

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 AT 6:30 P.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

CLERK'S REPORT

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

LADRIS TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT - EMA

No one was present for this item. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the agreement. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

WASTEWATER STUDY PRESENTATION – *Banning Engineering*

Josh Messmer stated that several months ago, the Board decided to use ARPA funds to undertake a wastewater study to maximize the investment of those dollars for growth in the community. Banning Engineering was present to outline what they have done and their recommendations. Josh Selig and Kent Elliott, Banning Engineering, were present to review what they looked at so far. Mr. Selig stated that looking at existing sanitary sewer permits within the county, there are four to five key areas that are more likely to develop based on an existing treatment plant, terrain, forest/flood plain coverage and access. These areas are: south of Mooresville, State Road 44 east of Martinsville, State Road 252 and Henderson Ford Road interchange (would require a lift station). They have two recommended projects, the south side of Mooresville and east of Martinsville. Banning helped the Town of Mooresville with Phase 1 of a sewer study several years ago and this would be their Phase 2, which would provide service further west off of State Road 67. This would take a lift station offline at Flagstaff Business Park and turn it into a gravity sewer so it could be extended later. There is a siphon by TOA that uses velocity to flow under the creek and back up. This could cause maintenance issues if the pipe gets clogged. This proposal is to build a lift station on that site, bypass this issue and increase capacity. They have updated the construction costs originally provided to Mooresville. The new estimate is \$3.2 million with a 20% contingency. The project has already been designed but has been shelved since COVID increased construction costs and the town could no longer afford it. The second recommended project is providing service to the State Road 44, State Road 252 area. The City of Martinsville extended a line under I-69. They would need to construct a lift station, but it would open up the entire area to development. The estimated cost for this is \$2.6 million.

Kent Elliott stated that they reached out to the utilities and communities and met with most of them to see what the plans were and if they were interested in growth. They took this into consideration and also looked at capacity without major upgrades to plants. They also looked at the county Comp Plan to make sure it aligned with the growth outlined in the plan.

Josh Messmer stated that he appreciated the Board of Commissioners looking into this because there is a lot of competition and they all rise and fall together; as the communities grow, so does the county. Bryan Collier stated that the two projects seem ready to go and they would open up both areas. This would be an economic win for more jobs. Bryan made a motion to pursue the two projects and possibly help with some of the funding. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2024-7-15 – *Highway Department Mower Lease*

Eddie Fisher, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that the department would like to lease-purchase a boom mower for roadside mowing. It has cost over \$16,000 over the last two years for the maintenance of the Challenger tractor. Legal has reviewed the lease and a Resolution is required for the purchase. The resolution appoints Don Adams, as President of the Board of Commissioners, as signatory for the lease documents. The purchase has been budgeted and funds are available. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-1-15 A Resolution of the County Commissioners of Morgan County, Indiana Ordering the Extract of Minutes for the Mower Max Lease. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RFP – *EMS/Public Works Facility*

Josh Messmer stated that this RFP concern the property the county just closed on near Centerton

for the Recycling Center. They have EMS needs as well and are proposing a Build Operate Transfer (BOT) project and plan a scoping phase and will evaluate once a team is selected. This project will involve ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for the Recycling Center, but will also look at the possibility of an EMS station and a salt barn for the Highway Department. Bryan Collier made a motion to send out a Request for Proposals/Qualifications for potential construction, improvement, or replacement of county EMS and/or public works facilities. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2024-11 DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Kenny Hale stated that this ordinance regards a 2010 and 2011 Dixie Chopper that will be sold at an online auction. There is a 10% fee and they estimated sale price is \$2,500 to \$3,500 each. The trade-in value was only going to be \$1,000 each. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11 an Ordinance Approving Disposition of Personal Property. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

911 ADDRESSING

Anne Cowgur stated that an ordinance for 911 addressing is being drafted and requires some additional language. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the 911 addressing. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FORM 144 SALARY RECOMMENDATION

Linda Pruitt stated that per I.C. 36-2-5-4, the Auditor shall present the Form 144 (Request for Wages and Salaries) for the upcoming year to the county executive at its July meeting. The county executive shall review the statements and make recommendations on them before August 20th to the county fiscal body.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Bryan Collier noted that it was a good week at the Morgan County Fair and most everyone he talked to enjoyed it. Kenny Hale stated that the Antique Tractor Show and fair were two great events. Don Adams noted that people came from all over the county.

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