

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M.**

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

**COMMENTS**

Bryan Collier thanked all the first responders, emergency crews, Morgan County Highway Department, EMA, electrical crews and tree crews for their response during the tornados. Mr. Collier stated that he saw a lot of good neighborly acts that were encouraging.

**CLAIMS**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the March 17, and March 31, 2023 payroll claims of \$725,960.24 and \$742,177.14; PERF \$66,051.27 and \$66,494.52; FICA \$52,825.37 and \$56,097.42 and monthly claims of \$1,709,605.96. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES** – 3/20/23

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**RECESS**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Bryan Collier opened the public hearing to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund at a rate not to exceed 0.0333 for each \$100 of assessed valuation. This rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2023 payable 2024. Mr. Collier asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

**RECONVENE**

Kenny Hale made a motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDINANCE 2023-9 ESTABLISHING CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the ordinance establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0. Bryan Collier noted that this is actually a lower rate than the current rate.

**GRANT APPLICATION** - EMA

Abby Worth, Morgan County EMA, stated that this \$150,000 grant through Indiana Department of Homeland Security, will be used to purchase additional outdoor warning notification systems at school outdoor sports facilities. The system can function as a tornado siren, but will also have voice notices for lockdowns or shelter in place notifications. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATIONS** – *Court Services*

Brian Foley, Morgan County Court Services Director, requested approval of two grants; the CY2024 Adult Community Corrections Grant not to exceed \$700,000, and the CY2024 Jail Treatment Grant not to exceed \$230,000. Both grants are provided through the Indiana Department of Correction. The Adult Community Corrections grant will be used to provide a home detention monitoring program and the Jail Treatment grant will be used for a Residential Substance Abuse Program and Re-entry Program at the jail. Don Adams made a motion to approve both grant applications. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**ANNUAL PURDUE AGREEMENT**

Bryan Collier asked if Purdue would agree to work on “outside shooting” for next year’s

basketball season before he agreed to sign an agreement. Rena Sheldon, Purdue Extension, stated that it is a point well taken.

Ms. Sheldon stated that the agreement for this year is similar to prior agreements, but does have an amendment to add a half time Health and Human Sciences Educator position. The Council has allowed this position in the budget. Mr. Collier stated that programs through the Extension Office are excellent and very important for the kids. If more kids were in these types of programs and events, then there would be less need for more law enforcement positions. Don Adams thanked them for all they do and made a motion to approve the annual agreement with Purdue. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS** – *Resolution Group, VS Engineering*

Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that both Resolution Group and VS Engineering currently have projects with the county. VS is doing a bridge on Ballinger Road and Resolution Group has the Bottom Road project. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreements. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** - *BLN*

Grant Collinsworth stated that Beam Longest & Neff has the Robb Hill bridge project. This LPA agreement is for the construction inspection. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement for Bridge #60 on Robb Hill. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**TORT CLAIM**

Kenny Hale made a motion to submit the Arnott tort claim to insurance. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Don Adams stated that he saw a lot of people come together to clean up after the tornado and he feel blessed to live in this county. Bryan Collier stated that it was refreshing to see the teamwork.

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that several vendors reached out to help keep things running at the jail and the community pitches together to help out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Don Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. 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