

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Bryan Collier*

**MINUTES** – 7/5/23

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

**BID OPENING** – *CCMG 2023-1*

Linda Pruitt opened paving bids as follows:

ROAD	WALLACE	E&B PAVING	MILESTONE
McDaniel Dr	\$28,298.50	\$30,846.80	\$22,574.00
Sichting Rd	140,167.76	125,230.84	118,273.50
Salem Rd	279,736.88	259,979.66	249,392.50
Country Club Rd	262,097.02	247,052.50	233,332.50
North Rd	86,091.28	83,137.60	78,338.00
Arend Rd	121,580.52	119,661.99	105,837.75
Hall Rd	54,824.80	57,611.96	48,165.25
Milhon S Dr	31,738.32	30,175.50	26,628.75
Gore Rd	306,843.33	293,010.20	267,886.50
Milhon W Dr	30,373.74	26,857.40	24,439.50
Milhon N Dr	29,183.78	29,500.30	26,812.25
Little Point Rd	307,373.42	298,852.16	273,534.00
Allman Dr	32,581.26	35,630.06	26,166.50
Woodland Dr	28,380.55	29,766.74	22,755.50
Woodland Ct	30,216.95	31,392.69	24,118.75
Hillside Pkwy	16,004.76	15,293.60	8,328.00
Totals	\$1,785,492.87	\$1,714,000.00	\$1,556,583.25

Bryan Collier mentioned that dump trucks tore up the road on Country Club during I-69 construction, the county fixed it and the state said that they would help with repairs at a later date. Mr. Collier asked that the Highway Department check into this.

Steve Jones, United Consulting, recommended that the low bid be accepted pending review of the bid. Kenny Hale made a motion to accept the low bid pending review of bid documents. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Don Adams made a motion to approve terminating an employee as discussed in the July 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Session. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**REDACTION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Linda Pruitt stated that this is a renewal of a current agreement with CSI. The agreement is for four years and the cost is \$7,280 per year. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**BANNING ENGINEERING AMENDMENT** – *Water Study*

Bryan Collier stated that this agreement is part of the overall water and sewer studies that the county is conducting and is being paid by ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act). Don Adams stated that the additional services, including analyzing the existing wastewater collection system, have a fixed fee of \$12,500. Don Adams made a motion to approve the amendment to the agreement with Banning Engineering. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Bryan Collier stated that the county is using some of the federal ARPA monies to study the county’s water and sewer systems to help guide and plan future economic growth.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTING AGREEMENT**

Linda Pruitt stated that this agreement is a renewal with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. They help the Auditor's Office with capital asset reporting and the annual report. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement with Peterson Consulting Services, Inc. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Bryan Collier introduced a letter of support for Stability First. Stability First is applying for grant funding to build a recovery residence to serve men in Morgan County. Kenny Hale stated that volunteers go into the jail and work with an inmate program to prepare for release. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the letter of support. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

## **MORGAN COUNTY RECYCLING DISCUSSION**

Erick Kivett, Morgan County Recycling Director, stated that they just finished at the fair. The Tox Away Day at Mooresville High School had an attendance of 596 vehicles. The next event will be October 21<sup>st</sup> at Martinsville High School.

Mr. Kivett handed out a photo of the Mooresville recycling site showing couches, clothing, a toilet and other non-recyclable items that were dumped under the sign stating that it was a recycle site. Mr. Kivett stated that the Martinsville site is often looking like this site. He has been in contact with the Morgan County Prosecutor and requested that the Board of Commissioners put an ordinance in place to address illegal dumping. Mr. Kivett also requested additional cameras at all the sites except Eminence. The cost to clean up the mess in the photo was \$800; \$575 just for the cost of the roll-off. There is a small amount in the budget, but not enough to keep up with the dumping that is continually occurring at the Mooresville site. Bryan Collier stated that he discussed the similar situation with Mayor Costin with the City of Martinsville, and they agreed to work together to help solve this issue within the city. Mr. Collier went from three full trash cans to one when his family started recycling. If the recycling program is discontinued, it will put additional costs back on to other entities if trash pick-up reverts back to several trash cans versus one per household. Kenny Hale noted that it is not just recycle sites; things are also dumped along roadsides. Mr. Collier stated that the problem needs to be addressed and asked if there were suggestions. Jim Wisco stated that this issue came up with the Prosecutor's Office in a different context, and they will be talking soon about the best manner to enforce ordinances generally. Mr. Kivett stated that they also have issues with the current vendor and overcharging on invoices. Last month included a \$14,000 overcharge, which will be credited. Mr. Kivett advertised for bids for the recycling sites and received one bid. The bid from Best Way listed the Mooresville, Martinsville, Morgantown and Brooklyn sites for \$225 per haul plus a \$50 fuel rate. An additional processing fee of \$80 per ton will also be assessed. There was no bid for Paragon and Eminence. Don Adams stated that Monroe County has manned sites and they might have to end up going that direction. Mr. Kivett stated that he has plans with Josh Messmer, County Administrator, to visit other counties to see their operations. Monroe has 47 employees, Hendricks has 20, Johnson has 3 or 4. Don Adams made a motion to table a decision and take the bid under advisement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Bryan Collier stated that the Board needs to decide on an amount for the settlement offer to HFTD Land Trust and the settlement form needs to be returned to the attorney. Don Adams made a motion to offer \$75,000. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Adams noted that there was also a blank for number of tri-axle loads of gravel and amended his motion to insert "0" for this amount. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ORDINANCE #2023-17 – Credit Cards**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-17 regarding credit cards. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **HOOSIER ENERGY**

Dave Bracken, Mike Meoak and Paul Straub were present regarding a powerline project with Hoosier Energy. Mr. Bracken stated that they were present a few weeks ago to ask for assistance regarding a powerline that Hoosier Energy plans on putting through their neighborhood and asked if the Board of Commissioners had any update. Don Adams stated that he had discussed the issue briefly with a former Hoosier Energy official and was told that they can't do anything unless they have an easement. Mr. Straub stated that there is already a powerline and they have some easements, but the line is planned in a different place. Jim Wisco stated that eminent domain is available to utility companies. Mr. Adams stated that the county really can't do much for them and suggested that the HOA obtain an attorney. Bryan Collier suggested that they contact all the property owners that will be impacted by the line and meet to discuss the issue; there's power in

numbers. Jim Wisco stated that he would be happy to meet with them to provide some attorney referrals.

**TORT / INCIDENT CLAIMS**

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

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Bryan Collier stated that a severe thunderstorm was headed towards the area.

Don Adams stated that he attended the Better Communities Coalition, along with Laura Parker and Josh Messmer. They have several good ideas and Mr. Adams suggested that they keep an eye on this group.

Mr. Adams stated that the fair concluded this weekend and he thought it was very successful, including the crowd that gathered at the Morgan County Correspondent booth. Mr. Adams is looking forward to having a county newspaper again.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Bryan Collier

Attest:

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Don Adams

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Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Kenny Hale