

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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*

MINUTES – 7/17/23

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

CLAIMS

Don Adams made a motion to approve the July 7, 21, and August 4, 2023 payroll claims of \$747,327.77, \$747,277.54 and \$736,936.71; Uniform \$28,600.00; PERF \$67,516.13, \$66,683.78 and \$65,744.28; \$3,203.20; FICA \$54,564.37, \$54,560.57 and \$53,560.57; \$2,188.16; and monthly claims of \$6,359,018.01. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

UNITED CONSULTING AGREEMENTS

Josh Messmer stated that the county has an on-call agreement with United Consulting; they do several different task orders. Before petitioning the City of Martinsville to officially close Mulberry Street, Task Order #15 is for an engineering study of six different intersections to make sure the serviceability is not affected.

The next agreement with United is for a reclassification of roadways that were impacted by I-69. Bryan Collier stated that the reclassification will help with future projects and future funding. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both Task Order #13 and #15. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT – *Harrison Township Fire District*

Kenny Hale stated that he is working on this but does not have a commitment from any potential appointees. Don Adams made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

INDIANA NETWORK FOR PATIENT CARE AGREEMENT – *Health Department*

Michelle Dyer, Morgan County Health Department, stated that this agreement between Regenstrief Institute, Inc., Indiana Health Information Exchange, Inc. and Morgan County allows the nurses at the Health Department to search for medical records without requesting records. Currently, the request can cause a delay of weeks. This program would begin in January and would be funded through the new health fund. Don Adams made a motion to proceed with the Indiana Patient Care Agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale noted that there were three agreements under this agreement and made a motion to approve the Indiana Network for Patient Care Subscription Agreement and Statement of Works for the Board of Health. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MORGAN COUNTY RECYCLING

Erick Kivett, Morgan County Recycling Director, stated that last month the Commissioners opened a bid for contractual services that was tabled. Since the last meeting, Mr. Kivett met with Jim Wisco to begin updating the Illegal Dumping Ordinance. Depending on how this ordinance is updated, he would like to work with the Highway Department on posting signs at each recycling site that contain the exact wording of the ordinance. Mr. Kivett estimated that security cameras at all sites would cost \$5,000. These cameras would be similar to the cameras on the floodgates. Mr. Kivett handed out a spreadsheet showing the current number of bins and cost (32bins at a cost of \$255,000.00) and a proposal for 2024 (31 bins at a cost of \$587,760.00). Don Adams stated that considering the population, the number of bins at Monrovia seems low. Mr. Kivett stated that they were not filling up the six bins (before they were asked to remove them) and proposed using 15 bins for Mooresville that would also serve Monrovia for 2024. Bryan Collier stated that costs have increased considerably and suggested holding a workshop to review the needs and costs of providing these services. Mr. Kivett stated that they are losing the locations at Paragon and Eminence. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the bid. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Bryan Collier stated that Norman Voyles and Brian Goss have requested that they be removed as advisors from the Fallen Officers Fund at the Community Foundation. This requires that two new advisors be appointed to take their place. Kenny Hale made a motion to accept the letter of resignation and appoint Bryan Collier and Don Adams. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTER

Kenny Hale made a motion to send the letter requesting a transfer of \$15,148.25 to the Council for approval. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TORNADO / FEMA UPDATE

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, stated that all of the paperwork for the March 31/April 1 tornado has been submitted and accepted by FEMA. When this event first occurred and they began damage assessments, all they had were damage assessment forms from 2008. Abby Worth made up damage assessment forms that they used to send into the state and to FEMA. These forms were approved for use. The state sent a hodgepodge of forms for use in obtaining salaries and reimbursement information, but these forms were not much help, Davey Skaggs, Abby Worth and Cole Eastman worked with the FEMA documents and Excel and created a whole new package. This was submitted to Indiana Department of Homeland Security and they approved the forms for use in all 92 counties. Jay County recently used the forms with Abby’s assistance. Kathy Halterman in the Auditor’s Office put together a form to document pay, benefits and hours for reimbursement and this was also incorporated into the forms. FEMA has presented an award to Morgan County EMA for their expertise in devising the forms for use by the state. Mr. Tumey thanked the EMA staff for their hard work and also thanked Erick Kivett for his handling of the debris management during this event. Bryan Collier stated that he is excited to hear that “little Morgan County” residents and employees are helping state and federal entities to revamp their means of collecting information; it is quite a complement when other counties for help.

Mr. Collier thanked Mr. Tumey and the EMA staff for their contribution and hard work, Mr. Tumey stated that the program with Vincennes University to provide interns (including Mr. Eastman) is a great program. They have had five interns and they have all been instrumental in moving the office forward. Mr. Tumey would like to see an agreement so that other departments could make use of this program. Mr. Tumey thanked Josh Messmer for his assistance.

Bryan Collier stated that at the recent EMA Advisory Board meeting, Mr. Tumey announced that he is not seeking to be reappointed as EMA Director and the successor will have big shoes to fill.

PURDUE EXTENSION

Rena Sheldon, Purdue Extension, introduced Amanda Fite, Health and Human Sciences Educator. Ms. Fite is from the Eminence area. It was then noted how many public officials were from the Eminence area. Ms. Sheldon stated that Luke Finney, also from Eminence, was in the 4-H Grand Drive at the state fair with his Yorkshire barrow pig.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Brian Collier stated that he was proud that other counties were looking towards Morgan County and they are making great strides.

Don Adams stated that the Morgan County Fair was successful and the Old Settlers event at Mooresville went well. Mr. Adams is also excited to see that the Morgan County Correspondent is working towards its first issue. He is very happy to see it coming together.

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