

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE – Veteran Keenan Blair.

PRAYER – Kenny Hale.

**BID OPENING**

Dan Bastin opened bids for the Community Crossings Paving Project 2020-2 as follows:

Roadway	Wallace	Midwest	E & B Paving	Milestone
Paragon Rd	\$267,898.40	\$261,442.60	\$231,839.50	\$239,721.97
New Harmony Rd	132,907.62	136,188.90	128,974.55	130,657.35
Cramer Rd	234,683.14	102,960.90	89,676.00	94,250.00
Craven Rd	130,602.50	155,690.60	146,215.00	151,845.70
Bray Rd	100,516.85	105,028.00	101,171.10	96,449.15
Awbrey Rd	141,629.25	143,277.20	133,676.25	141,771.75
Kivett Rd	158,279.20	157,694.30	146,477.20	150,757.38
Pennington Rd	182,523.73	187,947.20	172,105.05	179,549.13
Centenary Rd	403,885.25	425,913.30	389,166.50	406,066.45
Huggin Hollow Rd	135,977.32	138,609.60	134,161.75	133,290.89

Don Adams thanked the bidders and stated that the bids will be reviewed by the Morgan County Highway Engineer. Bryan Collier made a motion to take the bids under advisement and award them at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**REZONE REQUEST – 575 Nast Chapel Road**

Dale Coffee, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pence, was present to request that approximately 5 acres located in Green Township be rezoned from Ag to R1. The Plan Commission has given this request a favorable recommendation. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the rezone request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD NAMES**

Sandy Mosier, Morgan County Plan Commission, was present to request approval of two proposed road names of Bent Branch and Winding Path. Ms. Mosier stated that it was brought to her attention that Winding Path was too similar to an existing road name and proposed to change it to Solstice Path. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve Solstice Path and Bent Branch Lane for two new private roads in Gregg Township off of Kivett Road. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Don Adams stated that this Memorandum of Understanding between Johnson County and Morgan County has been on the agenda several times. There are two changes that have been suggested. Jim Wisco stated that Paragraph 10 states that the forum would be in the Morgan County courts and that was removed. Paragraph 11 states that Johnson County will indemnify Morgan County and it also needs to state that Morgan County would indemnify Johnson County. Johnson County has approved and signed the document. It will be on the Council agenda in April. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the agreement with the changes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**HOST AGENCY AGREEMENT – EMS / Monroe Township**

Josh Messmer stated that this agreement is similar to leases with the Paragon Volunteer Fire Department and Green Township Volunteer Fire Department. The agreement is for three years and a stipend will be paid to Monroe Township twice a year. The stipend is based on the utility usage for the past year. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Hosting Agency Agreement between Morgan County Indiana and Monroe Township Fire District to provide housing for Morgan County EMS equipment and personnel. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**BOT RESOLUTION**

Don Adams stated that this resolution adopts Indiana Code 5-23 and actions related to the code. The code regards requests for proposals and qualifications and explores the development,

construction, financing, operation, and/or transfer of future public projects. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Indiana Code 5-23 and Taking Certain Other Actions Related Thereto. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Don Adams stated that as part of the resolution that was just approved, a selection committee needs to be named. Kenny Hale made a motion to name the selection committee as Kim Merideth and Chip Keller with the County Council; Dan Bastin, County Auditor; Josh Messmer, County Administrator; and the three Morgan County Commissioners. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PARK RESERVATION REQUESTS**

Kenny Hale stated that the requests are all for Waverly. Relay for Life has requested the use of the park on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request and to waive the fee. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hale stated that the next request is for a graduation open house on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 in the Town Square Gazebo. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hale stated that the third request was for a wedding on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

The fourth request is for a wedding on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale noted that April 10<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day at Waverly Park with the river clean up, weed wrangle, and hammer in.

### **PTO DONATION - EMS**

Keenan Blair stated that an employee has acquired a sudden health condition and will soon run out of PTO. Mr. Blair asked for approval for employees to donate time to this employee. Bryan Collier made a motion to allow the PTO donation. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale made a motion to allow any county employee to donate time to this employee. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Blair introduced Aaron Sheldon, A shift EDO.

### **EMS JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Bryan Collier made a motion to table this item for two more weeks. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **INCIDENT CLAIM**

Kenny Hale made a motion to forward the Smith incident claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REQUEST TO USE SPACE OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE**

The Morgan County Farmer's Market has requested the use of the Courthouse Square for a vendor's orientation on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **CLAIMS**

Dan Bastin stated that he is working through the logistics of paying claims every two weeks instead of once per month. The Board stated that they would not have an issue with this.

### **MINUTES – 3/1/21**

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Don Adams thanked Diane Hubbard for her many years of service as the County Republican Party Vice Chairman.

Sheriff Rich Myers stated that this past weekend the "Shave for the Brave", an event that raises funds for childhood cancer research, took place and several individuals making a team for the Morgan County Sheriff's Department were the top team and collected over \$1,300.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Don Adams

Attest:

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Kenny Hale

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Bryan Collier