

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

PLEDGE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INTRODUCTIONS

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the May 10 and May 24, 2024 payroll claims of \$841,739.30 and \$869,561.28; PERF \$73,679.79 and \$76,457.74; FICA \$60,921.02 and \$63,028.87; and monthly claims of \$1,985,388.00. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the May 6 and May 20, 2024 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kenny Hale made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – *Court Services*

Miranda Beauchamp, Morgan County Assistant Chief Probation Officer, stated that they are applying for the Justice Partners Addictions Response Grant through the Indiana Office of Court Services in partnership with Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Mental Health and Addiction. This is a \$60,000 grant that will be used to address the opioid and substance abuse crisis across Indiana. The objective is to connect agencies across the spectrum of involvement with citizens struggling with substance use disorders, including criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and community support agencies and organizations. If approved and awarded, this will be Morgan County's sixth round of receiving this funding. It is not a matching grant. It funds the court outreach community liaison. Joni Bishop, who has held this position for the past five years, has co-founded the Morgan County Suicide Overdose Fatality Review Board that meets monthly and has organized a service provider's meeting that has grown from five people to 90 and they meet monthly to discuss services available in the county. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – *Recycling*

Erick Kivett, Morgan County Recycling Director, stated that IDEM is providing an opportunity for grants up to \$500,000 to be used towards recycling improvements. Eligible proposals must show economic impact, increased public awareness through tangible outreach and education efforts and result in at least one of the following: an increase in the amount of recyclable material collected, a reduction in municipal solid waste shipped for final disposal, or improved partnerships with communities. Mr. Kivett stated that any amount granted would help to improve the program.

Mr. Kivett stated that Tox Away Day will be on June 29th from 8 am to 1 pm in Mooresville.

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Josh Messmer noted that the closing date for the property will be July 1st.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - *County Line Road, Old State Road 267*

Justin Schneck, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that this agreement was approved at a previous meeting, and it was questioned whether the county had ownership of the road. It turns out that Mooresville has the road, but if there is work beyond their right of way limits, an agreement with Hendricks County needs to be in place in order to grant jurisdiction to purchase right of way in Morgan County. Due to the confusion, signatures were not obtained on the Interlocal Agreement that was approved in April. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve a second reading and sign the Interlocal Agreement with Hendricks County. Motion seconded by Bryan

Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2024-10 CLERK FEE SCHEDULE

Anne Cowgur stated that this ordinance regards statutory copy fees and there is some confusion regarding the fee schedule she was given for the ordinance and the statute. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the ordinance until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ON CALL ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Justin Schneck presented an agreement for on call engineering agreement with Crossroads Engineers. This will be used for professional design services on an as needed basis. This would include anything from traffic studies to drainage studies to road improvements. This was Mr. Schneck's former employer and he has worked with this team for many years. Anne Cowgur stated that she has reviewed the contract. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the on-call agreement between Morgan County and Crossroads Engineering for on call services. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

DEED OF DEDICATION – *Enclave Section 5*

Anne Cowgur stated that this item is not ready for action. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the Deed of Dedication until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

VIALYTICS AGREEMENT

Justin Schneck and Eddie Fisher, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, introduced Slater Rush of Vialytics. Mr. Slater stated that their program can set a camera on the dashboard of the highway Department trucks, and as they drive the roads, it will analyze conditions and assign a PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) rating. Mr. Rush stated that they are an AI road management platform. Currently, the majority of counties and municipalities drive the roads at a slow speed and stop at each segment and write rating reports and note damages. Vialytics automates the process utilizing a smart phone mounted on a county vehicle and driving up to 40 MPH. The condition assessments are automatically done. Mr. Rush showed a short video of a section of a Morgan County road and the pavement report that was generated. The program complies with data privacy laws (GDPR) and blurs license plates and faces. Along with conditions assessments, there is a module that inventories and notes conditions of traffic signs. The agreement would be for a three-year term. Anne Cowgur stated that they are currently working on the terms and conditions of the contract. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the program contingent upon legal review and acceptance of the terms regarding the website and incorporation of the addendum to the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CENTERPOINT LEASE/EASEMENT

Anne Cowgur stated that she is in discussions with CenterPoint and asked that this item be tabled. Bryan Collier made a motion to table until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

The Indiana Spirit of '45 requested the use of the Courthouse Square on Friday, June 21st for the 600th consecutive evening of "Taps on the Square" and a community gathering and cookout. Bryan Collier stated that he spoke with the organizer, Bruce McKee, last week and he is out of town and could not present the request. Proof of insurance has been submitted. Mr. Collier stated that this is a great small town tradition and made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Bryan Collier noted that the event will be from 5 pm to 7:30 pm.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Daree Fry, HR Director, stated that an employee did something very remarkable and they would like to recognize the employee. On Wednesday, April 23, a normal day in the Auditor's Office, the Auditor supplied food for the staff in honor of Administrative Professionals Day. An employee began to choke and Jody Neal quickly performed the Heimlich maneuver and rescued the employee. The Board of Commissioners presented Mr. Neal with a certificate to recognize Mr. Neal for his quick action in providing life saving assistance to the employee.

TORT CLAIM

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

ROADWAY RECLASSIFICATION

Justin Schneck stated that several months ago, he brought several MPO and INDOT agreements to the Board to upgrade road classifications due to I-69 coming through. INDOT has reviewed the reclassification request and they need to be extended to the next intersection. INDOT does not want to upgrade a classification and stop it at an intersecting roadway that has a lower classification. The three roadways INDOT is asking the county to extend are Mapletown Road from Egbert to Blue Bluff; New Harmony Road from Henderson Ford to Perry Road; and Waverly Park Road from I-69 to State Road 144. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the road extensions from INDOT. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Bryan Collier stated that he read an article about a municipality and a county at odds and felt that in Morgan County, the county and municipalities have differences, but they are on the same team and work together for the good of the taxpayers.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Don Adams

Bryan A. Collier

Attest:

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale