

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*).

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the monthly claims of \$2,285,424.27 pending one hold for a Council additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION

Jeff Faudree, Morgan County Court Services, was present to request approval of the fiscal year 2021-2022 Juvenile Community Corrections Grant. This grant is not to exceed \$135,000 for a juvenile intake officer/juvenile coordinator who oversees county-wide juvenile detention. Mr. Faudree stated that the grant covers prevention, intervention, and diversion for juveniles in the county. This includes someone on call 24 hours with the court to make detention decisions when the court is closed. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE INVENTORY PRESENTATION

Steve Jones, United Consulting, handed out books for Phase II of the Bridge Inventory. Mr. Jones stated that this is a four-year, four-phase process with 80% of the cost paid for by federal funds. United Consulting will turn in the final report to INDOT this week. Mr. Jones introduced Josh Gonya, who has been inspecting the bridges along with his team. There are 147 bridges in Morgan County with sixteen on the recommended replacement list and nine on the recommended rehabilitation list. The average age of a bridge in Morgan County is 41 years. Bryan Collier asked for the definition of a bridge as he has had some refer to a culvert as a bridge. Mr. Gonya stated that the bridges that qualify for and need the routine inspections are ones that span 20 feet or longer; everything else would be a small structure. Don Adams noted that even if a bridge is in a city of town, the county must include it in the bridge inspection.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Josh Messmer stated that A&A Township Volunteer Fire Department inquired about a grant to purchase an AED. Donnie Warren, EMS Director, stated that they had a spare AED in storage that they would be able to donate to A&A. Bryan Collier stated that he would rather have it on an ambulance than sitting in storage and made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Davey Skaggs, Morgan County EMA Deputy Director, was present to request an updated signature page for the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Mr. Skaggs stated that EMA is in the process of updating the plan, but with all the changes in officials after the election, they need new approvals. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the updates and sign the signature page. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Josh Messmer stated that this is the contract for the county attorney and is unchanged from last year except for the date. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the 2021 contract with Foley, Peden and Wisco. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale stated that he is ready to start working on a FEMA grant to purchase flooded property and requested approval to use the services of the county attorney to draft deeds and other purchasing paperwork; FEMA pays legal counsel fees at the rate stated in the contract that was just approved. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve using the services of Jim Wisco for the FEMA grants. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Dan Bastin noted that Terry Clelland, Morgan County Treasurer, could not attend the meeting and

presented the Statement of Investment Policy for the Board of Commissioners to review and accept. Mr. Bastin noted that this policy has been in place for the last several years. Kenny Hale made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Bastin noted that the Board should be reorganized and typically has been the Commissioner President as chairman and Morgan County Treasurer as secretary. Bryan Collier made a motion to appoint the current Morgan County Board of Commissioners President to act as Chairman of the Board of Finance and the Morgan County Treasurer to represent the board as Secretary. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Don Adams stated that he had not received any information regarding the appointment for the South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) and stated that he would be willing to be on the board. Bryan Collier made a motion to appoint Don Adams to SCCAP. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Bryan Collier made a motion to appoint Don Adams to the Hoosier Heartland RC&D. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CULTURE AUDIT

Daree Fry, HR Director, stated that she has been working with Apex to narrow down the type of questions to ask on the culture audit survey. This will be an ongoing process in order to focus on several different areas. Bryan Collier asked what the end goal would be. Ms. Fry stated that the bottom line would be making life better for the employees. This could be an HSA insurance plan, an adjustment to time off, whatever it is to let employees know they are listening to them and will do their best to be “the employer” for Morgan County. Mr. Collier stated that it sounded like PR and encouragement to participate in the survey is needed and asked if assistance to form the survey on behalf of the Board is also needed. Ms. Fry stated that this is driven by the Commissioners and she would need their input as well as department heads and officials. Mr. Collier encouraged the Council to participate in setting the atmosphere they are trying to achieve. Don Adams suggested a virtual meeting to move the process along.

PARK RESERVATION REQUESTS

Kenny Hale stated that this request was tabled from the last meeting. He has spoken to Ashley Clarkston, who requested the Old Town Waverly Park Art Wall gazebo on October 23, but would prefer to reserve it for October 16th from 4 pm to 10 pm. Park hours are from dawn until dusk. Mr. Hale stated that he would not have a problem extending the hours as long as security is present. Don Adams stated that he would not have an issue as long as security is present. Bryan Collier noted that it should be a certified police officer as security and not a brother-in-law acting as security. Mr. Hale requested that they check in with dispatch when they arrive and check out when they leave. Mr. Hale will lock up after the event. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the reservation request for October 16, 2021 as outlined including approval to apply for an alcohol permit with the condition that they will supply qualified security. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the reservation request for the Old Town Waverly Park square gazebo from Debbie Richards on May 1, 2021 from 2 to 8 pm. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale stated that there is a request to hold Weed Wrangles at both Burkhart Creek and Old Town Waverly Parks. They would also like to use the park logo on advertising. David Mow, Morgan County Soil and Water District, stated that if they do a Weed Wrangle, an invasive species control plan is required. Mr. Mow has done these for county residents and would be willing to do one for the county; however, he would need someone as a park representative to join in. He will show what invasive species are present and write a plan of control. The dates are April 10th from 9 am to noon at Old Town Waverly Park and April 17th from noon to 4 pm at Burkhart Creek Park. Mr. Mow stated that they would need a port-a-pot available at Burkhart Creek for this family friendly event. Mr. Mow stated that they did a virtual event last year and people went out on their own, photographed what they pulled, and the county won the statewide contest. They received \$500 and the use of a certified herbicide applicator for four hours at a Weed Wrangle. Don Adams stated that it was an enjoyable event and he learned a lot. Mr. Mow stated that there are 44 invasive species that are illegal to trade, transport, gift, barter, and sell in Indiana. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the dates for the Weed Wrangle at both parks, as well as the port-a-pot and use of the logo. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

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

MINUTES

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the January 4 and January 20, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Steve Lyday, Morgan County Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator, stated that they have developed a rhythm at the vaccination clinic and things are going well. Starting today, they are doing 200 shots per day instead of 100 per day. Appointments go fast and they are beginning vaccinations for the 65 and up population.

Sheriff Rich Myers thanked the Highway Department for the job they did on the snowy roads this past weekend. Bryan Collier also thanked the Highway Department.

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

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Bryan Collier