

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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 – Veteran Mark Tumey.

PRAYER – Don Adams.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the May 14 and May 28, 2021 payroll claims of \$675,902.67 and \$671,606.01; PERF \$59,741.59 and \$59,897.08; FICA \$49,000.65 and \$48,714.70 and monthly claims of \$1,841,650.00. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

BIDS – June 2021 Road Resurfacing

Dan Bastin opened bids as follows:

June 2021 Paving Summary Bid Form						
District - Project	ROAD	E&B Paving	Midwest	Milestone	Wallace	Grady Brothers
1-1	CO RD 360 N	\$75,249.60	\$79,121.00	\$71,006.00	\$77,695.02	\$74,794.40
1-2	CO RD 340 N	\$35,803.20	\$38,879.00	\$34,302.00	\$36,826.09	\$35,696.80
1-3	Dillman Rd	\$14,085.60	\$17,114.00	\$14,116.00	\$14,363.22	\$14,320.40
1-4	Mahalasville Rd.	\$419,330.58	\$459,869.11	\$415,348.14	\$459,332.90	\$448,480.34
1-5	New Harmony Rd	\$32,590.35	\$33,677.50	\$30,808.35	\$31,990.22	\$30,482.69
2-1	Lewisville Rd	\$214,936.00	\$227,467.00	\$205,290.00	\$228,036.80	\$219,008.00
2-2	Pitkin Rd.	\$117,658.70	\$123,072.00	\$111,704.00	\$122,479.57	\$118,907.60
2-3	Evans	\$152,206.80	\$158,279.00	\$144,098.00	\$153,507.12	\$153,211.20
2-4	Tutterow Rd	\$86,285.00	\$95,337.00	\$85,186.00	\$92,391.34	\$90,826.40
2-5	(Hurricane Rd.) Mosier Rd	\$58,238.10	\$63,963.00	\$56,692.00	\$64,712.77	\$60,654.80
2-6	Bray Rd.	\$43,748.50	\$64,680.00	\$40,786.00	\$43,153.23	\$43,312.40
2-7	(Deck Rd.) Paragon Rd.	\$132,345.54	\$139,722.12	\$126,493.44	\$135,223.85	\$133,316.16
2-8	Keller Heights Dr*	\$57,594.00	\$61,325.00	\$53,678.00	\$57,210.54	\$62,713.20
2-9	Shore Dr	\$75,347.20	\$79,127.00	\$71,306.00	\$77,327.52	\$82,130.40
3-1	Bottom Rd	\$83,373.10	\$88,699.20	\$79,580.40	\$84,064.29	\$85,194.00
3-2	Watson Rd	\$91,941.73	\$98,048.74	\$88,806.52	\$94,677.42	\$92,972.03
3-3	E Wilson Dr	\$19,200.00	\$21,405.00	\$16,750.00	\$17,110.00	\$18,360.00
3-4	(Center Dr.) E Wilson Dr	\$17,619.00	\$20,207.00	\$15,458.00	\$15,686.25	\$15,993.78
3-5	Waters Edge Dr	\$25,830.00	\$26,767.00	\$22,170.00	\$23,076.50	\$23,100.00
3-6	Augusta Ln	\$11,919.00	\$13,950.00	\$10,798.00	\$10,557.25	\$10,807.20
3-7	Meadow Ln	\$12,663.00	\$14,531.00	\$11,406.00	\$11,227.25	\$11,575.40
3-8	(Forest Dr.) Robertson St.	\$41,508.00	\$39,635.00	\$34,986.00	\$37,561.96	\$36,670.40
3-9	Port Royal Dr	\$21,300.00	\$20,352.00	\$17,434.00	\$17,665.20	\$17,733.60
3-10	Country Club Rd.	\$26,208.00	\$27,287.00	\$25,488.00	\$27,030.23	\$26,413.20
3-11	Country Club Rd.	\$90,669.00	\$94,924.00	\$85,844.00	\$94,228.74	\$91,525.60
		\$1,957,650.00	\$2,107,438.67	\$1,869,534.85	\$2,027,135.28	\$1,998,200.00

Don Adams noted that Milestone is the apparent low bidder. They will review the bids and report back at the next meeting.

PARK VENTURE

Krista Ledbetter, Morgan County Library Director, and Diane Huerkamp, Mooresville Public Library Director, were present to inform the Board about a program called Park Venture. This is a collaborative program with the Mooresville Library, Morgan County Library, and Community Foundation that involves all state forests, city, county, and neighborhood parks across the county. The event is designed for families, couples and elderly residents to explore greenspaces, encourage exercise and have an adventure. The event runs from August 1 through October 15. Individuals can track their progress through an app called Beanstack. For every park that someone visits, they will earn a badge; for every five badges, they will be eligible for a drawing for prizes.

FLEET VEHICLE – Plan Commission

Laura Parker, Plan Commission Director, stated that with the hire of a second inspector, she looked into getting a lease vehicle in order to budget for 2022. The leasing company stated that

they had a vehicle currently available and she is able to cover the cost within this year's budget. This vehicle is available because another company was not able to use it, otherwise a new vehicle would not be available next year because of the shortage. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the vehicle lease. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION - *Coroner*

Mike Ellis, Morgan County Coroner, was present to request approval of a grant application for \$5,000 through the Walmart Local Community Grant. Mr. Ellis stated that his office uses radios to communicate with law enforcement and fire and to be dispatched. The radios they have were used ones from the Sheriff's Department after they received new ones. The radios they have are no longer repairable and they are down to two. The grant amount of \$5,000 and additional \$744 would allow them to purchase four radios, four chargers and the P25 upgrade. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE – *Code of Ordinances*

Jim Wisco stated that the ordinance publication was recently updated with the most recent ordinances and this ordinance authorizes the update. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for Morgan County, Indiana and Declaring an Emergency. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION – *Disposition of Recyclable Materials*

Josh Messmer stated that Marvin Whaley, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, suggested this resolution for the Highway Department. They collect scrap metal and old culverts and then sell it at auction. This allows someone to pay less than what they can scrap it for themselves and the county is leaving money on the table. Mr. Messmer checked the State Board of Accounts and they are agreeable to allowing the county to scrap the material themselves and recommended that the process be set out through a resolution. The material would be weighed and a weight ticket obtained before taking it to the scrap yard and a weight ticket would also be obtained at the scrap yard. An account can be set up at Atkins so payment can be deposited directly. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TANK MONITORING SYSTEM QUOTES – *Highway Department*

Josh Messmer stated that during an IDEM inspection in December, they noted some deficiencies in the tank monitoring system. The Highway Department requested quotes from several firms and received two responses; one from PEI Maintenance & Contracting for \$28,615.25 and Midwest \$36,036.04. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the quote from PEI Maintenance & Contracting pending approval of the additional appropriation by the Council. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT – *Community Corrections Advisory Board*

Don Adams stated that Brian Foley, Court Services Director, requested an appointment to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for a mental health professional. Amy Belcher is the appropriate local mental health administrator and is willing to be a representative on the board. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Amy Belcher. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS – *Concert Coverage*

Josh Messmer and Donnie Warren, EMS Director, requested approval of an Agreement for Emergency Services between Morgan County EMS and RD Productions, LLC. The agreement allows EMS to provide emergency services for pre-event concerts coinciding with the opening weekend of the Morgan County Fair, June 25th and June 26th. RD Productions will pay \$2,500 to cover employee time and fringe benefits. Mr. Messmer is working with Jim Wisco to draft a standard rate and application that would not need to come before the Board of Commissioners each time. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the county attorney to move forward in drafting a template to use moving forward. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Don Adams noted that during a recent roundtable with Senator Braun, Commissioner Collier had a suggestion regarding a use for the funds provided as part of the American Rescue Plan Act. Mr. Adams thought it to be a good idea. Dan Bastin stated that one of the permissible uses is for water and sewer improvements. Mr. Collier suggested using a portion of the funds to create a revolving fund that the county could loan to different entities interest free and when the entity repaid it, it would be in place for a future use. Mr. Bastin stated that they would need to propose this to the U. S. Treasury, as one of the current requirements is that the fund be spent by the end of 2023.

DISCUSSION TO OPT OUT OF IC 4-6-15-2

Jim Wisco stated that Cohen & Malad, LLP is the firm representing Morgan County, as well as 50 or 60 other units of government throughout the state in opioid litigation. New legislation was passed (I.C. 4-6-15-2) as to who controls the potential purse strings in this settlement when it is realized. Currently, 70% would go to FSSA (with 35% of this being distributed through FSSA and not necessarily to FSSA programs), 15% is unrestricted and 15% would be divided among the plaintiffs. This legislation allows plaintiffs to opt out and pursue litigation on their own and potentially realize more benefits. There will be a resolution to consider at the next meeting. Mr. Wisco did not see a drawback to opting out, as they could also opt back in.

MINUTES – 5/12/21, 5/17/21, 5/19/21

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the May 12, May 17, and May 19, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTERS – Commissioners, Highway, EMS

Josh Messmer stated that at a prior meeting, the Board agreed to assist the Morgan County History Center and Museum with \$20,000 pending Council approval and Mr. Messmer presented a letter requesting an additional appropriation from the Council.

The second letter is a request for \$36,036 for the tank monitoring system that was discussed earlier. The higher amount was advertised in case they went with that quote.

The third letter covers the cost for the interlocal agreement with Madison Township that the Commissioners and Council approved for Madison Township to help provide EMS response during the I-69 construction. This additional appropriation request is for \$48,000.

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests for \$36,036 and \$48,000 and to sign the letter for \$20,000. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams introduced Bobbie Paquin-Reese who stated that she is a nurse at St. Francis and an EMS coordinator. Ms. Paquin stated that she lives in Morgan County and has worked in EMS for 27 years. She is very supportive of what they do and after obtaining her masters in education, she plans on continuing to work part time for EMS because of the great things they are doing for Morgan County. Ms. Paquin-Reese stated that they are building something special and it has been fun watching the professionalism grow.

USE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT

Don Adams stated that the Commissioners receive requests from time to time on the use of county equipment on projects that benefit the county, but aren't managed by the county. (Use of a highway department truck at the fairgrounds for instance.) There is not a policy for this and the Board will be looking into this with the Auditor and State Board of Accounts.

MORGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER AND MUSEUM

Mr. Adams noted that the Morgan County History Center and Museum will open on June 12th and there is a group of fine volunteers that have worker to put this together. There will be a golf outing fund raiser on the 19th of June at the Martinsville Country Club.

SURVEY

St. Francis has an annual survey that can be used for decision making and Mr. Adams encouraged citizens to take the survey.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Don Adams

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Bryan Collier