

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 2, 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 – 5/19/25

Don Adams made a motion to approve the May 19, 2025 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kenny Hale noted that they had received the April Treasurer's Report. Bryan Collier stated that he would talk to the Treasurer about obtaining a report twice a year that shows the 12-month cash flow versus all the breakdowns to compare balances and cash flow year over year.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the May 9 and 23, 2025 payroll claims of \$923,744.15 and \$902,454.16; PERF \$81,522.19 and \$80,530.42; FICA \$66,802.15 and \$65,182.65; and monthly claims of \$2,506,775.64. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REVISED PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY – Eminence

Kenny Hale noted that the Petition to Vacate an alley in Eminence has been revised to add more information and the public hearing has been set for July 7th at 9:30 am.

SMALL STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

Justin Schneck, Morgan County Highway Engineer, presented plans for a former small structure (#1251) on Leonard Road that will be replaced with Bridge 40. Mr. Schneck requested to move forward with bidding the project. The bids will be opened in July and they anticipate a 90-day construction period with the bridge open by the end of the year. Bryan Collier showed a stack of papers and stated that he would challenge the person that said he could have fixed it with a backhoe in one day. Mr. Schneck stated that to do it right, there were permits, relocated utilities, hoops to jump through and a lot of effort. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the small structure replacement for Bridge 40. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 20205-6-2 – Property Disposal

Josh Messmer stated that there has been consternation with a site on Bottom Road where improvements were planned for the road and an outbuilding was planned for the Highway Department. They have located a parcel that is out of the flood plain that would allow development of the parcel without the engineering hurdles that they would experience on Bottom Road, as well as the consternation. The resolution takes the Bottom Road section, as well as the ground that is leased to the south of the Highway Department, bundles those together, and will have the developer of the BOT project finalize an agreement with Milhon Farms for approximately five acres off of State Road 67 where the former Davis Heating & Cooling building is. This should solve the problems and the building on the parcel has pretty good bones and will be useable. Don Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-6-2 A Resolution of Morgan County, Indiana for Property Disposal Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-11-9. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Lumar Griggs, Morgan County resident, asked if this meant that Brent Milhon would purchase a corner of a parcel that was discussed a few months ago. The Board stated that it did. Motion carried 3-0.

FLAG DISCUSSION

Don Adams stated that there are three flagpoles in Bicentennial Park; one pole will have the American flag, one the state flag, and Mr. Adams suggested a county flag. Mr. Adams noted that the county doesn't have a flag, but they could have one made in time for the ribbon cutting for the new Judicial Campus, July 2nd. The POW flag flies at the Historic Courthouse and they plan to continue this since the veterans' memorial is there. Mr. Adams suggested using the county seal on the flag. Bryan Collier made a motion to move forward with obtaining a county flag. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that he came upon some employees commenting on the building and work that

was being done and it is phenomenal to see it come together. They employees stated that they appreciated the building and Mr. Adams stated that who will appreciate it more is their grandchildren. Mr. Adams also thanked Meyer Najem and the many contractors that have worked on the building.

Bryan Collier stated that they were critiqued that there were too many bells and whistles on the new building. He did a walk-through and the only warning device is the state mandated fire alarm system; there are no bells and no whistles. They did the middle of the road and this is a building that Morgan County residents and taxpayers can be proud of. It is a building that generations to come will be using.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Don Adams

Attest:

Bryan A. Collier

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale