

ORDINANCE 2024- 7

An Ordinance to Establish the Morgan County Drug Task Force

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Sheriff's Office created the Morgan County Drug Task Force to address increased drug activity through coordinated efforts with specifically trained officers to work, in coordination with the Martinsville and Mooresville Police Departments, with a goal of making Morgan County an unattractive location for individuals to transport and sell illegal narcotics;

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Drug Task Force began operating under a community partnership, consisting of local businesses and citizens who have identified the need for drug enforcement within Morgan County and the community partnership provided \$47,000.00 in initial funding;

WHEREAS, a Fund was established under the name of Drug Task Force Donations for receipt of the community partnership initial funding, but no Ordinance authorizing the creation of that Fund was enacted;

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Sheriff's Office applied for a \$3,000.00 grant from Morgan County Substance Abuse Council ("MCSAC") to provide funding for continued operation of the Morgan County Drug Task Force, particularly, funding for overtime wages for officers participating in the Drug Task Force;

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Sheriff's Office received \$9276.21 in grant funding from MCSAC in response to the grant application;

WHEREAS, the Morgan County anticipates that future asset forfeiture receipts in an unknown amount will be available to provide additional funding for the Morgan County Drug Task Force;

WHEREAS, while no funds have been budgeted or appropriated to support the creation and operation of the Morgan County Drug Task Force, it is possible that there could be future budget allocations or appropriations; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners to ratify the creation of the Drug Task Force Donations fund and rename the fund as the Drug Task Force Fund to more accurately reflect the nature of the fund and its purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Section 1. The creation of the Drug Task Force Donations fund previously created is hereby ratified and affirmed but said fund shall be renamed as the Drug Task Force Fund in order to appropriately reflect not only its use and purpose but also the multiple sources of funds to be deposited as set forth herein.

Section 2. The sources of funds for the Drug Task Force Fund shall include but not be limited to donations, grant funds earmarked for the use of the Drug Task Force, asset forfeiture collections, and any funds appropriated for support of Drug Task Force operations.

Section 3. Because the funds in the Drug Task Force Fund have been provided by donation and grant award, no funds have been requested for appropriation or need to be appropriated by the County Council.

Section 4. The proceeds from the Drug Task Force Fund may be used to purchase equipment, supplies, and educational materials, as well as to pay overtime wages and other reasonable operating expenses of the Drug Task Force.

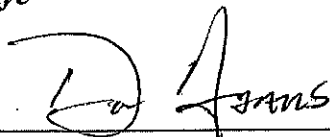
Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage but applies retroactively with respect to the ratifying and affirming provisions of Section 1 above.

Ordinance 2024- 7 is hereby presented to the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana, read in full, and adopted this 6th day of May, 2024.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana on the 6th day of May, 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

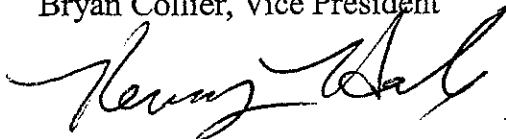
"Aye"



Don Adams, President

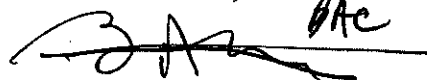


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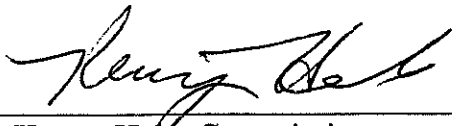


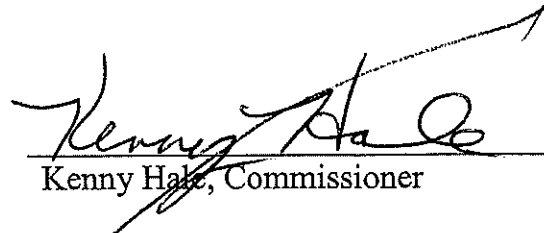
"Nay"

Don Adams, President

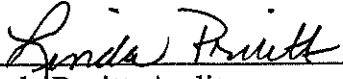


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ATTEST:


Linda Pruitt, Auditor
Morgan County, Indiana

Date: May 6, 2024