

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES – 9/5/23

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

OPIOID SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Jim Wisco stated that this agreement is an amendment to an agreement for professional services that was approved last spring and is a result of statutory changes. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement Relating to the Opioid Settlement. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT - MPO

Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Justin Schneck, Morgan County Highway Engineer, to the MPO as a Technical Representative and proxy for MPO policy. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER – *Baker Tilly*

Josh Messmer stated that they have kicked off the bond process for BOT III and the Council held a public hearing for a preliminary determination to move forward with bonds for the renovation of the historic Courthouse. This is the official engagement for Baker Tilly and is identical to the prior two projects. Don Adams made a motion to approve the engagement letter. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER - *Taft*

Josh Messmer stated that this letter was received just this morning and is up for review. The engagement letter is for legal services in conjunction with the next bond issuances. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the engagement letter with Taft until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT – *Harrison Twp Fire District*

Kenny Hale stated that he is still working on this appointment. Don Adams made a motion to table the appointment. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTER

Josh Messmer stated that this transfer regards a property dispute at Old Town Waverly Park. Statute dictates that the Board make one additional good faith effort on the value of the land and the offer was accepted. This transfer will cover the additional fees related to the offer. Bryan Collier stated that this would save taxpayers additional legal fees in the long run. Don Adams made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COMP TIME/PTO DONATION

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that an employee is obtaining cancer treatment and has used all their time. They will continue to work with undergoing treatment and several employees have offered to donate time. There are several 911 Dispatch employees that would also like to donate time. Bryan Collier paraphrased a sentence from the letter requesting approval for the donations, saying it says it well – “Approving the request will not only greatly aid the officer and their recovery, but also reaffirm our county’s dedication to the well-being of its employees.” Kenny Hale made a motion to allow county employees to donate PTO time to this individual. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Percifield, Baker Twp resident, was present to voice a complaint regarding the Planning

Commission director and a recent court case. Bryan Collier stated that the Plan Commission has a board and the board appoints the director. The Plan Commission is a different entity than the Board of Commissioners.

Kimberly Pond, Green Twp resident, stated that she was sorry to see the recycling program being suspended. She understood that it is expensive and wondered if the plastic gets recycled. If it isn't recycled, maybe it shouldn't be collected. Ms. Pond stated that she hopes the program can start back up again.

Dianna Jennings, a Washington Twp resident, stated that she had emailed about trees in the neighborhood they were handing over the road and thanked the Board for getting them trimmed because the buses and campers were getting damaged. She also appreciated that they are working on solutions for the recycling.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that he is glad Mr. Collier is back from Japan and hopes to see the impact of the visit in the future. Mr. Adams stated that Kenny Hale has been working his "patoot" off at Waverly Park. This weekend is the Old Town Waverly Park Festival and Mr. Adams encouraged everyone to attend.

Bryan Collier stated that he got the opportunity to go to Japan and he met the president of TOA, they've put \$770 million back into the community since they started. He will do an informal report soon. One means of balancing the budget is to get an employer like TOA in their backyard. Mr. Collier congratulated Commissioner Adams on being named the parade marshal for the Fall Foliage Festival.

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