that was discussed earlier. The hiring committee will be interviewing candidates this week and they would like to be specific in the amount of the pay. They expect to hire the director before the next Council meeting in June. Vickie Kivett asked if there were a lot of applicants. Mr. Voyles replied that there were between 30 and 40; they have narrowed it down to a possible 12. Dan Bastin stated that they need to keep moving forward; they are behind the original thought of being operational by September or October. Vickie Kivett stated that it is time to take this action. Paul Prather stated that this amount is within the range they set earlier and made a motion to set the EMS director salary at \$59,500. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

Dan Bastin stated that there were some documents from the previous meeting that did not get signed and requested signatures for the Salary Ordinance and the Joint Resolution in Support of Judge Peter R. Foley’s application to the Indiana Supreme Court .

Minutes

Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the April 4, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Business

Dan Bastin stated that the Martinsville City Council voted to begin negotiations with the county regarding changes to the Dispatch Center Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Bastin stated that an amendment is going to bring about changes to both the county and city maximum levy.

It has also been asked of him how to begin the process of bringing Brown and Madison Townships into the county-wide ambulance service. This will require interlocal agreements and if it were to happen, there would be some shifting of their property tax levy over to the county. The sooner this is known, the better.

Bryan Collier asked that Virginia Perry, as the end seat on the dais, collect all the signed paperwork.

Mr. Collier also asked that the Board of Commissioners look into removing the house on Columbus Street.

Vickie Kivett noted that the state called Council meeting is June 24th at Indiana Downs.

Adjournment

Daniel Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

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Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Merideth

Virginia Perry

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor