

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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.

BID OPENING – *Line Striping*

Dan Bastin, Morgan County Auditor, opened bids for thermoplastic line striping on county roads as follows: Indiana Sign & Barricade Inc. \$204,045.20 with an alternative bid of \$9,500 to lay out the center line; Indiana Traffic Services \$194,831.31.

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, will review the bids and report back later during the meeting.

ORDINANCE – *Bulk Form Copies*

Rod Bray stated that this is an ordinance for the Recorder's Office that sets out the procedure for a company that requests bulk form copies of documents such as everything that was recorded during a specific month or period. These documents are then used for commercial purposes. The ordinance specifies what information must be in the request and gives restrictions on the use of the documents (i.e. they can't be resold or altered). The bulk form user must sign a contract acknowledging the restrictions on the use of the documents. The fee is set at 10 cents per copy and the revenue goes into the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Brian Goss made a motion to approve *An Ordinance of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners Establishing the Manner and Form in Which the Recorder May Provide Bulk Form Copies to a Bulk User* and to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – *Subdivision Plat Ordinance 1-4-6.1*

Rod Bray stated that this ordinance changes how a subdivision plat would be recorded. It deletes the current ordinance the county has and reinstates the new language. The ordinance lists what information must be on a plat when it is recorded and who must approve it, the scale, notary requirements, etc. It also establishes, along with the recording fee, a \$25 fee for the mylar that the Recorder's Office produces and has on file. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adopt *An Ordinance Amending Morgan County Ordinance 1-4-6.1 Establishing a Policy for the Approval and Recording of Subdivision Plats* and waiving a second reading. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

USS INDIANA

Norman Voyles stated that he received an email regarding the USS Indiana, a nuclear submarine and the first ship to bear the state's name since WWII. The Commissioning Committee is asking that all 92 counties contribute something (Indiana products or a donation) to the commissioning ceremony to be held in the first half of 2018. Mr. Voyles stated that they have time to think about it and contribute something if they so desire.

ORDINANCE – *Code of Ordinances*

Norman Voyles stated that this ordinance approves the update to the Code of Ordinances, but the updates have not been received yet. When the updates are received, Mr. Bray will review them.

REAL ESTATE

Norman Voyles stated that the closing for the property on Park Avenue and Morgan Street was on Friday. Possession will be in 30 days. Mr. Voyles stated that the Board would need to decide what to do with the buildings on the property. There is currently a tenant in one of the buildings. Brian Goss stated that he would like to tour the property before making a decision.

TRIPLE CROWN LANE

Dick Robertson, SJCA, stated that he met on site with Mr. Smith (Morgan County Highway Engineer) and Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor. They discussed the plans SJCA proposed and there are two areas of concern. There are two pipes on the east end that need to be checked and there is a bigger issue on the entrance end. The rest of the drainage plan is fine. Terry Brock stated that the height of the dam at the entrance is causing water to stand over the top of the pipes under the road. These pipes should not be underwater because they could rust and fail, blocking access to the subdivision. Mr. Brock believes these are two 24" pipes, but it is hard to tell since

they are underwater. The dam height is causing water to back-up all the way under Paddock Road. There is a 60" pipe at Paddock Road, but only 48" total under Triple Crown Lane. This pipe should be 60" or larger. The lake is on private property and the dam must be lowered before any work can begin. There is an emergency overflow and the water is flowing out of this because the water is too high. There are houses below the dam. Water and sediment is sitting in the 60" pipe under Paddock Road. This is not a regulated drain but a natural surface watercourse. To resolve the issue, the property owner can make the necessary repairs or a petition for the removal of an obstruction could be filed with the Drainage Board. The Drainage Board would have authority to fix it and charge the owner. There is a dip towards the east where water stands and this needs to be raised and there is a pipe that goes north under power lines and they need to make sure there is flow through this pipe. There are two other pipes that might not be sized correctly. The utilities are too close to the road to add side ditches. Mr. Brock stated that the issue with the pond must be corrected or it will not do any good to make repairs to the road. Mr. Bray clarified that the water in the lake must be lowered and kept low, not just for the construction project. Mr. Brock will contact the property owner to discuss the issue.

MORGAN COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL GRANT

Kristinia Love, Morgan County Substance Abuse Council Director, was present to request a grant of \$12,875 from the Local Drug Free Communities Fund for a Strengthening Families Program through the YMCA. The program began last year and has grown so much that they need additional funds. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the grant request. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the following payroll claims: 6/30/17 \$466,110.92; 7/7/17 (uniforms) \$12,600; 7/14/17 \$492,975.21; 7/28/17 \$470,152.47. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the following PERF claims: 6/30/17 \$39,145.04; 7/7/17 \$1,411.20; 7/14/17 \$42,331.06; 7/28/17 \$39,505.68. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the following FICA claims: 6/30/17 \$35,412.16; 7/7/17 \$182.70; 7/14/17 \$35,718.00; 7/28/17 \$33,972.56. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goss made a motion to pay the monthly claims totaling \$2,607,568.19. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 joint meeting and the July 17, 2017 meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

VSO REPORT

Rick Baum, Veteran's Service Officer, was present to give a report on the number of veterans served. There have been 21 interviews and 12 claims filed during the last month. Mr. Baum encouraged people to make an appointment so they would not have to wait if he is with someone else. Mr. Baum participated in several outreach programs, visited the fair, visited the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce, and participated in more training. He was able to secure a grant of \$1,200 from the Indiana Department of Veteran's Affairs for equipment reimbursement.

In 2015, there were 6,658 veterans in Morgan County. It has grown a little bit for 2016 (6,669). This translates to \$22,161,000 in compensation and pensions for Morgan County.

Brown County has been providing transportation to the VA Hospital and Mr. Baum is not proposing to make any changes at this time; however, providing transportation might come up in the future.

Mr. Baum asked about the possibility of getting a window in his office door. Norman Voyles stated that there are a few other offices that have inquired about windows and he will look into this.

Mr. Baum, along with other CVSOs, will be meeting with Representative Hollingsworth on August 15th to discuss any problems or issues CVSOs are experiencing.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton reported that there have been 72,251 calls so far this year. There have been 13,899

911 calls and 58,352 non-emergency calls. There have been 22,015 CAD calls.

A nearby lightning strike caused damage to the generator, a camera, and a radio. Mr. Hamilton is working with the insurance company on this.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that the inmate population at the jail is up by 30, this includes 9 DOC inmates. The corrections workers were working at the fair. There have been 7,172 law enforcement calls so far this year.

Dave Rogers, Jail Commander, stated that three years ago they shut down the water softeners and went with an Easywater system. This system demagnetizes the water but does not treat it. The room where the main waterline comes into the building also contains the boilers and recirculating lines. This water is not treated and is sandblasting the pipes. They are continually repairing and replacing the pipes. Mr. Rogers has consulted with vendors and the only solution seems to be to start using the water softeners again. They have looked at expanding the system, but there is not enough room. Norman Voyles asked if they would also continue using the Easywater system. Mr. Rogers is meeting with water softener people tomorrow and he will confer with them to see if there is any benefit to this.

HIGHWAYUPDATE

Marvin "Sport" Whaley, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that everything at the Highway Department seems to be going well; however, when they have an auction or sell scrap metal, he must obtain an additional appropriation to receive the revenue. He is concerned that this does not look right to the taxpayers; the revenue for the items sold was appropriated several years ago. Dan Bastin stated that by state law, any additional revenue that isn't already budgeted must go through the additional appropriation process. Mr. Whaley stated that the Highway Department does additional work for the fair and the parks, and they hauled a tower for the Dispatch Center; the crews work hard and he didn't want it to look like the taxpayers were paying twice for something. Mr. Bastin stated that it is his opinion that anytime the Highway Department provides services to another department that is not road related, the other department should reimburse the Highway Department.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Indiana Traffic Services bid of \$194,831.31 is the lowest and everything seems to be in order. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Indiana Traffic Services bid of \$194,831.31 for line striping. Brian Goss asked if that included the roads that are being paved this year. Mr. Smith stated that it does not include all of them. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

The contractor has started cutting trees for Bridge #67 and closed the road. They should start structure demolition this week.

Bridge #26 should start the first part of next week.

COMMENT

Jeff Thompson, a resident on Paddock Road, handed out pictures showing damage to his property during the 2008 flood. Mr. Thompson stated that water comes across the field across from his house and every time there is a two inch rain, his property floods. He has done several thousand dollars worth of work to direct the water away from his driveway, but he keeps getting flooded. Digging the ditch out once a year has helped, but during a recent rain, the ditch was less than half full and the water came down the road to their driveway and their garage flooded. Mr. Thompson suggested making the ditch bigger, replacing the culvert, and resurfacing the road so it angles toward the ditch and not his property. Norman Voyles stated that a WASCoB (Water and Sediment Control Basin) in the field would eliminate the debris and would slow the flow of water. This would be at the expense of the property owner across the road, but there are assistance programs available through NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Services). Larry Smith stated that this would catch the debris and silt and would be a good solution. Mr. Voyles stated that he would try to contact the person who farms the field.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Attest:

Ryan Goodwin

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Brian Goss