

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M.**

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Pastor Nathan Janssen*

**CLAIMS**

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the February 3, 17 and March 3, 2023 payroll claims of \$767,802.30, 732,725.14 and \$752,870.67; PERF \$68,969.29, \$65,940.88 and \$67,745.09; FICA \$56,027.75, \$53,326.19 and \$54,903.63 and monthly claims of \$5,167,886.70. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES** – 2/21/23

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH RIGHT OF WAY**

Thomas Gray, member of the Lutheran Church, provided a map and stated that the state of Indiana extended their driveway when they rerouted Morgan Street during I-69 construction. The entrance and exit of the church were onto Old State Road 37, then through what used to be Morgan Street right of way. This area looks to be owned by the county, except for a small triangle that could be a scrivener's error. They would like the ability to come out at Morgan Street at the driveway and install lighting and in the future, possibly a sign. Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that he was involved in the planning of the road changes in this area. Mr. Collinsworth suggested deeding this area over to the church and has stated this in a recent letter to the state. Kenny Hale made a motion to survey the property to obtain a legal description and to convey it to the church via warranty deed. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**MALCON AGREEMENT**

Linda Pruitt stated that in January of 2022, the county received \$97,561.73 for the 2019 EMS Medicaid ambulance runs. They are waiting on the 2020 and 2021 payments. Malcon receives 50% with a cap of \$11,875. Don Adams stated that they have been good to work with and recover money. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**USI ON-CALL AGREEMENT**

Grant Collinsworth stated that this agreement between USI and Morgan County and amends the agreement dated October 5, 2020 regarding traffic studies to include construction inspection. This would allow the county to use their services as available, similar to the agreement with Beam Longest & Neff. This agreement will continue through February 21, 2025 unless it is extended. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Don Adams stated that this agreement between Morgan County and Hendricks County is for a project in the western part of the county where a road is shared by both counties. IMI is constructing a cement plant and will foot the costs for culvert repairs. John Ayers, Hendricks County Engineer, has reviewed the agreement. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale made a motion, per Item 3 a, to appoint Grant Collinsworth as the liaison with Hendricks County. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bryan Collier noted that there was an Executive Session on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, but there is no action to be taken at this time.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SOP**

Grant Collinsworth stated that INDOT requested that the Highway Department formulate an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) to apply for grant funding. Mr. Collinsworth stated that Lisa Plummer, Payroll Clerk, worked hard in drafting the policies and procedures with the help of

INDOT. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the SOPs. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Bryan Collier stated that this will be a living document and will be subject to amendments and updates. Motion carried 3-0. Don Adams thanked Ms. Plummer for her hard work.

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** - *Surveyor*

Kenny Hale stated that Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, is out of town, but Mr. Hale wanted to ensure that this agreement moved forward. The annual amount has been set at \$74,000, use of a county vehicle is not included, there is no allowance for continued education, and there is a section of the agreement that covers liability. Jim Wisco stated that it is a contractor agreement and both parties are in agreement. Kenny Hale stated that the county has one of the best Stormwater Coordinators in the state and they are saving money if they take the benefit package into consideration. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**TORT CLAIM**

Kenny Hale made a motion to submit the Spinelli tort claim to insurance. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Kenny Hale stated that there will be a grand opening for the Wilbur Community School on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm. It will be a chance to showcase the work that has been done there and will be available for rental after the event.

Don Adams stated that on April 8, 2024, there will be a total eclipse and the county will be a prime viewing area. This could be an opportunity to showcase the county. Bryan Collier stated that when this happened a few years ago, in a different area, they thought they were ready, but they were blindsided by the issues that arose.

**COMMENT**

Bill Mitchell, Clay Township Trustee, thanked the Morgan County Highway Department for removing brush along the side of the roadways around the county. Mr. Mitchell noted that he saw a worker moving rocks in the rain and thanked the employee for their dedication.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Bryan Collier

Attest:

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Don Adams

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Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Kenny Hale