

ORDINANCE 2024- 8

**An Ordinance to Establish a Public Art Advisory Board
For the Morgan County Judicial Center**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-3 *et seq.* confers up on units of local government within the State of Indiana such powers as are necessary or desirable to conduct the affairs of the governmental unit; and,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-4-6-18 authorizes the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana to pass such ordinances, orders, resolutions, and motions as may be necessary and proper for the governmental unit to fulfill and satisfy the responsibilities and duties of said governmental unit; and,

WHEREAS, public art brings the character of the County and identity together to make the city more appealing to residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, public art is an integral piece that brings out the aesthetic distinctiveness of a community; the Board of Commissioners believes residents of that community should therefore have input on art to be displayed within the new Morgan County Judicial Center; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Commissioners that it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Morgan County, Indiana to establish by ordinance an Art Advisory Board that will consult with and advise the Board of Commissioners on where and what type of public art should be located in the Morgan County Judicial Center:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1. **Creation of Art Advisory Board:** There is hereby created by this ordinance a public body within the government of Morgan County, Indiana, to be known as the Morgan County Art Advisory Board.

Section 2. **Duties:** The Art Advisory Board shall be responsible to, and report to, the Board of Commissioners.

Section 3. **Membership:** The membership of the Art Advisory Board shall consist of a 7-person board, with 5 members appointed by the Board of Commissioners and 2 members appointed by the Morgan County Council. Members shall serve as volunteers, without compensation.

Section 4. **Powers and Responsibilities:** The Art Advisory Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities: a) to study the beautification needs of the Morgan County Judicial Center and explore ways to improve the general aesthetic quality of this public building; and b) to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in a timely fashion, as appropriate or as requested. The Art Advisory Board shall, within 30 days after the initial appointments have been made, meet for an organizational meeting and elect such officers and adopt such rules and procedures deemed necessary. The Art Advisory Board shall have no authority to incur any debt or expend any funds not authorized by both the Board of Commissioners and the County Council, either through the regular budget process or by way of additional appropriation.

Section 5. **Authority of the Board of Commissioners.** The recommendations of the Public Art Advisory Commission are advisory only, and the Board of Commissioners retains full and final authority to designate what public art will be displayed and where within the Morgan County Judicial Center.

Section 6. **Duration and Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Commissioners. The term of the Art Advisory Commission shall expire 6 months following the opening of the Morgan County Judicial Center unless extended by further action of the Board of Commissioners.

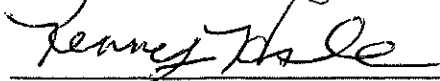
Ordinance 2024-8 is hereby presented to the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana, read in full, and adopted this 6th day of May, 2024.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA



Don Adams, President



Kenny Hale, Commissioner



Bryan Collier, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Linda Pruitt, Auditor
Morgan County, Indiana

Date: 5/6/24