

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

CLAIMS

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the April 14 and 28, 2023 payroll claims of \$798,689.78 and \$738,561.89; PERF \$68,741.91 and \$65,661.04; FICA \$58,324.67 and \$53,821.93 and monthly claims of \$3,786,145.31. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 4/17/23

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PROCLAMATION – *Mental Health Month*

Keylee Wright, Kendrick Foundation Executive Director, stated that their mission is to financially support education and initiatives that improve the physical and mental health of Morgan County residents. They accomplish this mission primarily through three areas; scholarships, grants, and community leadership. Ms. Wright asked that the Board of Commissioners proclaim May as Mental Health Month for Morgan County. Ms. Wright worked with Commissioner Adams in drafting a proclamation using a template from Mental Health America's toolkit. Ms. Wright stated that there are many factors that contribute to mental well-being and we all benefit from stable environments, strong communities and ready access to needed services. Making our environments as healthy as possible goes a long way in improving our mental well-being. Deb Verley noted that there is a calendar on the Morgan County website (<https://morgancounty.in.gov/>) that offers an activity every day for the month of May to promote mental health awareness. Don Adams made a motion to approve the proclamation. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

DEEDS OF DEDICATION

Josh Messmer stated that along with the Deeds of Dedication that are being presented for approval, there is a letter acknowledging the maintenance bond from Pyatt Builders for the asphalt surface bond for North Madison Crossing Sections 2A and 2B. The two Deeds of Dedication are for roads in North Madison Crossing. They have been reviewed by the county attorney and the roads have been inspected by the county Highway Department. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Deeds of Dedication for North Madison Crossing Section 1, 2A and 2B. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MASS FATALITY PLAN

Mike Ellis, Morgan County Coroner, was present to request approval of a Mass Fatality Plan. Mr. Ellis stated that unfortunately, they must be prepared to react appropriately in case of an incident that causes mass fatalities. This plan was put together with the cooperation of the Health Department and Emergency Management and will be disseminated among the fire departments, fire chiefs, police chiefs, and Sheriff. The plan is put into action anytime there are three or more deaths. Mr. Ellis has plans for a tabletop exercise in the future and possibly a full scale exercise. Don Adams noted that there were former scout masters in the room and that it's all about being prepared. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Mass Fatality Plan. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS - *EMS*

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that the EMS department is relatively new and sometimes it is necessary to look at the structure and make adjustments. As a result of this review, there are two job descriptions for EMS to be approved. There will be two directors instead of a director and deputy director; a Director of Operations that will be in charge of the paramedics and medicine side and a Director of Administration that will be in charge of payroll, ordering, and discipline. Both jobs will be at the same salary and will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The job descriptions will go before the job maintenance committee prior to the Council meeting and then will be on the Council agenda for approval. Bryan Collier stated that it should be noted that they have heard the taxpayer concerns regarding budgets and feel this is a step to address those concerns. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both job descriptions.

Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT - BLN

Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, requested approval of an agreement with Beam Longest & Neff to prepare a standards document for construction needs, earthwork, paving and asphalt aggregates, traffic control devices, signage, striping, etc. This document will outline the process that the county uses; how they do it and what they use to do it. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement with BLN. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION – DISASTER EMERGENCY

Josh Messmer stated that there was a tornado on Good Friday. Indiana Code 36-1-12-9 gives local government the authority, when there is an emergency and public works need to be done, to obtain good faith quotes and move forward. The Board may then pass an emergency resolution after the fact. Exhibit A includes the Emergency Declaration by the Governor and Exhibit B includes the template for the quotes. Erick Kivett, Morgan County Recycles Director, presented quotes he received for brush removal from the Morgan County Fairgrounds. The debris has already been taken care of. Bluestone Tree submitted a bid that included a \$2,000 charge to get the equipment to the location and then a charge by the yard; this cost is estimated to be \$18,000 to \$24,000. Forest Commodities submitted a quote of \$10,000 to grind the brush and move the equipment on and off the site. Greendale requested that the brush be moved to them. McCarty submitted a quote of \$30,000. Mr. Kivett recommended that the quote from Forest Commodities be accepted. They will be able to be onsite next week. Don Adams made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023-5-1A, a Resolution to Approve Public Work Contracts During Disaster Emergency. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams made a motion to approve the quote with Forest Commodities for \$10,000. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION - INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN

Josh Messmer stated that this resolution regards the cybersecurity incident response plan. Last year, the insurance company urged the county to start this process and they have been working with Taft Law. Should there be an incident, the plan outlines chain of custody evidence to legal authority contacts. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2023-5-1B, A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana Adopting a Privacy and Data Security Incident Response Plan for the County. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that this agreement is in coordination with the City of Martinsville for roadways that may cross jurisdictional boundaries or are isolated that it doesn't make sense for one entity to take care of the road versus another. This will be on the city's May 8th Council meeting. This is a four-year agreement. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Exchange of Services Between County of Morgan and City of Martinsville, Indiana Re: Roadway Maintenance for Certain Roadways. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-12 - Park Fees

Kenny Hale stated that this Ordinance to Amend Chapter 35.48 of the Morgan County Code of Ordinances Concerning Fees at Morgan County Parks increases food vendor fees from \$40 to \$50 and craft vendor fees from \$20 to \$30. It also sets a vendor fee of \$20 per booth for community events. Don Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance for the park fees. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Cooperation, stated that they have been working with the Town of Monrovia and Danny Chenault has been named as the first Town Manager, effective May 6th. This should go a long way in growing Monrovia into the township. They are working with multiple developers and land owners regarding possible annexation and industrial parks north of the town. The town is facing important growth issues and is looking to the county in being a partner. The new town hall is now open. Don Adams stated that he liked the song, "We Are Family" and they are encouraging cooperation and working together for the benefit of all.

Mr. Dellinger stated that one of the things that county leaders have looked at is helping municipalities become the growth locations so they can create cluster and density and not sprawl

from the suburbs out into the rural setting.

Bryan Collier thanked everyone for attending and stated that he would like to leave them with the thought of Commissioner Adams singing Sister Sledge’s “We Are Family”.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Collier

Attest:

Don Adams

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale