

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE KENNY HALE, BRYAN COLLIER AND DON ADAMS. DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY; WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Bryan Collier*

MINUTES – 11/3/22

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

REZONE REQUEST – *Ag to R1*

Laura Parker, Plan Commission Director, stated that the Plan Commission gave a unanimous recommendation to rezone property in Green Township from Ag to R1. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request and Ordinance #2022-18. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – *ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan*

Bryan Collier made a motion to recess the Commissioners meeting and open the public hearing. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Sara Huss, DLZ, was present to conduct the hearing. Ms. Huss stated that they have been working with county staff on developing the Americans with Disabilities Act Self Evaluation and Transition Plan. Morgan County is a Title II entity, which is public services. This is a two-step process; a self-evaluation process to collect data about facilities, programs and policies, set priorities for the various barriers that are found, then get community participation. They send out letters to advocacy groups, publicize the public hearing and promote social media in order to receive feedback to see what is perceived as barriers. From there, they moved into the Transition Plan phase, where they identify how to correct the problems that were found and possible ways to finance the corrections. The plan has been available for the past week on the website, the ADA Coordinator's Office and at the library.

Ms. Huss stated that they looked at the following facilities: Highway Department, EMS II, EMA, Dispatch, Wilbur Schoolhouse, Old Town Waverly Park, Burkhart Creek County Park, Landersdale Trail, Administration Building, Courthouse, Annex, Sheriff's Office and jail, Prosecutor's Office, Coroner, and EMS I. They look at employee common use areas and anywhere the public goes. This includes parking, sidewalks into the building, doors, stairways, elevators, signage, fire alarms, drinking fountains, maneuvering space, protruding objects, reach ranges for outlets and light switches and restrooms. Common findings that were found included accessible parking that exceeded slopes or did not have signage, accessible routes that were too steep, non-compliant curb ramps, doors that were too heavy or closed too fast, doorway maneuvering space, inconsistent signage, non-compliant counters, restroom size issues, non-compliant kitchen and breakroom areas and lack of elevators. Some items are low priority, some are medium and some are high priority depending on level of use and several other factors. Bryan Collier stated that the Courthouse, Annex and Administration Building issues are being addressed through the Judicial Center Project that is now in progress; the ADA requirements were put in place 32 years ago and the county has neglected it. Mr. Huss stated that once the updates are completed in 2024, the historic Courthouse updates will begin and further updates to the current Administration Building are slated for 2027. Because many of the departments will be relocated, some issues with the Annex and Prosecutor's Office have not been included in the costs. The cost summary for the remaining items that need to be addressed total \$478,000, medium priority totals \$332,000, and high priority totals \$25,000. They also reviewed programs and policies through a series of questionnaires to department heads. The questionnaires looked at public information, ADA coordinator, grievance procedure, public meetings and accommodations, special events, contracts, customer service, communication, staff training, emergency evacuation, etc. The county was in pretty good shape, some things were tweaked along the way and are already in place. Several other items will be addressed with the planned renovation project. They typically take the total cost, divide it over 20 to 30 years, depending on how large the cost is, and have this as the basis for each year. The intent would be to start with a committee to decide which projects they want to tackle; since the building renovation is in the works, they might not want any additional items for the next few years. Some suggested projects are included in the plan. They should review what needs to be done in the county on an annual basis. The comment period for the plan ends on December 5th. Any comments will be reviewed and final revisions will be made to the plan. The plan will be ready to adopt, likely by the first meeting in January. The intent then is to do regular reviews of the plan, keep a yearly tab on items that have been updated, add any new facilities and keep the plan updated.

Bryan Collier asked if there were any public comments. There were none. Bryan Collier made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale reconvened the Commissioner meeting.

BAKER TILLY AGREEMENTS

Josh Messmer stated that there are two agreements for approval from Baker Tilly. The first agreement is for the investment of bond proceeds as they work through the draw schedule for the upcoming projects. The second agreement is related to the BOT project and regards renewable energy tax credits. Both agreements are based on time used for the project. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve both agreements as presented. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

RATIFY AT&T AGREEMENT

Deb Verley stated that the county received a \$96,694.21 invoice from AT&T, which is over the total annual budget for phone service. Ms. Verley discovered that the contract expired for the phone lines and the renewal had been sent to another department. Joel Johnson, IT Director, was able to obtain a new contract and the \$96,694.21 invoice would be reduced to approximately \$2,146. Don Adams signed the contract in on November 1st in order to get the reduced rates in place as soon as possible. Bryan Collier made a motion to ratify the contract and not pay the \$96,694.21 invoice. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

PTO DONATION

Kenny Hale stated that there is an employee that had surgery and will soon be out of time. Employees have asked if they could donate time to the employee. Bryan Collier made a motion to allow the donation of time. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTERS - Parks

Kenny Hale stated that there are two transfer letters for the Parks and Recreation Department, one for fuel and utilities and one for the remaining balance on the pit toilet at Burkhart Creek Park and a golf cart at Old Town Waverly Park. Don Adams made a motion to submit the letters to Council. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTER

Kenny Hale stated that this transfer letter is to cover the copier costs and utilities for the remainder of the year. Don Adams made a motion to submit the transfer request to the Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams congratulated Kenny Hale on the recent election and gave kudos to Tammy Parker for her first election as clerk.

Mr. Adams stated that he was told that he needed to hear what Eric Bowlen, MSD of Martinsville Superintendent, at the meeting the 17th and it is on Facebook. Mr. Adams stated that Mr. Bowlen’s comments are worth listening to and encouraged people to listen.

Kenny Hale stated that Santa in the Park is coming up at Old Town Waverly Park on December 10th.

Bryan Collier thanked Tammy Parker and the election team for the smooth election. It takes a lot for someone to put their name on the ballot. Mr. Collier stated that his grandfather spent 362 days on the front line in World War II before he got shot; if he can do that, his family can stand in line every election and cast their vote. Mr. Collier thanked the citizens that allow him to be on the Board and to teach his kids that what grandpa did 80 years ago is why they vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Bryan Collier 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