

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

**MINUTES**

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

**CLERK’S REPORT**

Kenny Hale acknowledged the receipt of the November Clerk’s Report.

**ANNUAL BIDS**

Eddie Fisher, Morgan County Highway Superintendent and Charlie Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, opened bids as follows:

- Class 1 and 2 – Premier Energy
  - Heritage Petroleum
  - Keystone Cooperative
  - Newton Oil
- Class 4 - Asphalt Materials
  - Marathon Petroleum
- Class 5 – US Aggregates
  - Rogers Group
  - Milestone
  - E&B Paving
- Class 6 - Core & Main
  - Civil Con
  - E3 Bridge
  - EH Bridge

Mr. Fisher stated that they would review the bids and report back.

**AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES**

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, was present to request approval of a legal services agreement. Ms. Parker stated that they have a public nuisance case and would like to engage Michael Ksenak to represent the Plan Commission in court. Anne Cowgur stated that she has reviewed the agreement, and the e-verify language can be added as a rider as there is reason for expediency. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FIBER AGREEMENT**

Kyle Swalls presented an agreement between Morgan County and MSD of Martinsville to transfer underground fiber to the county. Mr. Swalls stated that MSD plans to abandon this run of fiber and asked if the county would be interested in it. They are not asking for approval at this time, but Mr. Swalls asked that the Board review the agreement and it will be on the next agenda for approval. The school will need to pass a resolution, and the county will need to pass a resolution to match. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the agreement and resolution. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**CENTERSTONE ANNUAL REPORT**

Kenny Hale acknowledged that Centerstone submitted their annual report.

**NEPOTISM POLICY**

Kenny Hale noted that all department heads and Commissioners have submitted their annual nepotism forms. Deb Verley noted that the Council still needed to submit forms.

**REQUEST TO POST POSITION**

Kyle Swalls stated that the Recycling Director position is vacant. Mr. Swalls asked for Commissioner approval to fill the position, and he would like to approach the Council to obtain permission to fill the position at the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mr. Swalls stated that it is important

to find a qualified candidate to fill the position before the recycling center opens next spring. Don Adams made a motion to approve the letter to submit to the Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Kenny Hale stated that he would like to talk to some of the appointees before making the appointments. Don Adams stated that there are a lot of the boards that people devote their time to. The Board divided up the appointment list to contact appointees and will be ready for the first meeting in January. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the appointments until the January meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**TORT CLAIM**

Bryan Collier made a motion to send the Ashbrook tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**2026 AMENDED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Bryan Collier suggested that the 2026 Holiday Schedule include Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> as a holiday for employees and made a motion to approve the amended schedule. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**CROSSROADS ENGINEERING UPDATE**

Brad Stahley, Crossroads Engineers, was present to give the Commissioners an update on the Bridge #166 project. Mr. Stahley stated that there is a final Change Order that reduces the contract cost by \$119,148.21. The project is on time and under budget. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Change Order. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Don Adams stated that Santa in the Park was shortened because of weather. Kenny Hale stated that Santa will be back this weekend from noon to 3 pm. Mr. Adams stated that one of the guests this evening was a high school student from Monrovia and he mentioned the need behind the nepotism policy.

Kenny Hale stated that the Eagle Scout project for the conestoga wagon at Old Town Waverly Park is coming along; they are waiting on the slide.

Anne Cowgur stated that she appreciated all the crews that were out plowing this weekend. Bryan Collier also thanked all the public safety crews and stated that with SB1 coming up, people might have to stay home.

**ANNUAL BIDS**

Eddie Fisher stated that he reviewed bids and recommended that Keystone be awarded the fuel bid and Asphalt Materials be awarded the liquid asphalt bid. Mr. Fisher recommended accepting all bids based on location and availability for stone and culverts. Don Adams made a motion to accept the recommendation. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Kenny Hale

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Bryan A. Collier

Attest:

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Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams