

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the May 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

JAIL UPDATE

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that the sewer lines in the kitchen area have collapsed and the kitchen is shut down. They are digging a 40' long by 3' wide trench to fix the main line. This will be a temporary fix in order to get the kitchen operational. The laundry area is still shut down in the older area of the jail. They are able to use the laundry area in the newer area of the jail. Mr. Rogers requested approval to engage DLZ to perform a study on the sewer lines. They had budgeted money to replace door locks, but have not been able to replace the locks due to availability issues; so they will be able to use these funds for the study. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the sewer line evaluation by DLZ. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

INCARCERATED OFFENDER AGREEMENT

Mr. Rogers stated that this agreement was originally in 2016. House Bill 1269 was changed and addressed Medicaid and obligations that are statutorily required. The contract outlines that Medicaid will be filed for all offenders in the jail facility at no cost to the county through a partnership with the Hamilton Center. The agreement just reaffirms the statutory requirement. This agreement also provides discounted hospitalization rates should an inmate require a 24-hour stay. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Rogers noted that the agreement will be sent electronically for signature. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Rogers stated that the food service contract was submitted, but only one tier of pricing was listed. He will forward the complete quote as soon as he receives it.

PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Josh Messmer stated that last year, the property insurance renewal from Liberty Insurance was \$903,154. The county has been very happy with the coverage from Travelers, but the quote came in at over \$1 million. The savings to taxpayers was too much not to make the switch. It has not gone as smoothly as the experience with Travelers. The quote from Travelers came in this year at \$926,579 and Liberty was \$965,374. Making the switch to Travelers would be a 2% increase over last year. Travelers would not lock in a percentage that it could be increased next year, but they did say they wanted to work with the county. Mr. Messmer recommended that the quote from Travelers be accepted. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the quote from Travelers. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

DNR BOAT RAMP LEASE

Kenny Hale stated that this item regards a boat ramp planned at Old Town Waverly Park. Mr. Hale is working with a surveyor to obtain a legal description for the property and should have that in a week or two. Mr. Hale is meeting with representatives from Fish and Wildlife and DNR tomorrow. Dan Adams made a motion to table the item until the legal description is complete. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK FEES

Kenny Hale stated that he has been working with Jim Wisco, Morgan County Attorney, in changing the vendor fees for the Old Town Waverly Park Festival from \$10 to \$20 for the arts and crafts vendors and \$20 to \$40 for food vendors. The hay ride will be \$3, up from \$2 last year. The ordinance is not ready and Mr. Wisco was not present. Don Adams made a motion to table the item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Annual Report is submitted to the state and outlines expenditures, wins and losses. It is due June 1st. Bryan Collier asked if the

Council also received a copy. Mr. Hinkle stated that he would include one in his binder to the Council. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the Annual Operation Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges as presented. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SAFETY MANUAL UPDATE

Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that this is part of the restructuring at the Highway Department. This manual will be handed out to the new hires. Steve Brock has worked with Mr. Collinsworth and it is not meant to undermine the employee handbook; it is secondary to the handbook. If there is a conflict, the handbook takes precedence over the safety manual. Mr. Collinsworth stated that they would add a statement to the title page that the Employee Handbook supersedes the manual. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Safety Manual with the addition of the statement that the Employee Handbook supersedes the manual in case of a conflict. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

I-69 ROAD TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Tony Hinkle stated that the state has turned the roads over to the county and submitted a letter. Mr. Hinkle stated that he and Mr. Collinsworth will verify that the punch list of incomplete items has been completed and that they agree with everything on the list.

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. Don Adams made a motion to appoint Scott Youmans. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

INCIDENT CLAIMS / TORT CLAIM

Bryan Collier made a motion to submit the West tort claim notice and Holtsclaw, Wood, and Schrader incident claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Josh Messmer stated that this additional appropriation is for the land acquisition at Old Town Waverly Park. The actual numbers for the cost of the property and appraiser fees were not available earlier and the Commissioners requested an estimated amount of \$20,000; which the Council approved at their last meeting. The final numbers are in and the appraisal fees from the court are \$3,000 more than the requested amount. Don Adams made a motion to approve the letter and send it to the Council for approval. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that the new medallions are in and are available at the Morgan County Museum and History Center. The Morgan County Leadership Academy is working on the pocket tours. (A tour using cell phones to tour historic sites later this summer.) There will be a black tie event in September. Mr. Hale noted that Journey Indiana was at Old Town Waverly Park to do a segment on blacksmithing. They will be back to film the 4-H blacksmithing, Old Town Waverly Festival, and tinsmithing.

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