

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Kenny Hale noted that there is a hold on the claims for Advanced Correctional Healthcare for \$4053.09. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the February 14 and 28, 2025 payroll claims and February 21 Uniform claims of \$897,720.97; \$939,339.26 and \$74,800.00; PERF \$80,265.14; \$83,978.41 and \$3,696.00; FICA \$64,887.54; \$68,065.00 and \$5,722.50; and monthly claims of \$2,908,583.74 excluding the hold. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Kenny Hale acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Report for January.

BID OPENING – *Bridge #68*

Justin Schneck, Morgan County Highway Department Engineer, opened bids for Bridge 68 on Ballinger Road as follows:

Milestone Contractors	\$1,128,098.90
E & B Contractors	\$1,158,386.95

Mr. Schneck stated that the engineer’s estimate for the project was \$1,253,694.20. Mr. Schneck stated that he would review the bids and report back with a recommendation.

OCRA GRANT AGREEMENT

Shelby Blunk, Martinsville Youth Development Center, was present to obtain signatures on the OCRA grant agreement. They were awarded the full amount of \$610,450.00. They will work with Kenna Consulting, the grant administrator, to make sure that the documents are completed on time. The matching funds of \$73,000 were awarded through a Lily Foundation grant. Ms. Blunk thanked the Board for working with them to make it happen. Beth Johnson, Kenna Consulting, stated that when they started the grant application process last year, Don Adams was Chairman and they have him listed as signing the documents although he is no longer Chairman. Ms. Johnson suggested keeping it this way for these documents and they can send a request to OCRA to change it. All members agreed that they would prefer to leave Don Adams as the signatory. Bryan Collier made a motion to keep Don Adams as the signatory for the OCRA grant. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams made a motion to approve the Subrecipient Agreement forms and Lien and Covenant Agreement and Determination Form. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – *Morgan County Health Department - Julota*

Tricia Runningen, Morgan County Health Director, stated that this MOU is with Julota for a software system to run the mobile integrated health program more efficiently. The Board of Commissioners approved an MOU between EMS and the Health Department a few months ago to implement the program. The Health Department will cover the cost for Julota. Summer Brown, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that the programs are built to help with communication, efficiency and staying connected. Working with the Health Department, EMS and the various partners that are trying to help people, it is hard to track what services are being provided and it’s hard to know what is happening to the client. Julota allows them to receive the referrals without the EMS crews entering the information. They can determine what calls to refer to MIH and the clinical documentation can be done through Julota. They can reach out to partners such as a food bank and see what is happening to the client across the board. Many of these people have multiple issues such as needing substance abuse treatment, housing or food, but all these entities don’t need

to know everything about the person, only what is pertinent to them. EMS would be able to see the whole picture and see if the partnerships are working for them. It is also HIPPA compliant. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the MOU between Julota and Morgan County. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – *Morgan County Health Department – Inspect2Go*

Ms. Runnigen stated that this MOU is for septic and food permits and inspections. The Health Department does over 1,000 inspections for septics and over 1,000 in foods. They have between 200 and 500 permits for septics each year and there are over 400 permitted establishments for food in the county. They have been maintaining the records through Excel or on paper and they are excited to be able to do this now on an ipad or out in the field. They also have additional data that they are reporting to the state this year. The Board approved the MOU in December, but when they sent it to the vendor, they wanted to change some of the language. Anne Cowgur has been working on this and the amended version is ready for approval. Don Adams made a motion to approve the MOU, and said he was curious about the number of food establishments that were inspected. Ms. Runnigen stated that that includes food trucks, gas stations, schools; any place that has food that they inspect is a permitted establishment. One person was doing this by themselves until last year. Kenny Hale stated that he liked knowing where to go and where not to go by reviewing the inspections online and in the newspaper. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – *Court Services*

Miranda Beauchamp, Morgan County Court Services Deputy Director, stated that they are requesting approval to apply for the 2026 Adult Community Corrections Grant and Jail Treatment Grant from the Indiana Department of Correction that together will not exceed \$850,000. There is no matching fund required from the county. The funds will be used for home detention electronic monitoring, 24/7 alcohol monitoring, jail treatment program and reentry program for clients that have completed jail treatment. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

STORAGE TANK REPLACEMENT

Eddie Fisher, Morgan County Highway Department Superintendent, presented costs for replacing the existing underground fuel storage containers and replacing them with a new system. The current tanks are 13 years beyond their recommended life. The total cost is \$544,280 but the county received a \$179,760 grant and if the county uses highway trucks and backfill, there could also be a \$87,300 savings for an estimated final cost of \$277,220. Mr. Fisher will request an additional appropriation from the Council this evening of \$300,000 and if that is approved, he would like approval from the Board of Commissioners to proceed with the project. Don Adams made a motion to proceed. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale noted that the tanks are double or triple lined, but are failing. Bryan Collier stated that they need replaced before they are leaking and they have a much bigger mess.

MALCON FUEL TAX AGREEMENT

Linda Pruitt stated that they have used Malcon for many years and this agreement will allow them to review claims and file for a refund on fuel tax. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

JAIL SOFTWARE AGREEMENT

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that they do not have a prepared contract for renewing service with Advanced Correctional Healthcare. Anne Cowgur is working on this. The agreement will be for a subscription to the electronic medical records system, which is used to pass medications and track inmate medical conditions. The agreement went from a one-page agreement to almost 15 pages. More changes have been proposed. Anne Cowgur stated that there is a pressing need for this agreement. There is standard language missing such as e-verify, non-appropriation, non-discrimination and there needs to be information on the carve-out of the limitation of liability. Ms. Cowgur also mentioned the concern regarding potential exposure if there is a data breach for HIPPA. Ms. Cowgur proposed that she work with Mr. Rogers to finalize the language on the carve-out and if the Board is okay with the general terms of the contract, to allow Mr. Rogers to proceed with the contract based on the modifications as recommended by counsel. Dave Rogers stated that the current agreement has expired. They were invoiced for the previous month and just received another invoice for next month. They are looking at another vendor for next year, but it is a cumbersome process and it will take until next year to get switched. It is important to get the invoices paid so they don't lose access to all the medical operations. Mr. Rogers asked that they proceed with payment. They are attending a demo with another healthcare system provider next week. If this system is acceptable, they will begin the contract process and transitioning to the new system. Ms. Cowgur suggested that the Board approve payment of the invoices so they are current and continue to negotiate terms. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the claims at the old rate, authorize Dave Rogers to be the

signatory, and table the agreement until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

BONDS – *Enclave at Heartland Crossing*

Justin Schneck stated that roads in the Enclave at Heartland Crossing, Sections 3, 4, and 5 were paved within county road standards. Mr. Schneck requested that the following performance bonds be released: #3454778 \$32,427; #4172826 \$37,488; #4172825 \$64,900; #52361504 \$23,372

And the following maintenance bonds be accepted: #5769449 \$6,756; #5769436 \$13,521; #5769435 \$7,802; #5361502 \$4,870

Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the maintenance bonds as presented and release the performance bonds as presented. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

HSIP LPA CONTRACT

Mr. Schneck stated that this item is the same contract that was approved at the previous meeting; however they had to make a change to how the billing was outlined in the compensation section. INDOT sent back the contract between Morgan County and INDOT, but it did not have the full amount of funding that they anticipated receiving. In reorganizing the compensation in the appendices, they are now getting the full federal funding amount. Mr. Schneck requested approval of the contract. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the revised LPA contract. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

BID RESULTS – *Bridge #68*

Mr. Schneck stated that the bids were reviewed and Milestone was found to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder at \$1,128,098.90. The paperwork appears to be in order and added correctly. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the bid from Milestone. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Schneck stated that there are utilities that will need cleared out of the way and trees will need to be cleared. The project should begin in the spring.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Brad Rowe and Joe Disney were present to request the use of the Courthouse Square for the annual *Cruise-in*. Mr. Disney stated that they are aware of the Courthouse renovation and are asking to begin April 3rd on Thursday nights from 5 pm to 9 pm until renovations start and asked when that will be. Josh Messmer stated that it would be around the first of August. Mr. Disney stated that they have been talking to the City of Martinsville and have possible alternate locations to look into. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

The Board received a tort claim regarding a tree that was cut down in the right of way. There was a “No Littering” sign on the tree and a property owner requested that the county pay for the sign. Kenny Hale noted that the tree the sign was on was in the right of way. Anne Cowgur stated that the Board was within their right to deny the claim, send it to insurance or approve it for payment. Eddie Fisher, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that highway crews constantly perform work in the right of way; it would open up a can of worms if they pay it. Every bush they cut down would require payment. Bryan Collier made a motion to deny the claim. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Bryan Collier made a motion to send the Holden tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that there is a program at Waverly Thursday night regarding the old bridge and history of the area. Kenny Hale noted that they will show a film of the explosion of the old concrete bridge and have an update on the park.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Don Adams

Attest:

Bryan A. Collier

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale