

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 6:30 P.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 – *Don Adams*

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022 Commissioner meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REZONE REQUEST – *Ag to R1*

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that the one acre parcel is located on N Waverly Park Road. The owners (Hodges) would like to split the property, but in order to do this, the property must be zoned as R1 if it is less than two acres. The Plan Commission has given a favorable recommendation. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE CONTRACTS

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that there was an issue with the advertisement for Bridge #112, but requested approval to advertise the contracts for Bridge #107 and Bridge #188. These are both LPA projects. Don Adams made a motion to approve the advertisement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE RFP

Mr. Hinkle stated that he would like to issue an RFP (Request for Proposal) for Bridge #108 preliminary engineering. Don Adams made a motion to approve advertising for RFPs for Bridge #108. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

SNOWPLOW CONTRACTS

Mr. Hinkle requested approval to advertise for snowplow contracts for the 2022/2033 season. They are advertising sooner than they did last year, so should expect to see more submissions. Bryan Collier asked if they changed the term to three years to generate more interest. Mr. Hinkle stated that they changed it for more interest from bidders, but also after consulting with other counties. Don Adams made a motion to approve the advertisement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS 2022-2

Mr. Hinkle requested approval of a financial commitment letter to obtain \$300,000 of additional paving through the Community Crossings Grant. Don Adams made a motion to approve the letter. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TAKE HOME VEHICLE REQUEST

Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that the employee using this vehicle will be able to shorten the time required to respond to downed trees and other emergencies. There are four crews assembled and this is one of the crew bosses. This is part of the restructuring process. Don Adams made a motion to approve the take home vehicle. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNUAL FAIR CONTRACT

Kenny Hale stated that this is the annual contract for the Morgan County Fair and 4-H Association. Don Adams stated that they have changed the dates and it should make it an enjoyable fair for everyone. Don Adams made a motion to approve the annual contract. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Mr. Collier thanked the Fair Board for changing the dates. Motion carried 3-0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - DNR

Jim Wisco stated that this MOU regards public access to a boat ramp that the DNR is installing. The MOU is for 100 years and protects the county's interest to continue with events at Waverly and allow access to the boat ramp. The county will not need to apply for access and pay a fee to DNR for each event listed in the MOU. Kenny Hale noted that the Old Town Waverly Festival and the Haunting of Waverly are the only two events that will block off public access due to safety concerns with the amount of people that attend these events. If they have an additional event, the county can pay the application fee

and submit a request a month before the event. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the MOU. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale noted that DNR will begin construction of the boat ramp this Thursday.

PARKING LOT REPAIR QUOTES

Kenny Hale stated that at the previous meeting, quotes were reviewed for repairs and paving parking lots at several county-owned buildings. West Central was the lowest bid for the Administration Building, Courthouse and Coroner. First Impressions was lowest for Dispatch. The Highway Department has reviewed the bids and is in agreement with the lowest quotes. Don Adams made a motion to approve the quotes as recommended. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CHAPTER 34 UPDATE

Jim Wisco stated that he has a draft ready to send out and it should be ready to go for the next meeting. Don Adams made a motion to table. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL TIME OFF

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that there are two employees that have used all their available time. Ms. Fry has spoken to the supervisors of the employees and feels that there are circumstances beyond their control. Ms. Fry recommended that both employees be granted the additional time off without pay. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTER

Kenny Hale stated that this additional appropriation is for \$1,700 from the ARPA Fund for an aquifer study. Josh Messmer stated that he and Bryan Collier met with Enterra to review the aquifer replenish rate, the health, and look into how to protect the aquifer from other sources taking it. The ARPA Committee asked that the Commissioners continue with this project. This additional will go before the Council on August 23rd and the actual amount should be less. Don Adams stated that the aquifer needs to be protected and is glad to see this project move forward. Don Adams made a motion to submit the letter to the Council. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Don Adams asked if it costs the county money to process claims that have no merit. Josh Messmer stated that it does cost the county time and money and this is built into the premium that the county pays, but there are also additional legal costs. Bryan Collier made a motion to submit the Mascher tort claim to insurance. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Kenny Hale stated that the county is about to get a new boat ramp and boaters won't have to go all the way to Henderson Ford. The ramp will be delivered Tuesday. There will be a run, paddle, bike event in October and Waverly will be a part of it.

Bryan Collier thanked the Fair Board for their work in scheduling next year's fair. Mr. Collier also thanked the Highway Department for taking care of an issue with grafitti.

Don Adams stated that the Governor will be at the ice cream social at Waverly on the 24th of September.

COMMENT

Cecelia Krefft, a Morgan County resident, mentioned an issue with a dog owner not cleaning up after their dog on the Courthouse lawn.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Bryan Collier

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams