

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION
ON MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF KEENAN BLAIR, Morgan County EMS Director
PRAYER – *Don Adams*

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION

Steve Sonnega, Morgan County Prosecutor, was present to request approval of a two-year VOCA (Victims of Violent Crime Act) grant through the Indiana Criminal Justice System. Mr. Sonnega stated that the grant is for \$136,618.57 and there is no match requirement. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC APPRECIATION

Kevin Greene, Martinsville Fire Chief, was present to express his appreciation for the way the county came together during the recent death of EMS Director, Keenan Blair. Chief Greene stated that it was reassuring to see all three Commissioners and the outpouring of support from agencies not only in Morgan County, but the surrounding area. Chief Greene stated that Ben Purdy, EMS Deputy Director, has done an amazing job in stepping up and filling in. Chief Greene stated that they will need continued support and prayers and asked the public to show care for the EMS employees well-being if they see them out and about. The Board thanked Chief Greene for his leadership.

ARAMARK CONTRACT

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that Advanced Correctional Health Care, the firm the jail uses, has reached out to offer the services of their crisis intervention team and therapists.

The Aramark five-year contract for providing food service at the jail is coming up for renewal. There is a 90-day cancellation clause. Mr. Rogers has received a quote from another vendor and is waiting on the renewal quote from Aramark and one other firm. If they don't give notice to Aramark, the contract automatically renews for five years. Mr. Rogers stated that they would need to give notice now in order to meet the 90-day requirement. The attorney for the Sheriff's Department, Todd Smith, recommended giving the 90-day notice and if the county chose to go with the new proposal, they could re-engage with a new 5-year contract, but giving notice would allow them to choose a different firm if a lower quote was received. Don Adams made a motion to give 90-day notice. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Rogers asked that reviewing the food service quotes be on the May 16th agenda.

BOAT RAMP LEASE – PARK FEES

Kenny Hale stated that these topics will be on the next agenda. They would like to raise the vendor fee for the Old Town Waverly festival from \$10 to \$20, the food vendor fee from \$20 to \$40, and add a rental fee for the Wilbur Community Center.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER – Baker Tilly

Josh Messmer stated that this Engagement Letter is an appendix to the current agreement between Morgan County and Baker Tilly and adds to the scope of services that Baker Tilly will help with the ARPA reporting. This will be paid for time spent hourly and is not to exceed \$45,000. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter with Baker Tilly. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER CERTIFICATE TO CITY OF MARTINSVILLE

Josh Messmer stated that the City of Martinsville chose to accept the Tax Sale Certificate for the parcel on Southview Drive; Lot 31. The city would then need to go through the legal steps to obtain deed to the property. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners Transferring Certificate of Certain Real Property to the City of Martinsville. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-0-1. Bryan Collier abstained.

RESOLUTION DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITY OF INSURING COMPLIANCE

Josh Messmer stated that as the county goes through the ADA Transition Plan, there is a requirement that the county designate an ADA Coordinator. Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, has been fulfilling this requirement, and this resolution formalizes these duties by assigning the duties of ADA Coordinator, Title VI Coordinator, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Officer. Bryan

Collier made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

WAVERLY PARK ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he sent an email regarding the Waverly Park Road construction to the Board for review. Mr. Hinkle asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting. The phasing for this project has been changed due to some INDOT changes. Mr. Hinkle wants the project to begin this year, but does not want to compound traffic issues in the area with a paving project. Once this project has bid, they will know what's left in the budget for the rest of the year. Kenny Hale stated that if they would obtain extra right of way when these road projects are constructed, it would be easier to put in a greenway trail. Mr. Hinkle stated that they could put that into a long-term plan going forward. The coring for the road has been done and the concrete is in good shape. The project should last approximately 2-1/2 weeks and will start at the intersection of SR 144 for approximately 5 miles. They will plan around the Waverly Festival in September.

LPA CONTRACTS

Mr. Hinkle stated that Wallace and E&B have signed their paving contracts. The Notice to Proceed has been issued. Don Adams made a motion to approve both contracts. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Mr. Hinkle presented three RFPs, Bridge #112, Bridge #107, and Bridge #188 and requested approval to advertise for bids. Mr. Hinkle stated that the state has approved nearly \$5.5 million in matching funds for construction. Bryan Collier made a motion to advertise for bids for the three bridges. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hinkle noted that he will meet with Commissioner Adams next week to discuss small structures and with Commissioner Collier to discuss interlocal agreements.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT DISCUSSION

Kenny Hale stated that according to IC 13-21-3-1, it looks like the process to bring the Solid Waste District into a county department starts with the Council. Jim Wisco stated that he is looking into this.

RESIGNATION LETTER / APPOINTMENT

Kenny Hale stated that the Commissioners' appointment to the IU Health Foundation Board, Carole Kinder, submitted a letter of resignation and suggested Julie Minton as a replacement. Don Adams made a motion to accept the letter of resignation and appoint Julie Minton. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier pending acceptance by Ms. Minton. Motion carried 3-0.

ARPA APPOINTMENTS

Josh Messmer stated that he has made contact with all four of the Commissioners' appointees for the ARPA Committee and all have accepted: Lisa Arnold, Zach Overton, Treg Hopkins, and Jenna Bennett. The Council has three appointments to make. When all appointments have been made, Mr. Messmer will reach out on the county's behalf to set a meeting. Don Adams made a motion to appoint the committee members as named. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Kenny Hale stated that the additional appropriation request for \$20,000 is for Old Town Waverly Park for the estimated appraised value of property at the park that will be acquired through court proceedings. Bryan Collier made a motion to submit the request to the Council. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Bastin stated that the additional appropriation of \$1,015,000 for the BOT project has already been approved by the Council; the Board of Commissioners just needs to sign the letter.

REQUEST TO USE SPACE OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE

McKinzi Skillman, RD Productions, was present to request the use of the Courthouse Square on May 10th at 6:30 pm for a promotional video for the June 18th Morgan County Fair pre-concert. They will have a flash mob and a drone filming. Don Adams asked about the liability insurance. Ms. Skillman stated that she would look into that. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request pending proof of liability insurance. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK RESERVATION

Kenny Hale stated that he does not typically bring park applications before the Board for approval, but the application for a girl scout troop to have a 5K run on May 30th at Burkhart Creek has requested that the fee be waived. They have done this in the past for other non-profit groups. Don Adams made motion to approve the request and waive the fee. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT

Dan Bastin presented the April 15th report of the Redevelopment Commission for 2021. The report has been submitted to DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) and County Council.

COMMENT

Cecelia Krefft, a Morgan County resident, stated that 2,615 is 5% of the registered voters in Morgan County. This is the number of signatures she intends to submit, according to law, as a remonstrance against the preliminary determination regarding the bond that was discussed at the last Council meeting. Ms. Krefft stated that they want to preserve the historic Courthouse and maybe add a third story to the Administration Building to house Court Services. They will submit this prior to May 6th.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that the Bicentennial Committee will have several items for sale at Keller Office Supply and other places. There is a mug with a design by Steve Dodge, a water bottle with the same design, a tote bag, medallions and there will be a special medallion available at a black tie dinner to be held in September.

Kenny Hale stated that FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference) will be next Monday and Tuesday. They will be bringing buses of firefighters from all over the US and the world.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Adams 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