

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE, 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. DON ADAMS WAS ABSENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the August 5, 19, and September 2, 2022 payroll claims of \$703,693.53, \$706,200.07 and \$716,100.12; PERF \$63,620.05, \$64,514.03 and \$63,391.08; FICA \$51,166.37, \$51,333.88 and \$52,134.31; and monthly claims of \$2,578,136.94. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

GRANT APPLICATIONS – *Court Services*

Miranda Beauchamp, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, was present to request approval of a \$60,000 grant through the Indiana Office of Court Services in partnership with Indiana Family and Social Services Administration/Division of Mental Health and Addiction will be used to address the opioid/substance use crisis across Indiana.

The Juvenile Community Corrections Discretionary Grant of \$10,000 provides additional discretionary funding that may not be used for salaries or fringe benefits through the Indiana Department of Correction and will be used to purchase alcohol breath tests, funding to attend a conference and evidence-based case work materials to use with clients. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve both grant applications. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT – *MOU Amendment*

Jim Wisco stated that DNR (Department of Natural Resources) wanted the MOU that was approved at the prior meeting to be titled “Cooperative Agreement” and also added that the county will give a one-week notice prior to the events when the boat ramp will be closed. Bryan Collier stated that it was his understanding that they did not want an MOU because they heard “SE” every time the agreement was mentioned. (Referring to the Mickey Mouse Club theme song, 1955-1996.) Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Shelby Burkett, Martinsville Youth Development Center Director, and Kent Anderson, Kenna Consulting, were present to request approval to apply for a pass-through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Office of Community & Rural Affairs (OCRA). Mr. Anderson explained that there can be four open grants for a community, but there can only be one application at a time. Dan Bastin stated that there are no open applications at this time. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the request to apply for the grant. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

ORDINANCE 2022-13 – *Stop Sign Removal*

Jim Wisco stated that a three-way stop was installed at the intersection of Morgan Street and Country Club Road during I-69 construction. Now that traffic is not detoured through downtown Martinsville, the stop sign may revert back to the way it was, with traffic on Country Club stopping for traffic on East Morgan. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Remove 3-Way Stop Sign at the Intersection of East Morgan Street and County Club Road, and to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

AUTOAGENT AGREEMENT - *Treasurer*

Jim Wisco stated that he just received the updated agreement and the Morgan County Treasurer has not had time to review the changes. This item will be on the next agenda.

APPOINTMENTS

Kenny Hale stated that he does not have any candidates yet for the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

The Morgan County Regional Sewer District Board also has a vacant position and the appointee must be a Madison Township resident. Bryan Collier stated that he had not spoken with the suggested replacement and made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

BOTTOM ROAD

Steve Cohen, a resident on Bottom Road, stated that he has talked to four highway superintendents about the curve on Bottom Road. If the county needs six to eight feet to get around the corner, he would be willing to give three to four feet of his property and it would be fair to take the other half from the other side. There is a ditch on the north side. The road was supposed to be centered on the property lines, but it is 22 feet off. The road should be 14’ wide and there are five trees in the middle of where the road is supposed to be. The county can open the road up to 24 feet wide if they do it like it should be done. He was told the county would put rip rap on the inside corner and that would keep people from cutting the corner. He has a culvert pipe across his property to drain the ditch that was illegally installed and the water is coming from the south. He has tried to work with the county and any agreement fizzles out.

Tony Hinkle stated that he is unaware of any agreement. The objects alongside the road are a danger to traffic and emergency vehicles. The county would grant an access off the new road that is planned. There was no response to the condemnation letter and the Highway Department is open to negotiations for the price of the land they would be required to take. The resolution will be ready for the next meeting.

CHAPTER 34 UPDATE

Mr. Wisco stated that he sent out a draft of the Ordinance this morning and there will probably be several revisions once it is reviewed. Bryan Collier made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

TORT CLAIM

Bryan Collier made a motion to send the Pogue-Anderson tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Kenny Hale stated that Rob Helms submitted a requested to use the Courthouse Square for the Christmas spectacular on December 4th. Bryan Collier stated that they have done this for a couple of years now . It is a nice event and he encouraged people to attend. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTER

Kenny Hale stated that this request is to engage a public relations/media consultant. This will be on the October agenda. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve submitting the letter to the County Council and requesting \$25,000. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

Kenny Hale stated that this addendum for the food service contract at the jail extends the payment time from 30 to 45 days. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the addendum. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Bryan Collier stated that Don Adams was not present because of a scheduled health procedure and he would like to point out that he stepped up and made the motions for this meeting. Mr. Collier asked that everyone keep Don in their prayers.

Kenny Hale reminded everyone that the gala for the City of Martinsville is coming up the 15th of September and the concert is the 17th at 1 pm. with fireworks at night.

ADJOURNMENT

Bryan Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Bryan Collier

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams