

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 AT 9:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, RYAN GOODWIN, AND BRIAN GOSS. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; AND ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY; WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE APPEAL HEARING**

Rod Bray stated that the statute dictates that when there is a denial of township assistance, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Commissioners for reconsideration. Linda Shull, the appellant, was not present. The Madison Township Trustee, Scott McDonough was present. Mr. McDonough stated that they reached out to the Indiana Township Association to obtain an opinion. The request was for the replacement of a water pump and the ITA stated that the water pump is considered an asset; therefore the request was denied. They are working with Ms. Shull so she can get caught up on utility bills. Township assistance is used to meet basic needs while looking for employment. Norman Voyles asked if assisting with the utilities would help Ms. Shull get in a position to purchase the pump. Mr. McDonough stated that they are helping her to get to that point. Mr. Bray stated that the Board could uphold the trustee's decision, or find that it would have been appropriate to allow assistance and order the trustee to provide assistance. Ryan Goodwin stated that based on the information presented, he agreed with the assessment that the Madison Township trustee has made and acknowledged the assistance already given and made a motion to affirm the ruling from the Madison Township trustee. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOOD SERVICES PRESENTATION**

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, was present along with Rod Hinds of Aramark, to present a proposal for the jail kitchen operations. Mr. Rogers stated that costs keep increasing and they have looked at different options to reduce costs. Mr. Rogers went to Hendricks County, they have been with Aramark for 10 years. Aramark supplies the staff as well as the kitchen operations. Mr. Rogers handed out an overview of the proposed program. They would retain the current staff, although they would become Aramark employees. They have had discussions with the staff and they all seem to be on board. Aramark offers a better benefit package as well as wage increases. Savings for the first year would be \$35,800. There is potential for additional savings with other meal plans, \$48,000 for Option 2 and \$95,000 for Option 3. Food costs last year, including staff benefits and insurance, were \$607,123. The Aramark proposal with no change in the menu is \$571,323. Mr. Rogers stated that they have a great kitchen manager now, but he sees retirement in the near future and they struggle with obtaining new staff for the kitchen. They are currently short a part time position. The proposal is a five-year contract that may increase by the Consumer Price Index (2% to 3%) each year and is based on 360 inmates. If the meal count is over 360, then they are charged the per meal cost for the extra meals. If they are under the 360 meals, the county receives a rebate at the end of the year. As the other menus are phased in, the savings will increase. Mr. Hinds stated that once the contract starts, the current employees would transition to Aramark employees and Aramark would be responsible for filling any employee vacancies, subject to the jail's approval. Mr. Rogers looked for other companies that provide the same services and found a company out of Kentucky, but they are not servicing this area. Aramark will also include a \$25,000 grant to use for capital investments in the kitchen. Mr. Hinds stated that by the time the contract is reviewed and signed, this program could begin August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Rogers stated there is also a program through Aramark for the inmates to be food safe certified and this could help them obtain a job after leaving jail.

Norman Voyles asked if the Board was consenting to move forward. Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Goss stated that they were in favor of proceeding with the proposal and reviewing a contract.

Mr. Rogers submitted the annual jail report and stated that the state fire marshal inspected the jail and gave a favorable report.

**GRANT APPLICATION / ACCEPTANCE – Health Department**

Amanda Lopossa, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request approval of a Base Grant, \$21,818 and CRI Grant, \$19,335 for the Public Health Preparedness Coordinator (PHPC) for supplies, salary, travel, and training. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Lopossa requested approval of a BP5 grant, \$25,000 to be used for training and supplies, and for a drive-through pod for medication dispensing in case of a catastrophic event. Steve Lyday, PHPC, stated that the state had funds that were not obligated and offered an additional grant. They would be able to set up a pod in a large parking lot such as a high school or shopping center and distribute immunizations or medication much quicker during an epidemic. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to accept the BP5 Non-obligated Funding Special Project as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENT** – *Board of Health*

Ms. Lopossa stated that a board member passed away and there is a vacancy on the board. Two candidates have been proposed, Matt Hankins, and Robert Curts. Ms. Lopossa stated that she would verify political affiliation and would forward the resumes. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to table the appointment until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENT** – *EMA Director*

Norman Voyles stated that the former EMA director was appointed as the EMS director and the assistant EMA director was appointed as the interim director. The EMA Advisory Committee met and suggested that the interim director be left in place until the first of the year and that they advertise and take applications for that position.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER DISCUSSION**

Norman Voyles stated that at the last meeting, Rick Baum was present to express his interest in the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) position. Mr. Baum has submitted an application and resume as requested, has completed an instruction class, and has also enrolled for more training this week. Ryan Goodwin stated that this position is important and the pay has been increased substantially over the previous year. He felt it would be in the best interest of the Board to post and advertise a job description, and communicate with the local VFW that this position is available. Once resumes are collected they could conduct interviews. Mr. Goodwin stated that he was impressed with Mr. Baum, but the Board should take the time to advertise the job, solicit applications, and review the qualifications of the applicants. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to post the job description on the county website and local newspaper for the purpose of receiving applications for the position of VSO. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Voyles stated that there have been other applicants, but they did not work out. He felt the Board needed to move forward and put Mr. Baum in this position. Brian Goss stated that this is an important position and they have been without a VSO for some time. He spoke with a few people who are acquainted with Mr. Baum and they spoke highly of him; his heart is in this. Mr. Goss made a motion to appoint Richard Baum as the VSO. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Mr. Goodwin stated that they have plenty of time to make a sure that a fair notice and description is posted and accept resumes. They need to get away from hiring the first person that walks through the door.

Rick Baum stated that he hears the wisdom in what the Board is saying; if it's not him, it needs to be somebody. This position brings in revenue to the county but also enhances the lives of veterans and their dependents. He would like to see a synergy amongst the Commissioners and that they move forward with full heart. He obtained certification through the Department of Veterans Affairs and will be going to training in Atterbury for the next four days. Mr. Goodwin stated that Mr. Baum may be the person for the job, he just wished they had an interest and practice that when positions are available, they have been advertised, resumes have been collected, and interviews have been conducted so the best rise to the top. Mr. Baum thanked the Board for the opportunity to initiate a dialog and he would like to sit back for a moment to see how the synergy comes together.

State Representative Peggy Mayfield stated that she was in support of Mr. Goodwin's suggestion. She was on the VSO study committee in 2013 and she did not realize until that moment how much this position could bring to the county. Ms. Mayfield stated that she understood that they want to get someone into this position, but it is important to go through the process to make sure they have the right person.

Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** – *EMS Fees (Second Reading)*

Norman Voyles stated that this ordinance amendment concerning EMS fees was approved 2-1 on first reading at the last meeting. Donnie Warren, EMS Director, stated that the first reading listed the fees as follows: BLS (Basic Life Support) \$750 per run; ALS-1 (Advanced Life Support) \$1,100 per run; ALS-2 \$1,300 per run and \$14 per mile. In order to make the fees more palatable,

Mr. Warren suggested the following fee structure: BLS \$750; ALS-1 \$950; ALS-2 \$1,150; and an adjustable mileage rate of \$14 for 20 miles and under and \$10 over 20 miles. Ryan Goodwin stated that he is more comfortable with this amendment and made a motion to vacate the ordinance that was read at the last meeting, waive the second reading on the revised ordinance, and reviewed the revised ordinance fee schedule as follows: \$750 for BLS, \$950 for ALS-1, \$1,150 for ALS-2, adjustable mileage at \$14 per mile for 20 miles or less and \$10 per mile for greater than 20 miles. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **EMS UPDATE**

Mr. Warren stated that the separation of EMS and EMA is almost complete. There will be some holdover until they receive the Certificate of Existence from the state and certification from the Board of Emergency Medical Services.

There is no news yet regarding the IU Intercept Agreement.

Mr. Warren is working with Dan Bastin on a re-forecast of the 2017 EMS budget in an effort to defer financing costs for the purchase of cots, defibrillators, and other high ticket items. Mr. Warren is looking into director's vehicles to be certified as non-transporting ALS so that the director and deputy director can act as a chase vehicle for the BLS unit or in large emergency situations.

Mr. Warren is also working on filling the deputy director position, training director, and two positions for quality assurance for the run reports, which would include a supply officer and administrative assistant.

He has been reviewing pricing for the ambulances from McCoy Miller and Medix and feels that the Medix unit, 157 version, would be the best choice for the community. The Medix bid was \$154,000 for each unit and they need 3 units. The lease amount would be around \$92,000; below the budgeted amount of \$122,900 per year.

Two bids were received for ambulance cots, Ferno and Stryker. Both quotes were close in pricing with Stryker at \$220,967.88 for six ambulances (five cots, six power loads, and six stairchairs). Mr. Warren stated that Stryker is the best choice for EMS purposes.

The final quote for the purchase of the Gregg Township ambulance is \$18,000; Morgantown \$150,000; and Paragon \$70,000.

Mr. Warren set up an account with Stericycle to pick up bio-waste.

They are looking at software systems to track supplies. He has obtained a quote from Operative IQ for \$10,900 which includes hardware, RFID, and two days of onsite training. This system would also track fleet maintenance costs.

Mr. Warren stated that he would like to retain qualified, trained personnel and proposed a three tier pay rate for paramedics as follows:

1-5 years of experience \$45,000 per year \$13.75 per hour  
6-10 years of experience \$47,500 per year \$14.00 per hour  
10 + years of experience \$50,000 per year \$14.95 per hour

Mr. Warren budgeted for 15 full time paramedics in the 10 plus category so they will probably be under the budgeted amount. This is taking into consideration 820 hours of built-in overtime. Dan Bastin stated that the Council would be approving a per hour amount. Norman Voyles stated that this pay structure sounded reasonable. Ryan Goodwin stated that it is a large deviation as to how the rest of the county employees are compensated. Mr. Warren asked about basing raises on cost of living, performance, or general Council consensus at budget time.

Mr. Warren requested approval to move forward on the Stryker quote (\$220,967.88), Medix ambulance quote (\$462,000), and three township ambulances (\$238,000). Ryan Goodwin made a motion to take the next step with the three ambulances that have been offered up by neighboring political units, Gregg Township, Morgantown Fire Department, and Paragon Volunteer Fire Department. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goss made a motion to accept the Medix quote of \$154,000 per unit. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Financing the purchase through a local bank, using the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, or finding excess funds in the budget were discussed. Mr. Goodwin asked that an ambulance replacement schedule be worked into the budget. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Stryker quote of \$220,967.88 for cots. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **USE OF COURTHOUSE SQUARE**

Norman Voyles stated that the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce has requested the use of the Courthouse Square from 7 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> for a chili cook-off and chalk art contest. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Core Fitness has requested the use of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 6 pm for a “Giants Live” strongman competition. Aaron Molin, Core Fitness, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Molin stated that he had requested that Main Street be closed off. Norman Voyles informed him that he would have to contact the City of Martinsville. Mr. Voyles stated that they would need to submit a Certificate of Insurance. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the request to use the Courthouse Square on July 29<sup>th</sup> provided the Certificate of Insurance is submitted. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REAL ESTATE PURCHASE**

Norman Voyles stated that the appraisals for the property at 710 – 760 W Morgan were presented at \$427,000 and \$442,000; the average is \$434,500. Mr. Voyles asked if the Board wished to pursue the purchase. Rod Bray stated that the county would not have to offer this price; they could not offer more, but they could offer less. Mr. Bray suggested scheduling an Executive Session to discuss an offer. Ryan Goodwin stated that he would be willing to move forward and negotiate a price. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to schedule an Executive Session to negotiate the offering price. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0. The Executive Session was set for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

### **QUOTES – PARKING LOT SEALANT**

Norman Voyles opened quotes for crack sealing and striping the Administration Building parking lot. RLH Seal Coating submitted a quote of \$3,512 to clean all the cracks of vegetation, seal the cracks, clean the surface, seal coat the asphalt with two applications of rubberized coal tar pitch, and re-stripe. Wallace Construction submitted a quote of \$5,000. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the quote from RLH Seal Coating. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed.

### **QUOTES - DEMOLITION**

Norman Voyles stated that the City of Martinsville has asked that the house at 89 W. Columbus be torn down. Mr. Voyles requested quotes from DeRossett Construction, no quote; Broyer Construction, \$19,600; and Scott Whaley, \$21,800. Mr. Voyles stated that the house has been used as storage for surplus furniture and equipment and everything was hauled to the Morgan County Highway Department for the county auction. Brian Goss asked if the vendor would be responsible for obtaining the permit. Mr. Voyles stated that they will remove the house, garage, cement pad, roof, walls, floors including foundation, fill the basement with compacting material, cover with eight inches of topsoil and seed it. The county will need to obtain the permit. Ryan Goodwin stated that he did not oppose addressing this issue, but it had not been discussed at a meeting, no bid specifications were provided, and the quotes were not on the agenda. Mr. Goodwin stated that work needs to be done, but he was opposed to the process. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the quote from Broyer Construction. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed. Rod Bray noted that the demolition permit would need to be obtained before moving forward.

### **MINUTES – 5/15/17**

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the May 15, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the payroll claims of May 5<sup>th</sup> \$467,575.55 and May 19<sup>th</sup> \$467,408.44. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the PERF claims of May 5<sup>th</sup> \$38,496.23 and May 19<sup>th</sup> \$38,278.77. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the FICA claims of May 5<sup>th</sup> \$33,802.54 and May 19<sup>th</sup> \$33,793.16. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the monthly claims of \$2,038,831.41. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

### **2018 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the 2018 Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Ryan

Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

### **DISPATCH UPDATE**

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Dispatch Director, reported that there have been 50,641 calls so far this year. There have been 9,610 911 calls and 41,031 were non-emergency calls. There have been 15,284 CAD calls. Mr. Hamilton stated that 90% of the emergency calls are wireless.

Mr. Hamilton is working with Mr. Bray on an amended interlocal agreement with the City of Martinsville.

Ryan Goodwin asked if the dispatch center has ever received a 911 call by text. Mr. Hamilton stated that they have, approximately 10 last year.

### **SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE**

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that the inmate population at the jail is 325, this includes 4 DOC inmates, 11 inmates on the work release program, and 20 jail corrections workers. There have been 4,942 law enforcement calls so far this year.

### **HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Marvin "Sport" Whaley, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that there have been some inquiries about a pile of scrap metal on the Highway Department property and asked if there was a process to sell it. Brian Goss stated that he should obtain sealed quotes from the interested parties and they would open them at a Commissioners' meeting. Norman Voyles asked if Mr. Whaley had obtained a value from another source. Mr. Whaley stated that he had. Mr. Goss suggested writing up a form for each party to sign so they all get the same information.

Mr. Whaley stated that he sees some discord regarding purchases and asked if there was a procedure to purchase a used vehicle. Mr. Whaley stated that he would rather purchase a used truck for hauling mowing crews, patching crews, and parts chasing instead of a brand new vehicle. Dan Bastin stated that as long as it doesn't require any bidding (\$50,000 or more) and there is money in the budget for this equipment purchase, they would only require Commissioner approval. Mr. Whaley stated that he would rather purchase two used trucks than one new one, but it is hard to find a used truck, then go before a board and have the truck still available. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the used vehicle. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Crews are staying busy and taking advantage of the good weather.

### **ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith stated that there is a preconstruction conference for Bridge #67 this Friday. They will be discussing the installation of a temporary cut around and the cost involved. There is money built into the contract (\$4,700) for part time inspections. Mr. Smith would like an inspector present when pilings are driven, beams are set, pre-deck pour/deck pour, and subgrade inspection for road construction. United Consulting estimates these inspection costs not to exceed \$11,700 (an additional \$7,000). Brian Goss made a motion to table this issue until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that through the Community Crossing Grant, they have paved major collector roads and they need line striping. Paint stripes last approximately one year and Mr. Smith would like to use thermoplastic, which would last six to seven years; however, it is four times more expensive than paint. To stripe the 60 miles that have been paved would cost approximately \$154,000. There is \$45,000 in the budget. Mr. Smith asked for approval to request an additional appropriation from the Council of \$110,000 from the Local Road and Street Fund. He would submit this for the Community Crossing Grant for a 50% reimbursement, but it is not guaranteed that the county will receive the reimbursement. Ryan Goodwin stated that because of the Community Crossing Grant they were able to pave more miles and he liked the approach Mr. Smith was taking with this. The thermoplastic lasts longer and looks better. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve making a request from the Council and including the cost in the grant. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated the paving bid will be June 30<sup>th</sup> and he is preparing the bid for Bridge #26 for this date too.

### **COMMENTS**

Dan Bastin stated that he has traveled some of the newly paved roads and they are very smooth. It is important to get them striped.

Bill Parker, a resident on Jensen Road, stated that he discussed damages to the road caused by a logging operation several weeks ago and asked if there was any progress on getting the logging company to reimburse the county for the damages. Rod Bray stated that the situation has not been resolved and does not see a resolution in the immediate future. Mr. Parker stated that the county was the victim and asked when the road would be repaired. Brian Goss stated that the road could be repaired when crews are chip sealing whether the county is paid for the damages or not; if they have to go to court on it, it could be a year or more before the county is paid for the damages. Mr. Parker asked if they had considered permits or a road bond. Ryan Goodwin stated that they are looking into this for a future ordinance.

Gerry McGrath stated that the Highway Department trimmed the brush and tree limbs on Conservation Club Road last week and did an excellent job.

**TRIPLE CROWN LANE**

Rod Bray stated that he has been working with Ryan Goodwin on the Triple Crown Lane/Barrett Law Project and it sounds like the neighborhood is ready to have a public hearing on the project. Mr. Bray stated that he is also working with Umbaugh & Associates to determine exactly what the maximum cost will be to each lot owner. They already passed a preliminary resolution last fall. Ryan Goodwin suggested having the public hearing either June 30<sup>th</sup> or July 17<sup>th</sup>, whichever works for the residents. Mr. Goodwin stated that he has obtained a revised engineering estimate from the vendor and was able to get terms from a local bank. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would like to give the floor to the residents and make decisions after that.

**PROPERTY ISSUES**

Trina Russell, a resident in the Briarwood Lake area, stated that the roads need resurfaced, they are falling apart. Brian Goss stated that this is his district and he would look into it; some of the roads are not county maintained. Ms. Russell stated that she has not been able to get the homeowners association to respond.

Ms. Russell stated that there are some properties in the area that have overgrown grass, weeds and debris in the yard. She is concerned about her safety if she files a complaint and asked if the name on a complaint would only be given out if it goes to court. Brian Goss stated that when he is inspecting the road he would also inspect the properties for violations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Norman Voyles

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Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Brian Goss