

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION  
ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 AT 9:30 A.M.**

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

**PLEDGE**

**PRAYER – *Kenny Hale***

**MINUTES**

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the March 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the March 4, 18 and April 1, 2022 payroll of \$702,201.63 \$717,371.50 and \$677,790.76; PERF \$61,930.72, \$60,676.41 and \$60,416.47; FICA \$51,153.10 \$52,325.95 and \$49,353.51; and monthly claims of \$1,403,112.53. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATION**

Miranda Beauchamp, Morgan County Court Services, was present to request approval of two grant applications; Adult Community Corrections not to exceed \$800,000 and Jail Treatment not to exceed \$240,000 through Indiana Department of Correction. Don Adams made a motion to approve both grant applications. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**PAVING BID AWARD**

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, recommended that Wallace Construction and E&B Paving be awarded the paving contracts as the low bidders. Mr. Hinkle noted that Midwest was the low bidder for one road and they declined the award; Wallace Construction was the second lowest bidder for that road. E&B Paving was the low bidder on 17 roads and Wallace was the low bidder on 7 roads. Don Adams made a motion to award the bids per the Engineer's recommendation. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**WAVERLY PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Hinkle stated that he will finalize the advertisement for the Waverly Park Road project and present it at the next meeting. This project will be 4.2 miles and will be 4" to 4-1/2" deep. Bids will be opened in mid-May and the project should be complete in June. There will be other road projects during the year and later this week the Highway Department website will show a map of projects.

**LPA CONTRACTS**

Mr. Hinkle stated that the LPA contracts are 80/20 financing and asked for approval of the following LPA contracts:

Don Adams made a motion to approve the LPA contract with United Consulting for Bridge #29 and to designate Kenny Hale as the signatory for the INDOT contract. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the LPA contract with Clark Dietz for Bridge #166 and to designate Kenny Hale as the signatory for the INDOT contract. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams made a motion to approve the LPA contract with SJCA for Bridge #166 and to designate Kenny Hale as the signatory for the INDOT contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the LPA contract with VS Engineering, Inc. for Bridge #49 and to designate Kenny Hale as the signatory for the INDOT contract. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams made a motion to approve the LPA contract with Beam Longest & Neff, LLC for Bridge #104 and to designate Kenny Hale as the signatory for the INDOT contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the LPA contract with United Consulting for Bridge #52 Right of Way services and to designate Kenny Hale as the signatory for the INDOT contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Mr. Hinkle presented three RFPs, Bridge #112, Bridge #107, and Old State Road 67, and will advertise in May. These projects and the next three bridges, represent \$5.5 million that the county has been awarded from the state in grants.

## **HIGHWAY STANDARDS**

Mr. Hinkle stated that he was not able to finish the review and update for the highway standards. He submitted the standards to the consultant for a review and the Plan Commission has given him some feedback. He will also submit this to the county attorney for review in time to approve for the next meeting.

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

Brad Roe and Joe Disney were present to request approval to use the Courthouse parking for a Cruise-in on Thursday evenings from April through October except for Fall Foliage and Artie Fest. They typically have 50 to 60 cars. They requested the use of the parking area from 5 to 9 pm. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Collier also wanted to go on record to state that Brad Roe had one of the best set shots in Martinsville basketball Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ARPA REVENUE LOSS**

Josh Messmer stated that the final rule for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) became effective at the first of the month. The final rule allows an option of a presumptive loss of \$10 million. Mr. Messmer stated that he has talked with Dan Bastin and financial consultants and it would be to the county's benefit to take this option. The \$10 million can then be used for any type of governmental service. Bryan Collier made a motion use the option of the presumptive loss of \$10 million. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASING AGENT**

Josh Messmer stated that they are in the process of negotiating the purchase of homes across the street from the Administration Building. The resolution presented makes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners the designated signatory for any real estate purchase contracts and title company documents. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution Designating Kenny Hale as Purchasing Agent for the Purchase of Certain Real Property. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

## **PURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Kenny Hale stated that there are seven homes the Board would like to purchase as part of the BOT process. Don Adams made a motion to approve the purchase agreements for the homes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ARPA APPOINTMENTS – Executive Session**

Kenny Hale stated that the Board has four appointments to make to the ARPA Committee. Letters have gone out and some responses have come in, but they have not heard back from everyone. Josh Messmer stated that the Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session to vet possible appointments. The ARPA money is a one-time opportunity and the Board wants different perspectives from people in the community and four names were suggested as possible appointments. It was also mentioned that a sub-committee could take an advisory role. When Mr. Messmer has confirmation for the appointments, he will let the Board know. Don Adams made a motion to proceed with the suggested appointments. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 3/7/22**

Kenny Hale and Don Adams agreed that no action will be taken.

## **PLAQUE PLACEMENT**

The historic plaque for the Bicentennial was ordered and has arrived. Don Adams stated that a good site for the plaque would be where a gazebo used to be located at the Courthouse and made a motion to place the plaque in this location. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Josh Messmer stated that the Board of Commissioners sets how the ARPA Fund (8950) is spent, but the Council appropriates the fund. They are asking that \$150,000 be appropriated as follows: \$50,000 into supplies, \$50,000 into other services, and \$50,000 into capital outlay. Don Adams made a motion to submit the request to the Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **WAVERLY PROPERTY**

Kenny Hale stated that he has been working with DNR and Fish and Wildlife and they are moving forward in obtaining the property in Waverly. DNR has it on their plan this year for the installation of a boat ramp. They will be submitting a lease for approval at the next meeting. The county will need a legal description of the defined area.

**BRIDGE INVENTORY**

Tony Hinkle stated that several months ago, the board gave approval to advertise for the bridge inventory inspection. This is a four-year LPA contract through INDOT. There has been a lot of turnover at INDOT and the RFP was lost. The RFP has now been approved and the advertisement closed at the end of March. Six applications were received and they will score them and send the recommendation back to INDOT.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Don Adams stated thanked the people attending for their participation. Mr. Adams complimented Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Collinsworth for the changes they are making at the Highway Department. There will be a river clean-up on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bicentennial events are being planned and items will soon be available for purchase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Kenny Hale

Attest:

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Bryan Collier

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams