

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 AT 9:30 A.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

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the April 8, 14 and 29, 2022 payroll of \$24,239.31 (EMS), \$685,555.66 and \$728,613.29; PERF \$2,714.80 (EMS), \$61,396.17 and \$64,702.32; FICA \$1,854.29 (EMS) \$49,837.16 and \$55,106.14; and monthly claims of \$1,630,281.36. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION TO LOAN PERSONAL PROPERTY

Don Adams stated that this resolution is to loan items to the Morgan County Museum and History Center. The items have not been identified and are not yet listed in the resolution. Mr. Adams made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

BOAT RAMP LEASE / PARK FEES / BULK USER AGREEMENT / CHAPTER 34 EMA

Kenny Hale stated that Mr. Wisco has been working on this lease and it will be presented at the next meeting. DNR and Fish and Wildlife have obtained permits and met two of the three requirements. They still need SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) approval. All the documents have been completed for the transfer of the property to the county. The lease would be with the state for 100 years.

Mr. Wisco is working on an ordinance to update the park fees but it is not completed.

Kenny Hale stated that Mr. Wisco is also working on the Bulk User Agreement and an update to amend Chapter 34 of the ordinances regarding EMA but these documents are not yet ready. Bryan Collier noted that two of these items have been on the agenda for several months and asked if there is something they are waiting on. Josh Messmer stated that for the amendment to Chapter 34, state code has been changed and the ordinance needs to be updated. The bulk user agreement regards complaints from some national firms and a handful of counties have changed their agreements. Mr. Wisco felt that the county should make some changes in order to be in compliance with code, but Mr. Wisco needs to discuss this with Jana Gray, Morgan County Recorder.

Don Adams made a motion to table the four items discussed. Kenny Hale stated that he would work with Mr. Wisco to get these four items ready and seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, stated that they have been given a \$1,000 grant from the state for completing the Annual Local Health Department Survey. Don Adams made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

BOND ORDINANCE 2022-9

Josh Messmer stated that Section 5 of the Ordinance approves the ordinance and part of the ordinance is the affirmation of an additional appropriation. Bonds will be issued in early June. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve Bond Ordinance 2022-9 and to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

WAVERLY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Tony Hinkle stated that they discussed the Waverly road reconstruction at a previous meeting and requested approval to advertise for bids. Construction should be complete by September 15th so it will be done by the Old Town Waverly Festival. Bryan Collier made a motion to proceed with the project. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

SOLID WASTE DISTRICT DISCUSSION

Jim Wisco stated that he has researched dissolving the Solid Waste District and creating a department under the Board of Commissioners. This change would initiate with the Council and he will have a resolution prepared for the June meeting. Don Adams made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT

This appointment regards the Citizens Energy Group Service Advisory Board. Glen Miller is the current appointment and he will be retiring. Scott Youmans was recommended as a replacement. Kenny Hale stated that he would like to vet candidates before acting on this this appointment.

TORT CLAIM

Bryan Collier made a motion to submit the Noonan tort claim notice to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE SPACE OUTSIDE COURTHOUSE

Charles Taylor and Rebecca Gardner were present to request approval to use the Courthouse Square for a community hiring event. Mr. Gardner stated that they are located in Morgantown and would like to have a continuous event on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 4 to 8 pm. They are looking for unique entrepreneurs that want to give back to the community. They will have games, music, and a food truck or two. Mr. Taylor stated that he values giving back to the community and want to generate community involvement. They also work with Churches in Mission, Morgan County Fair, and Fall Foliage Festival. Bryan Collier stated that they have other events on the square and they could not commit to every second and third or fourth Saturday. Ms. Gardner stated that they also plan on doing a raffle and donating the proceeds to a community member. Don Adams stated that he did not want to encroach on other events and appreciated their willingness to be flexible. Mr. Adams also mentioned the possibility of connecting with the farmer’s market. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request for May pending receipt of liability insurance. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that the History Partnership dinner went well and he appreciated their support of the Morgan County Museum and History Center. The Bicentennial Committee is working with the Leadership Academy to create “pocket tours” a tour using cell phones to tour historic sites later this summer. Kenny Hale stated that the FDIC) Fire Department Instructors Conference was back for the fourth year and he thanked them for doing their training in Morgan County. Mr. Hale noted that Journey Indiana did a segment on the Morgan County Museum and History Center that aired on Sunday. They will be at Old Town Waverly Park on May 14th and will feature the blacksmithing program. Mr. Adams stated that Duke Energy, First Lady Janet Holcomb, Josh Messmer, County Administrator, and his family, Commissioner Hale and himself were planting trees at Ravinia Woods last week.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Bryan Collier

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams