

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE BRYAN COLLIER, DON ADAMS, AND KENNY HALE. DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; LINDA PRUITT, COUNTY AUDITOR AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES – 12/5/22

Don Adams made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Terry Clelland, Morgan County Treasurer, requested approval of the Investment Policy and reviewed the register of investments and a spreadsheet showing interest earned from Home Bank and First Merchants. Bryan Collier stated that they are restricted in what they do, but they are now drawing a little extra interest on their savings. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Morgan County Treasurer Statement of Investment Policy. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-2 REZONE

Kenny Hale stated that this rezone request from Craig Haggard to rezone three acres in Madison Twp. On Western Road from Ag to RR (Rural residential) was approved by the Plan Commission and made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Mr. Adams asked if the vote was unanimous. Mr. Hale stated that he abstained from the Plan Commission vote. Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that there were eight members present and seven were in favor. The vote was the same for both requests. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-3 REZONE

This request was from Jeanine Hoots to rezone four acres in Madison Township from Ag to R1. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Linda Pruitt, Morgan County Auditor, stated that this report is given to the Board of Commissioners annually at the second meeting in January. On January 1, 2022, the beginning balance was \$77,967,517.47; receipts totaled \$225,868,478.62; expenditures totaled \$201,845,324.00, leaving an ending balance of \$101,990,695.85. Total payroll for 2022 was \$18,886,352.69. Don Adams made a motion to accept the report. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Josh Messmer stated that the county started the process of engaging a PR consultant some time ago and this agreement is the culmination of that. Mr. Messmer recommended the hiring of Erin Pipkin on a contractual basis. Ms. Pipkin's services will be used for the new Judicial Campus project, the water study project and any other needs the county may have. There will be a monthly retainer cost and there could be additional costs. The agreement has been reviewed by Taft Law. Bryan Collier stated that it is important that citizens hear the county's story, by radio, newspaper, attending meetings, watching on YouTube and question their elected officials so they know what they're doing and why they are doing it. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement between Morgan County Commissioners and Compass Outreach Solution LLC. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MORGAN COUNTY RECYCLING CONTRACTS

Erick Kivett, Morgan County Recycling Department, stated that recycling sites are managed by Waste Management now, formerly Ray's Trash. They were in a contract with Ray's from September 1st until the end of the year and were to receive 558 drops. They received 472 and have not yet been credited. The invoices will not be paid until they are correct. They are in month to month contracts with all vendors and Mr. Kivett requested approval to begin the quote process for services. All Commissioners were agreeable. Bryan Collier stated that they might be able to save a little money on recycling if they are also servicing the trash. Mr. Kivett stated he will work with Maintenance on this.

WENS AGREEMENT

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, requested approval of a three-year agreement with WENS. The agreement is similar to the one they have had in the past. The cost is \$7,650 per year and part of it is paid by 911 Dispatch. They send out emergency notifications to people that have signed up. Mr. Tumey stated that they have also talked to water companies and WENS can send out notifications when a boil water advisory is in effect. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Two Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were submitted for approval by the Board, one from Chip Keller and one from Bryan Collier. These statements will be filed with the Clerk of Courts. Don Adams made a motion to approve the statements. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Don Adams made a motion to approve the annual contracts as follows:

Hilldale Cemetery Association	\$1,550
Morgan County Connect	\$47,000
CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions	\$10,000
Morgan County Fair & 4-H Association	\$125,000
Humane Society Agreement and Emergency Services Agreement	\$182,706
Sycamore Services	\$54,000

Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Bryan Collier thanked the Fair Board for moving the dates of the county fair. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Plan Commission – Kenny Hale stated that Fred Roberts is withdrawing from the Plan Commission. This appointment must be a township trustee. Mr. Hale recommended that Bill Mitchell be appointed to fill the remainder of Mr. Roberts term. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Redevelopment Commission – Kenny Hale stated that Daniel Elliott is the new Indiana State Treasurer and made a motion to appoint Brad Shields to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TITLE IV-E COST RECOVERY AGREEMENT

Linda Pruitt stated that this is a new grant that was started last year. The state will reimburse 40% of expenses for public defense caseloads on a quarterly basis. The funds could then be used for other public defense of CHINS/TPR expenses. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT LETTER

Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that this letter is for the CCMG (Community Crossings Matching Grant) 2023-1 paving that will bid in the spring. This will be for 2024 paving. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the letter. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

PAVING BIDS – 12/5/22

Mr. Collinsworth stated that paving bids were opened on December 5th and tabled. These projects are not part of the CCMG grant program and are funded through the Highway Department budget. Mr. Collinsworth recommended that the bids be awarded to the low bidder as highlighted below:

Wallace	Milestone	E&B Paving
1-8	\$233,829.56	\$181,797.77
2-8	83,715.80	72,032.88
2-21	276,481.48	213,740.76
3-1	24,020.31	31,095.00
3-2	20,743.35	26,665.00
1-5	79,476.84	72,792.05
1-6	148,533.42	134,882.38
2-4	105,389.41	86,348.50

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the bids as recommended. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Artie Fest has requested use of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, July 29th from 6 am to 10 pm. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE ADMINISTRATION BLDG

Morgan County Leadership Academy has requested the use of the Lucille Sadler Room on February 9th from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. This will be for the “Social Services Day”. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that when you think of Morgan County Fair, you think of Bill Rumbaugh; he is always helping and knows where every outlet and pipe is located. Mr. Rumbaugh recently had heart surgery and Mr. Adams asked that the county keep him in their prayers.

Mr. Adams stated that the BOT project has been called the “Justice Center”, but the Board was asked what they want to officially call the building. The new facility will be called the “Morgan County Judicial Campus”. Bryan Collier stated that when his suggestion of “Legion of Doom” for the jail was turned down, he gave up on “Halls of Justice” for the new building.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenny Hale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Collier

Attest:

Don Adams

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale