

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022 AT 9:30 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 – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES – 10/17/22

Don Adams made a motion to approve the October 17, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the October 14 and 28, 2022 payroll claims of \$696,669.67 and \$724,543.40; PERF \$62,238.95 and \$64,059.02; FICA \$50,817.95, and \$52,796.29; and monthly claims of \$3,064,772.43. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION - *CASA*

Miranda Beauchamp, Court Services, was present to request approval of the 2023 CASA Matching Grant & Capacity Building Grant application through Indiana State GAL/CASA Office. The Matching Grant is for \$35,642.00 and the Capacity Building amount is \$15,280.00. The Matching Grant will be used for everyday operations for CASA. The Capacity Building Grant will be used to reduce the number of children waiting for a CASA volunteer. Don Adams made a motion to approve the grant applications. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – *Health Dept*

Steve Lyday, Morgan County Emergency Preparedness Director, was present to request approval of a \$330,000 grant application for Workforce Development funds designated for the School Liaison responsibilities, administration of COVID vaccinations and communicable disease assessment. Don Adams made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BUILDING PROJECT QUOTES – *EMS*

Josh Messmer stated that the Maintenance Department has received quotes for two projects at EMS; one is to widen the doors for the ambulances, and the other is for a secure supply room for ambulance supplies. Quotes were requested from four vendors and all but one stated that they were too busy to put a quote together. The quote that was provided for the doors was \$25,170.05 and the supply room was \$7,727.40. Michelle Cooley, Maintenance Director, was not able to be present, but submitted a letter recommending that the quotes be approved. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the quotes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

JOB DESCRIPTION – *Maintenance*

Daree Fry, Human Resources Director, presented a job description for a Maintenance Technician in the Maintenance Department. This position would not be a new employee, but would be a current employee with added duties and responsibilities. WIS review recommended the current custodial rate plus \$1 an hour more. The job maintenance committee has not reviewed the request yet. Bryan Collier stated that he was concerned that the Council just completed the budget and it could be “poking the bear”. If approved by the Board of Commissioners, it would go to the job maintenance committee and the Council. The Board agreed that this was more of a budget time item. Item died for lack of a motion.

STOP SIGN DISCUSSION

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Highway Department has an on-call agreement with USI and they are doing two other sign studies; one at Morgantown and Centennial and one at Turkey Track. Mr. Hinkle suggested adding the intersection of New Harmony and Cragen Road to the study. Mr. Hinkle stated that the line of sight is a problem in this area. Bryan Collier stated that citizens do not understand that the county can not go onto private property and cut down someone’s trees or bushes even though it is a safety issue; it would be trespassing. Mr. Hinkle stated that they typically have a good response to the right of entry requests that homeowners sign and that allows them to remove some vegetation. Don Adams made a motion to remove this item from the agenda until the study is done. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNUAL BID NOTICE

Mr. Hinkle requested approval to publish the notice requesting annual material bids to be opened December 5th. Mr. Hinkle stated that they did not receive a fuel bid last year but they have updated some information. Don Adams noticed that the Sheriff's Department had requested an additional appropriation for fuel and asked if their fuel use could be included in the bid. Dan Bastin stated that they purchase fuel where they can get it. They do not have the ability to store fuel for the Sheriff's Department and until the metered fuel system is in place, they would not be able to account for the usage. Josh Messmer stated that the meter has been on order but is on backlog. They would like for EMS and the Sheriff's Department to use the system when they are in the area, once the meter is installed and an accounting system is in place. Mr. Hinkle stated that they have been dealing with the meter problem for 8 months to a year and it will probably be another year of two before the total system is in place. Don Adams made a motion to proceed with the annual bid notice. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

2023 GENERAL PAVING

Mr. Hinkle presented a list of roads and stated that this is for the remainder of the non-CCMG paving that they want to do next year. This does not expend the entire budget for paving. There are two other roads that they will pug mill or CCAP (Cold Constructed Asphalt Pavement) on some roads that need repair. There are other areas that need full-depth section patching. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the bid notice. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGAGEMENT LETTERS – Bridge #61 & #150

Tony Hinkle stated that these letters are for the application of two bridges this year. He is not sure that he will finish the application because of the possibility of bundling 23 structures together for a small structures BOT at the Highway Department. They might use funds for this rather than the bridges. There are several small structures that are not bridges that need to be replaced, but they are in worse shape than some of the bridges. They replaced two bridges this year and 11 more are in the process. He is still doing the paperwork; however, this application is due before the next Commissioner meeting. The preliminary engineering has already been paid for. Don Adams made a motion to proceed with the applications. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

SNOW REMOVAL QUOTES

Mr. Hinkle stated that they received snow removal quotes at the previous meeting. In coordination with Charlie Wilson, Assistant Highway Superintendent, they reviewed the quotes and they were higher than the engineer's estimate; for approximately half the subdivisions, they would be paying over \$40,000 for each event. Last year there were 10 events and they spent \$37,000 for the season. If there are 10 events this year, it would exceed the amount budgeted. Mr. Hinkle submitted a letter recommending that all bids be rejected. They are working with the firms that quoted to see if they could work something out. Don Adams made a motion to reject all quotes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CHAPTER 34 UPDATE

Jim Wisco stated that this item is still in progress. Bryan Collier made a motion to remove this item for the agenda. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to submit the Cox, Shrout and Hedger tort claims to the insurance carrier. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Dave Rogers stated that there are things that are outside of their control and the jail is in a catch-22 because they are the only ones that can be sued; the judge and prosecutor cannot. However, they make the local rules when it pertains to bonds. The jail received a tort notice for Harris and the claim has been submitted to the insurance company.

PITNEY BOWES AGREEMENT

Dan Bastin stated that this agreement is for the Title IV-D Office and is a renewal for equipment they already have. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the lease agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

WAVERLY MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING

Don Adams stated that they now have the tree and will work with Mr. Hale on selecting a place at Waverly Park. He is working with the family to choose a date.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that there will be a dedication for a War of 1812 soldier at Warthen Cemetery at 1 pm on Saturday.

Bryan Collier stated that there are a lot of positive things happening as the county grows and thanked the City of Martinsville on working to close streets and alleys in anticipation of the upcoming Justice Center

Project.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Bryan Collier

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams