

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A JOINT MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022 AT 8:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONER MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: KENNY HALE, BRYAN COLLIER AND DON ADAMS. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, TROY SPRINKLE, KELLY ALCALA, JASON MAXWELL, CHIP KELLER AND MELISSA GREENE. ALSO PRESENT WERE: DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; DAN BASTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR; AND AUDITOR-ELECT LINDA PRUITT. ERIC RATTTS, DLZ; PATRICK DAVIS, MEYER-NAJEM; AND GREG MARTZ, GM DEVELOPMENT WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

B.O.T. MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Bryan Collier stated that the Council had given him a challenge at the previous meeting and the group that is present has worked together as a team to come up with a plan that provides more square footage for less cost. This option increases the square footage and lessens the cost for the fourth stage of the BOT.

Eric Ratts stated that at the previous joint meeting, they briefly discussed having a Justice Center with two levels or three levels and how this would be less costs in the long run. Mr. Ratts gave a building overview with three levels and also described how this would change the Courthouse stage of the project. They would need to add an addition to the Courthouse for ADA compliance that would contain an elevator, restrooms and a security checkpoint. The current square footage for the Administration Building contains 91,646 square feet. Adding two levels for the Justice Center would add 125,175 square feet and a third level would be 149,096 square feet.

Patrick Davis stated that the cost for the “East Annex” (a building for the Solid Waste, Soil & Water District and Purdue) was estimated to be \$1.9 million and it came in at \$3.8. The cost for construction three levels came in at \$1.2 less than the original plan with two levels.

Bryan Collier stated that this would provide a better flow of government operations, would be less money and would allow for growth. No office would be operating out of a basement and they could break ground in the spring.

Pete Foley, Morgan County Superior Court 1 Judge, stated that the judges are supportive of this plan. The project plans remove employees from the mold and radon issues in the Courthouse basement, creates more meeting space and allows flexibility for future growth. They need to move the Probation Department sooner rather than later.

Josh Messmer stated that this is the best solution for more square footage at less cost. They will no longer be spending money on the same issues; less roofs mean less maintenance. The cost for this stage is estimated at \$29.3 million. The county will have room for 250 parking spaces with property that the county already owns. The Commissioners need the green light from the Council in order to move forward.

Kelly Alcala mentioned the need for a PR person and made a motion to move forward with the option for the third floor. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 10-0.

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Don Adams

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Kelly Alcala

Jason Maxwell

Melissa Greene

Chip Keller

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor