

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 AT 9:30 A.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 – Air Force Veteran and EMS Director Donnie Warren.

PRAYER – Kenny Hale.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the April 16 and April 30, 2021 payroll and monthly claims of \$1,393,494.38. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REZONE REQUEST

Michael Taylor, a resident of Clay Township, requested that his property at 6997 Herath Lane containing 10.79 acres be rezoned from I-2 to Ag. Mr. Taylor stated that he would like to build a house on the property. Don Adams noted that the request received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the rezone request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Adams noted that the Comprehensive Plan is on the Plan Commission page of the county website.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ORDINANCE

Josh Messmer stated that there is money coming to the county through the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. The State Board of Accounts has requested that each county have an ordinance in place in order to receive the money. There is still no official guidance on how to use the funds, but there should be information this week. Kenny Hale thanked Jim Wisco, Josh Messmer, and Dan Bastin for all their help in getting this started. Bryan Collier asked if the ordinance could be amended as requirements come in. Dan Bastin stated that this ordinance establishes the fund, more details will be in the plan that will be adopted later. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Ordinance Creating the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0. Bryan Collier made a motion to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

AMERICAN WATER

Don Adams stated that American Water has an office in Mooresville and they are interested in some county property. Jared Burnett on behalf of Indiana American Water, introduced Troy Bryant, Superintendent of the Mooresville District. Mr. Burnett stated that they are designing a new water treatment facility in Mooresville with a chemical unloading area on the north side. A portion of the chemical unloading area will cross over the existing right of way to the bridge on the south. They would like to purchase a portion of this right of way (6,300 sq. ft.) from the county. If this is favorable, they would then obtain an appraisal. Don Adams stated that the Morgan County Highway Engineer and Morgan County Surveyor would need to review the information. American Water would allow the county access for bridge inspections. Mr. Burnett stated that they are having conversations regarding stormwater reviews. Josh Messmer stated that they shouldn't need the property for maintenance of the bridge, but would want access just in case. Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, stated that he has looked at the overall plan, but the drainage plan is under jurisdiction of Mooresville. Kenny Hale made a motion to proceed working with American Water. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

UPKEEP SYSTEM LICENSING

Josh Messmer stated that over the last 18 months, they have implemented ticketing systems for the maintenance department and IT. It handles helpdesk requests and tracking inventory. Mr. Messmer stated that per directions from the Board, he has looked into Upkeep, the program used in the maintenance department, for use at the highway department. This program will be used to help get the inventory into a system as well as starting a ticket system for vehicles that need worked on. The annual price is currently at \$54 per user per month and will be lowered to \$50 per user per month. If approved, Mr. Messmer asked that he be authorized to sign the agreement electronically. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the changes to update the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Sheriff Rich Myers requested approval of a recurring grant through the US Department of Justice. The grant is for a 50% reimbursement for bullet proof vests. The paperwork presented is for 2019 (\$13,319.09), 2020 (\$13,515.00), and 2021 (\$7,975.00). Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Myers noted that this week is National Corrections Officers Week and thanked Jail Commander Dave Rogers and the corrections officers that work in the jail.

MINUTES - 4/19/21

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK RENTAL REQUESTS

Kenny Hale stated that there are two rental applications for Waverly Park (Clarkston for May 30th and Fritsche for July 31st) and one for Burkhart Creek. The request for Burkhart Creek was given verbal approval and took place May 1st. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve all requests. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams stated that the Board meets every two weeks and it would facilitate rentals if Kenny Hale was given authority to approve rental applications rather than waiting for the meeting. Don Adams made a motion to assign the title of program director to Kenny Hale. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE SPACE OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE

Don Adams stated that the Martinsville High School Chamber Orchestra has requested the use of the Courthouse Square on Monday, May 10th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The orchestra will be practicing that evening and invite the public to attend their performance the following Wednesday at the MHS Auditorium. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Mr. Collier stated that if the practice is cancelled due to weather, he encouraged them to come back, as this is a great idea. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTER - Highway

Marvin “Sport” Whaley, Morgan County Highway Department Superintendent, stated that the budget for salt and sand are combined and has caused a shortage of funds. Mr. Whaley requested a transfer of \$40,000 from leased equipment to road salt and sand. Dan Bastin noted that sand was in the budget line for stone and now that they will be able to see what it costs to de-ice the roads. Don Adams stated that he would like to compare the cost of liquid and salt and sand. Kenny Hale made a motion to forward the transfer request to the Council. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Whaley noted that he would need to obtain a broom and a roller and might need to transfer more funds.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that he and Kenny Hale attended a meeting with INDOT and were able to get a few questions answered.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Don Adams

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Bryan Collier