

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION  
ON MONDAY, JUNE 21, 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

PRAYER – *Don Adams*

**MINUTES**

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**BID RESULTS**

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the bids for the Waverly Road paving project came in higher than expected and he has requested Council approval of the financing. Mr. Hinkle asked that they table the award until after the July Council meeting. Bryan Collier made a motion to table action on this item. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**BRIDGE #52**

Mr. Hinkle stated that Bridge #52 is an LPA project and signing the cover sheet is the last item to accomplish before it's ready for INDOT. Letting will be September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**BOTTOM ROAD**

Mr. Hinkle stated that they will need a second appraisal and asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Don Adams made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**BOARD OF HEALTH MOU**

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, stated that the Health Department nurses are working with Adult and Child Services to supply a social worker to the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville. They asked all school districts in the county if they would be interested and MSD was the only one to respond. This state grant will pay the salary and benefits for one year. Ms. LaFary stated that services will be provided for the family as well as the child. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Morgan County Health Department and Adult and Child Health for Grant Funded Behavioral Health Program. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**TITLE IV-E**

Dan Bastin stated that this grant is available to pay the expenses of public defense attorneys for Title IV-E and child support. The courts have the latitude to establish the rules on how this grant is used and the county is reimbursed 40%. Circuit Court manages the contracts for the Title IV-D public defenders. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the grant agreement between the Indiana Public Defender Commission and Morgan County. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FENCE & CONCRETE QUOTES**

Kenny Hale stated that a quote was received for the Morgan County Solid Waste District to demo the concrete, backfill, seed and straw and install a new fence. Another quote was received, to relocate a fence for a different project. Eric Kivett, Morgan County Solid Waste Director, was not present to address questions. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the quotes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**PERFECTION GROUP**

Kenny Hale stated that the Board of Commissioners received a letter stating that the Measurement and Verification (M&V) Program is complete. According to the seven year study, Morgan County has realized a \$473,100 in savings. An annual report is still required to be sent to the state for the next 13 years. The letter provides two options: stipulate the remainder of the guaranteed savings for the next 13 years at no cost, or extend the Measurement and Verification Program for \$7,500. Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that the jail pays \$2,000 a year for the study through Perfection Group that tracks the energy savings. Mr. Rogers stated that he is not a fan of the program and believes it to be a waste of money. There are over 200 toilets in the jail, but water saving flush valves were only installed on three. Josh Messmer stated that they are getting ready to overhaul the buildings and the study would then become moot. Bryan Collier made a motion to stipulate the remainder of the guaranteed savings at no cost. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**HILLDALE CEMETERY LEGAL DRAIN**

Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, stated that he received the MOU from the state. They will pay

to dredge from Mahalasville to Artesian Ave. The funds will come to the Board of Commissioners instead of the Drainage Board. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the MOU between the Indiana Department of Transportation and Morgan County. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**DETERMINATION OF EXCESS ASSESSED VALUE - RDC**

Dan Bastin stated that the Determination of Excess Value needs no action, just acknowledgement that the Board has received it. There is no excess value and the RDC will capture all the value.

**RESOLUTION TO DOSPOSE OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE**

Jim Wisco stated that this resolution was approved at a prior meeting in 2021 and regards property near Mooresville that was to be sold to American Water. Some notice requirements needed corrected and now the process is starting over. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Real Estate. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**EARTH REMOVAL ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST**

Terry Brock stated that Milestone has requested a variance from Section 7 of the Earth Removal Ordinance regarding hours of operation. The ordinance states that the hours of operation will be 7 am to 8:30 pm on weekdays and 8 am to 7 pm on weekends and holidays. Mr. Brock stated that the two complaints his office receives the most are mud on the road and hours of operation. Ryan Whitaker, Milestone, stated that they are working with INDOT on Section 6 of I-69 from Fairview Road to I-465. They have 150,000 tons of material stockpiled on Smokey Row Road to haul out, and for safety reasons, would like to do this from 7 pm to 7 am. This would avoid the traffic congestion at 144 and I-69 /SR 37. There would be a loader filling 250 trucks for 20 to 30 days. Tony Hinkle stated that he would like to video the condition of the road before this project begins. Mr. Whitaker stated that they would insure any track out is cleaned up. After further discussion, Bryan Collier made a motion, due to safety reasons, to give temporary approval until August 1<sup>st</sup> for Milestone to haul during the evening hours with a “gentleman’s agreement” that Milestone would repair any damage to the road. Mr. Whitaker noted that this would exclude Sundays. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**HOSPITAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Kenny Hale stated that the Board does not make an appointment to the IU Morgan Hospital Foundation Board, but has an appointment to the nominating committee. Mr. Hale suggested appointing Josh Messmer or Deb Verley to the committee. Don Adams made a motion to appoint Deb Verley to the IU Health Morgan Foundation Nominating Committee. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Kenny Hale stated that he is still waiting on the legal description for the boat ramp area.

**PARK FEES**

Jim Wisco stated that he updated the existing ordinance pertaining to park fees by adding festival fees and rental fees. Don Adams made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 35.48 of the Morgan County Code of Ordinances Concerning Certain Fees at Morgan County Parks. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Don Adams stated that the Farm Machinery Show would be at the Morgan County Fairgrounds Saturday. The bicentennial booth will be selling items and items are also now available at Bran ‘n Shorts in Mooresville. Kenny Hale stated that the monument restoration will begin next week at the Courthouse.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bryan Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. 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