

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE DON ADAMS, KENNY HALE AND BRYAN COLLIER. DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; DAN BASTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR; AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE – *Veteran Donnie Warren.*

PRAYER – *John Phillips, Clay Township Advisory Board*

**PARK RESERVATION REQUEST**

Kenny Hale stated that he had some questions and has talked to the person making the reservation request, but they do not have all the details worked out yet. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the request to the next meeting when more details are available. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**ANNUAL CONTRACTS**

Don Adams stated that the funding for each annual contract has been approved by the Council. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the following annual contracts:

Morgan County Fair	\$125,000
Hilldale Cemetery Association	\$ 1,550
Morgan County CONNECT	\$ 47,000
Sycamore Services Lease	\$ 42,000
Sycamore Services Part Time	\$ 15,800
Humane Society	\$164,706
Humane Society Emergency Runs	\$ 18,000
Morgan County Economic Development	\$ 75,000
CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions	\$ 10,000

Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**STOP SIGN ORDINANCE**

Bryan Collier stated that he has received several phone calls and concerns about the speeding traffic on East Morgan Street as well as the merging traffic from County Club Road. Mr. Collier stated that this might not be a permanent placement, but he is requesting that a three-way stop sign be placed at the intersection of East Morgan and Country Club Road. Dan Bastin stated that since there is a curve there, they should also place plenty of advance warning for the stop sign. Mr. Collier stated that he would contact the Highway Department about placing rumble strips before the stop sign. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Establish a Three-Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of East Morgan Street and Country Club Road. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale made a motion to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Collier stated that he had also received calls about the litter along Morgan Street and wanted people to know they are doing the best they can and so is the city. It is not the safest place to have a road crew collecting trash, but it is being addressed, as are the speeding vehicles. Mr. Collier advised people to slow down or it could get costly for them.

**DATA BOARD**

Bryan Collier stated that he was on the Data Board years ago, but now that there is an administrator and there will soon be additional personnel in the IT Department, there really isn't a need for the Data Board. Don Adams stated that it has outlived its duty and is no longer functioning in the manner it was needed. Bryan Collier made a motion to repeal the original ordinance forming the Data Board and disband the Data Board. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Bryan Collier made a motion to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**EDO VEHICLE**

Donnie Warren, Morgan County Emergency Medical Services Director, was present to request an EDO (EMS Duty Officer) vehicle. Mr. Warren stated that they are looking at leasing a Dodge Durango and it has been approved by the Council. Bryan Collier made a motion to allow the EDO

vehicle. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Warren noted that they will request an additional appropriation from the Council next month.

### **FACEMASKS**

Bryan Collier stated that he received a complaint that seven county employees entered a local restaurant while not wearing facemasks or coverings. Mr. Collier stated that while he understands personal rights, he would like to encourage county employees to be considerate of their fellow brothers and sisters and wear facemasks. Don Adams stated that he has addressed the office holder and there should not be any more instances of this occurring.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Bryan Collier made a motion to appoint John Phillips to the Morgan County Library Board. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Norman Voyles to the Morgan County Fair Board. Motion Seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale stated that the two appointments to the Morgantown Plan Commission Buffer Zone have not been attending meetings and the Town of Morgantown appointed two replacements. Don Adams stated that according to Indiana Code, the Board of Commissioners should make these appointments. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Roger Hickey and Shane White to fill the remainder of the terms. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Adams stated that there are three appointments to the Redevelopment Commission and he was a recent appointment; however, he would like to resign and appoint former Vice Chair of the Commission, Carole Snyder, to take that position. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept Don Adams' resignation and appoint Carole Snyder to the Redevelopment Commission. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Don Adams to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and appoint Josh Messmer as alternate/proxy. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0. Josh Messmer noted that Tony Hinkle is currently on the Technical Committee. Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Tony Hinkle to the Technical Committee. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Josh Messmer stated that Sarah Malone is an appointment to the Community Corrections Advisory Council and is no longer with the school district so does not qualify for the position. Don Adams stated that they will reach out to the school districts for suggestions. Brian Foley, Morgan County Court Services Director, stated that they meet quarterly and the first meeting is next Wednesday.

Bryan Collier noted that they still need appointments to the Hoosier Heartland RC&D, Animal Disease Coordinator, Community Corrections (education), and South Central Community Action Program.

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Jim Wisco stated that he has the draft of the first portion and is waiting on edits from Johnson County.

### **EVENT VARIANCE**

Jim Wisco asked if the Board would like to make a change or would prefer to wait on the Planning and Zoning Ordinance update. Kenny Hale stated that he would like to see the issue addressed in the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, but the ordinance would not be updated for a year or two. He would like the issue addressed before then. Josh Messmer stated that the Board would need to decide what the ordinance would limit; noise, light pollution, etc. Mr. Wisco stated that they would need to set what triggers the ordinance, such as number of attendees. After further discussion, the Board agreed to continue to work with Mr. Wisco on drafting an ordinance. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the issue for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CULTURE AUDIT**

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that the new HR system will be able to survey employees, but it would not be anonymous. Apex, the TPA (Third Party Administrator) for the health insurance, is able to administer the survey anonymously and at no cost. They would work with the county in composing the questions and this would also fit into employee wellness. Ms. Fry stated that the employees would be more willing to fill out the survey if they knew there would be changes that come about from spending their time on it. Kenny Hale made a motion to authorize Ms. Fry to work with Apex in developing the survey. Motion seconded by Bryan

Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

Don Adams stated that this agreement between the county and the City of Martinsville states that the two entities will cooperate in matters of public health. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the Cooperative Public Health Relationship Agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CONDEMNATION COMPLAINTS**

Jim Wisco stated that these complaints are to acquire two small parcels of property for Bridge #75. One property is .10 of an acre and one is .12 of an acre. Two other parcels have already been obtained. The court will appoint independent appraisers and the county will then be able to negotiate for the property. Bryan Collier made a motion to proceed with the condemnation complaints. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TAKE HOME VEHICLE REQUEST**

Brian Foley stated that Brandon Roy started as a Probation Officer in January. He will be in an on-call position and will respond to real-time home detention monitoring issues. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Take Home Vehicle Application. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **STATEMENT OF 2020 RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

Dan Bastin provided copies of the 2020 Receipts and Expenditures and the Statement of Total Compensation Paid to Employees in 2020. Mr. Bastin stated that IC 36-2-2-19 requires that this statement be presented and approved at the second meeting of the County Commissioners each year. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve both statements. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MINUTES**

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PTO DONATION**

Sheriff Rich Myers requested that employees be allowed to donate PTO (Paid Time Off) to an employee that sustained an eye injury while working at home off duty. The employee has lost sight in the eye and it is unknown when or if the employee will be able to return to duty. Kenny Hale made a motion to allow the donation of time. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0. Don Adams stated that they wish the employee the best.

### **RESOLUTION – PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS**

Jim Wisco stated that he drafted a Resolution of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners Establishing Policies and Procedures to Protect Decorum and Foster the Effective Administration of Public Meetings. Don Adams noted that the Board could not find where any rules for meeting had been adopted or that Parliamentary Procedure would be followed. Bryan Collier made a motion (in the spirit of IC 36-2-4-10) to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Don Adams stated that Martinsville and the county will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2022 and there is already a lot of work being done for this. There are meetings every third Thursday of the month and anyone wishing to participate in these meetings is encouraged to join.

### **COMMENTS**

Mike Ellis, Morgan County Coroner, stated that there are people in the county that are not able to pay for burials or cremation and some bodies are not claimed. Mr. Ellis sees that this might increase due to COVID-19 and wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

Steve Lyday, Morgan County Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator, stated that there have been 5,241 positive cases in Morgan County since the pandemic began. There have been 92 deaths and 25,430 people have been tested. The vaccine clinic opened last week and EMS has stepped up and helped. They are having issues getting workers registered into the state's ZOTEK system. Bryan Collier asked if there was a wait list at the end of the day so vaccines aren't wasted. Mr. Lyday stated that they call people who missed their appointment or first responders.

### **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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Don Adams

Attest:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Kenny Hale

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Bryan Collier