

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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 May 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the May 13 and 27, 2022 payroll of \$721,401.32 and \$696,464.39; PERF \$64,304.91 and \$62,798.22; FICA \$52,544.36 and \$50,623.03; and monthly claims of \$3,565,349.09. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**CITY OF MARTINSVILLE – Wastewater Improvement Discussion**

Gary Oakes, Martinsville Director of Planning & Engineering, stated that they are working with ARA for an OCRA Grant for wastewater improvements in the northwest part of the city. They plan to re-line sewer pipes and reduce the volume for treatment at the sewer plant by 7 to 8%. This would in turn benefit the entire county. Mr. Oakes asked for support from the county in obtaining the grant. Bryan Collier made a motion to support the City of Martinsville in their request of a grant from OCRA. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**EMA GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Mark Tumey, EMA Director, was present to request approval of two grants through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. One grant is for \$150,000 that will be used to link Morgan County government buildings together through fiber that would allow a central distribution point. This would allow for extra cyber security. The other grant is for a badging/controlled access system at the Courthouse. Don Adams made a motion to approve the two grant applications. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**COMMUNITY CROSSINGS**

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the \$700,000 in Community Crossings Grant funds has already been awarded. He would like to advertise for bids for paving to be opened on the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**BRIDGE #52**

Mr. Hinkle requested approval of a bridge inspection contract with United Engineering for Bridge #52 on Egbert Road. This is an LPA project and will have an 80/20% match from the state. Letting for this bridge will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Don Adams made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**BRIDGE #75**

Mr. Hinkle stated that Bridge #75 is an LPA project that will be constructed this year. There are some supplements for the contract. The designer exceeded time due to some constituent issues and there were some environmental impacts. Construction will begin July 11<sup>th</sup>. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve supplemental agreements 2, 3, and 4. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**WAVERLY ROAD**

Tony Hinkle stated that there were two bids for paving Waverly Road and opened bids as follows: Milestone - \$1,593,308.00; Grady Bros - \$1,793,363.00. Mr. Hinkle will review the bids and request approval at the next meeting. (June 21<sup>st</sup>.)

**FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT**

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that he received three quotes for the food service contract, which expires at the end of July. Mr. Rogers recommended the quote from Kellwell as they do not automatically issue a CPI (Consumer Price Index) increase every year and will negotiate. The new Aramark proposal also includes an automatic CPI increase. Trinity was the most expensive of the quotes. They included a \$100,000 capital improvement option, but Mr.

Rogers was not able to get a response on how this would work. The jail currently uses Kellwell for commissary items. Don Adams made a motion to proceed with Kellwell. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **RESOLUTION TO LOAN PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Kenny Hale stated that there are two items that will be loaned to the Morgan County History Center and Museum an Old Hickory chaise lounge and a double bench. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Certain Personal Property Owned and Held by the County to be Loaned to the Morgan County History Museum. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Josh Messmer stated that the Commissioners met in Executive Session with an attorney to help with the process of removing buffer zones. The attorney presented a timeline so Mr. Messmer, Laura Parker and a Commissioner can work with municipalities in moving forward. All entities have used the same firm to draft their comprehensive plan and they want to make sure that important items are included. Once the timeline is approved, the public will be informed. Kenny Hale stated that they need to make sure they have a good contact person with each entity. Don Adams stated that he liked the timeline because it allowed for collaboration between the entities. Bryan Collier stated that it would behoove them to have an open meeting with all entities before formal adoption. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the timeline. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Loren Moore, Monrovia Town Council, asked if he would be able to get a copy of the timeline. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TAFT ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

Josh Messmer stated that this engagement letter with Taft to represent the county with ARPA issues, is similar to the letter they did with Baker Tilly. The hourly fee ranges from \$140 to \$800 per hour and is not to exceed \$45,000 for the year. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the engagement letter with Taft. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **EMS CLINICAL AFFILIATION LETTER**

Ben Purdy, Acting EMS Director, was present to request approval of a Clinical Affiliation Agreement between Morgan County EMS and the School of EMS. Bryan Collier stated that he would like to ensure that the students have a support system through the school so students can reach out if they see something that bothers them. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

### **COVID-19 AFTER ACTION REPORT**

Steve Lyday, Morgan County Health Preparedness Coordinator, stated that he sent out a COVID19 After Action Report earlier and this report is submitted to the state. The high point is that departments and entities worked well together. The Council approving funds early on was a game changer. They need to improve on communication from a public information standpoint and the state could also improve communication; Mr. Lyday was getting information from WTHR Channel 13 news. Don Adams stated that he was glad that it was behind them. Bryan Collier stated that all things considered, things flowed well. Mr. Lyday stated that it was a group effort.

### **DNR BOAT RAMP LEASE** – *Old Town Waverly Park*

Kenny Hale stated that the festival committee shuts the streets down in the park for safety reasons and the lease for the boat ramp states that access must be available 24/7 365. Mr. Hale stated that the park would need to fill out a special event application and since it is a safety concern, it should be approved. They are still waiting on the legal description. DNR has obtained all their permits and is ready to begin construction the last week of July.

### **PARK FEES**

Jim Wisco stated that the ordinance that is currently in place will be amended to incorporate various fees that the parks department charges for rentals as well as vendor fees for the festival. This item will be on the next agenda.

### **REQUEST TO USE SADLER ROOM**

Kenny Hale stated that he has requested the use of the Sadler Room for a celebration of life service on August 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be approximately 40 to 80 people attending. Don Adams made a motion to approve the use of the room. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT**

Kenny Hale stated that Shane Alexander resigned from the Monroe Township Fire District Board and they suggested Rex Morley to fill the position. Mr. Hale noted that he is the Brown Township Fire Chief. Don Adams made a motion to approve the appointment. Motion seconded by Kenny

Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Don Adams stated that Keller’s Office Supply is selling bicentennial items and they are looking for a Mooresville vendor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Kenny Hale

Attest:

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Bryan Collier

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams