

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 5, 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 – Mike Ellis in memory of his WWII veteran father.

PRAYER – Don Adams led in singing *God Bless America*.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the June 11 and June 25, 2021 payroll claims of \$684,133.11 and \$661,796.51; PERF \$60,609.00 and \$59,104.71; FICA \$49,741.93 and \$48,031.41 and monthly claims of \$2,187,408.17. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

HISTORIC MARKER

Don Adams noted that next year is the bicentennial for both Martinsville and the county. The state accepts applications for historic markers and there isn't one at the historic 1857 Courthouse. Mr. Adams would like to apply for a marker in time for the bicentennial. The cost is approximately \$3,000. This amount would be included in the budget for next year. The bicentennial committee is working with the City of Martinsville to coordinate activities and events. Bryan Collier made a motion to begin the process of obtaining an historical marker. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MUSEUM DONATION

Don Adams stated that in 2016, every Indiana county had a torch that was carried in honor of the state bicentennial. This torch has been residing in the Commissioners' office. The staff felt it would be appropriate to display the torch in the county museum and history center that opened last month. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the donation of the torch. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

AMERICAN WATER PROPERTY

Jim Wisco stated that they are waiting to confirm information from the attorney from American Water.

FLEET MAINTENANCE SOLUTION

Josh Messmer stated that they received the new contracts Thursday and he would like to review the pricing and bring this back at the next meeting for action.

MINUTES – 6/21/21

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Don Adams noted that the 2022 Holiday Schedule includes the new federal holiday of Juneteenth. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Kenny Hale made a motion to send the Reposh, Taryn John and Lisa John tort claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE #75

Jim Wisco stated that the project for Bridge #75 on Bowman Road requires the acquisition of four very small parcels. Two have been purchased and two require a condemnation process that is pending. Depositing the funds per the appraisers and the order of the court will result in the transfer of the property, enabling everyone to move forward and stay on schedule. The total amount that would need to be delivered to the County Clerk is \$18,450. Dan Bastin stated that the money for this is in the Bridge Fund. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the amount of \$18,450 for the Bridge #75 project. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

OPIOID LAWSUIT

Jim Wisco stated that the opt out agreement has been delivered to the attorneys; however, there is a decision to not accept, approve, or take no action with regard to the fifth amendment joint Chapter 11 plan of reorganization of Purdue Pharma. The deadline is July 14th; however, the attorneys would like a decision back by July 7th. Boren, Oliver & Coffey and Cohen & Malad recommend that the Board approve the agreement. This is a ballot that would be presented by the county’s attorney in the bankruptcy proceedings. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the ballot for the reorganization of Purdue Pharma. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

John Phillips, Morgan County Public Library Board appointee, stated that the library was able to obtain one of eight performances of Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing presented by the Brown Box Theater. This will be a free performance at the Monrovia Branch on July 22 at 8 pm and attendees will need to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets.

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