

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES – 5/15/23

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE 2023-15 – *Rezone B2 to R1*

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that this rezone request is from Citizens Energy to rezone approximately 34.23 acres in Brown Township from B2 to R1. This was approved by a unanimous vote from the Plan Commission Board. They plan on platting the property into four lots for future home sites. Bryan Collier asked if there was concern regarding a road to the property. Ms. Parker stated that it wasn't a road, it was private access to the property. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 2-1. Kenny Hale was opposed.

ORDINANCE 2023-16 – *Rezone Ag to RR*

Ms. Parker stated that this rezone request is from 3 Loan LLC to rezone approximately 51 acres in Brown Township from Ag to RR. They plan on a 6-lot minor plat. This was approved with an 8 to 0 vote. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – *Morgan County Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary and Carol Bruner, Morgan County Health Department, requested approval of the BASE and CRI (Cities Readiness Initiative) grants totaling \$51,832. This grant provides funding for the emergency Preparedness Coordinator and also covers cell phone service, travel expenses, office supplies and other supplies and equipment as needed. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROPOSAL

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that they have been doing training with John Barrett with Legacy Business Consultants. Ms. Fry and Josh Messmer met with Mr. Barrett and planned a schedule for the rest of the year. They are working on a core values retreat to devise direction for further training. The proposal lists classes that are offered and a cost per employee, but does not obligate the county to pay a certain amount of money this year. Bryan Collier asked if they receive feedback from the participants. Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that they were a little skeptical going into it, but have had three sessions and employees stayed after the class and discussed the material and they have not seen that for other trainings. They have received positive feedback that is self-initiated and they had 95% of the class respond with only one derogatory comment. Ms. Fry stated that most of the items that are taught are also applicable to the employee's personal life. For example, three employees stated that they wish they'd had the conflict resolution class before they got their divorce. Don Adams made a motion to continue with the leadership training proposal through Legacy Business Consultants. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

SEWER COMP PLAN AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that the ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) Fund paid for a sewer plan study. The study committee reviewed the proposals and Banning Engineering was selected to provide the Wastewater Master Plan. The scope of services for Phase 1 includes creating a base map showing the location of active NPDES permits, utility service areas of each sewer utility, compiling an economic development analysis, establishing an implementation schedule and reviewing the existing wastewater systems study. Phase 2 will be developed after Phase 1 is completed. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement with Banning Engineering. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Bryan Collier stated that the county is doing great things with the water study, comprehensive

sewer study, UDO, etc. and people need to know where their taxes are going. This study should help municipalities as well as the county and the county needs to get their story out there.

ROAD NAME

Sandy Mosier, Morgan County Plan Commission, stated that it came to her attention that the state put up a road sign at Old Henderson Ford Road on a dead end. This is a little stub out off of Henderson Ford Road, Centennial and I-69. The Commissioners tabled naming the road in 2020 and the name has not been approved. Ms. Mosier is asking for approval so it can be listed in the County Road Index. At the time it was tabled, there was discussion regarding possible confusion with the Henderson Ford Road sign. At that time, Jack Rabbit Lane was suggested as an alternative name. Ms. Mosier encouraged anyone who wanted to submit road names to send them to her. Bryan Collier stated that for public safety purposes, it does cause confusion with similar road names. Kenny Hale stated that it is going against the 911 guidelines; there can be a road, then a lane, then a court, that gives public safety a general idea where the road is, but there should not be a third road. A dead end road should be a drive, court, or lane, not a road. Ms. Mosier stated that there are no houses on the road, but there could be development in the future. Mr. Adams stated that he wasn't crazy about Jack Rabbit, that was about like Bugtussle. The Board agreed that since the road sign is already up, no one is on it and it's a dead end, it isn't an issue. Don Adams made a motion to leave the name and sign as is. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-1. Bryan Collier was opposed because he liked Jack Rabbit and Bugtussle.

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Bryan Collier stated that as a perk to the employees and probably low production on Friday, July 5th and Monday, December 23rd, allowing a long weekend for employees is a nice perk. He did not have any disagreement from the Council. It is not a secret that budgets are super tight and it is Mr. Collier's opinion that this is a way to show appreciation to employees for all they do for the citizens of Morgan County. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Kenny Hale made a motion to submit the McIntyre and Rose tort claim to insurance. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Bryan Collier stated that the Board of Commissioners was honored a few evenings ago and he had the honor of representing the Board at the Kendrick Foundation and the county was given the Community Leadership Award for initiatives in addressing mental health. Mr. Collier stated that they realize that there are a lot of things happening in the county that can be very stressful for both employees and citizens and there are avenues and resources that people can reach out to for help.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, please call 988, the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, for help or go to <https://988lifeline.org/> for more resources.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Collier

Attest:

Don Adams

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale