

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A WORKSHOP SESSION
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 AT 2:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE KENNY HALE, BRYAN COLLIER AND DON ADAMS. DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; DAN BASTIN, COUNTY AUDITOR; KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, AND CHIP KELLER, MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL. ERIC RATTTS, PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT, ROBERT WILLEY, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, JEFF HIRSCH, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, AND NICK FRANCESCONI, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, DLZ, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PRESENTATION

Eric Ratts reviewed the site plan for the Bicentennial Plaza that is part of the new Justice Center Project. They believe that the cost will be lower than first expected; between \$71 and 72 million for the total project. The plans are to put the founding dates of the seven incorporated towns in Morgan County on the walkway, a formal garden, seating areas, flagpoles, tables, and possibly a sculpture by a local artist.

Mulberry Street will be closed for 30 months, beginning in March of 2023. Vickie Kivett mentioned concerns about skateboarders destroying the limestone benches and was informed of ways this could be eliminated. It was suggested that engraved pavers could be sold through the Community Foundation for families that wanted to put their names on the paved walkway.

The update for the existing Administration Building is expected to start at the end of 2024 or early 2025.

When the possibility of solar panels was raised, it was explained that there is an average 15-year life expectancy and it is not currently in the budget. If this is something that needs to be added, they would need to do the rough-in now.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Kenny Hale

Attest:

Bryan Collier

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams