

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 AT 9:30 A.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*

CLAIMS

Don Adams made a motion to approve the June 9 and 23, 2023 payroll claims of \$747,397.86 and \$719,140.25; PERF \$67,628.56 and \$65,559.36; FICA \$54,539.07 and \$52,369.08 and monthly claims of \$5,561,478.50. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 5/15/23

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2023 meeting and the June 20, 2023 workshop. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary and Michelle Dyer, Morgan County Health Department, were present to request approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Health Department and Adult and Child Services. The Health Department will cover 50% of the funding for a social worker at school districts in Martinsville, Mooresville and Monrovia to connect students with available services. Don Adams asked about other school districts using the services. Ms. Dyer stated that Eminence works with Centerstone and Indian Creek receives services through Johnson County. Kenny Hale stated that he would obtain a contact number for home school groups and made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT – *Board of Health*

Ms. LaFary stated that Dr. Porter resigned from the Board and a qualified applicant has applied. Don Adams stated that he read through the resume and made a motion to appoint Maria Catt. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE #2023-17 – *Credit Card*

Josh Messmer stated that one of the biggest complaints they receive from department heads is lack of access to the county credit card when needed. The Auditor's Office maintains one credit card. This proposed ordinance allows for a total of four cards. It also includes a section on misuse of the card. There is currently a card at the Sheriff's Office so this ordinance would allow two additional cards at the Auditor's Office. Mr. Messmer asked that the credit limit be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and suggested, since a name must be on the cards, that the Treasurer and a Commissioner be listed for the names. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the ordinance, increase the credit limit to \$20,000 and to use the Treasurer and a Commissioner for names on the cards. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TRUCK LEASE DOCUMENTS

Joe Forler, Morgan County Highway Department, requested approval of an order for a new dump truck to be built towards the end of the year for delivery next year. The truck has a central hydraulic system with a single joystick that lessens driver fatigue and has an anti-ice wiring configuration to spray wet brine to mix with the salt as they put it on the ground to help activate the salt. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Palmer Truck Agreement for the purchase of a tandem dump truck with a cost of \$228,505. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

BICENTENNIAL SIGN

Don Adams stated that the sign was not delivered in time to install for the county's Bicentennial event, but they need to get it installed. Mr. Adams suggested the north side of the Courthouse.

2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTERS

Josh Messmer stated that the first letter is to correct a shortfall for the Enterprise Lease. Instead of putting the gain for vehicle sales against the next lease, Enterprise issued a check. The second letter is to cover the Intera water study and Banning Engineering wastewater study from ARPA funds. Don Adams made a motion to approve the letters for submittal to the Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Kenny Hale made a motion to submit the Chaillaux and McFarland tort claims and the Parker Incident Claim to the insurance carrier. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Bracken, representing the Indiana Territory HOA, stated that Hoosier Energy is planning on going right through their neighborhood with a high voltage KVA line. They would like help from the Commissioners in getting the route relocated. It is comprised of 100 feet tall egg shaped towers coming within 100 feet of his home. There are alternate routes that are less destructive. After further discussion, the Board stated that they would look into the issue.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that the Morgan County Fair starts this week and it's a great time for everyone to get together.

Bryan Collier stated that his daughter's roommate, who lives in the state of Washington, was visiting and stated that she has never seen so much green. She stood in the middle of a cornfield for a photo, so she could send the picture back to her family. Mr. Collier stated that they are blessed to have a beautiful county and they need to protect it.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Bryan Collier

Attest:

Don Adams

Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

Kenny Hale