

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 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

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0. Don Adams made a motion to approve the June 21, 2022 joint Commissioner/Council meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 2-0-1. Mr. Hale abstained as he was not able to attend the meeting.

CLAIMS

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the June 10 and 24, 2022 payroll of \$720,779.24 and \$707,910.55; PERF \$65,070.16 and \$63,711.92; FICA \$52,440.76 and \$51,464.30; and monthly claims of \$2,457,571.24. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

BID OPENING

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that these roads will be for paving in 2023 and opened bids as follows:

Dist - Project	ROAD	WALLACE	GRADY BROS	HOWARD COMPANIES	E&B PAVING	MIDWEST PAVING	MILESTONE
1-1	Centennial Rd.	\$349,004.60	\$330,224.25	\$335,686.26	\$289,074.12	\$403,237.33	\$302,670.00
1-24	Hinson Rd.	296,160.27	287,123.25	288,317.70	243,996.80	358,867.50	259,735.00
2-5	Wellman Rd.	195,044.48	191,214.25	183,197.10	160,653.56	217,675.63	164,407.00
2-12	W. Arend Rd. (CR 500)	252,493.14	237,479.75	233,965.50	206,826.34	278,956.07	210,410.50
3-3	Maple Dr.	24,630.52	45,636.75	23,503.20	23,124.96	30,987.68	19,594.00
3-5	Highland Rd.	25,310.24	46,800.25	24,818.70	24,216.92	32,008.45	20,689.00
3-9	Big Bend Rd.	63,112.34	83,145.75	64,683.20	59,409.44	80,606.10	57,330.00
3-11	Mallory Rd.	77,428.72	89,536.75	71,706.30	64,722.14	83,791.93	63,243.50
3-15	Bethel Rd.	266,385.78	252,165.75	250,078.08	213,592.84	289,344.11	225,023.00
3-16	Bingham Rd.	56,749.14	79,476.25	60,653.10	49,794.85	74,782.52	53,693.00
3-18	Dayhuff Rd.	132,497.80	152,499.75	140,700.60	120,330.76	165,834.55	125,848.00
3-20	Old SR 144	118,870.61	127,145.50	112,959.24	97,668.01	134,141.54	100,613.75
3-23	Johnson Rd.	41,531.78	64,541.75	42,573.40	51,589.26	51,552.50	40,848.00
TOTAL		\$1,899,219.42	\$1,986,990.00	\$1,832,842.38	\$1,605,000.00	\$2,201,785.93	\$1,644,104.75

Mr. Hinkle stated that he would review the bids and report back at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CENTRAL INDIANA CEDS

Rose Scovel and Anna Gremling, Indianapolis Metropolitan Organization, were present to request approval of a Resolution of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners supporting the Central Indiana Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Ms. Scovel outlined how the county has been involved and the timeline for the plan. The resolution includes approval of the CEDS dated June 2022, support for submission to the EDA, affirmation that the strategy supports local economic development efforts, agree to collaborate with MPO when making an application to EDA for funding, and will appoint a representative to an exploratory committee that will consider central Indiana becoming an economic development district. Don Adams made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – PETITION TO VACATE – Ordinance #2022-11

Dale Coffey, representing Shawn Cook and James Tout, stated that his clients own several lots in the Patton Park area and have submitted a petition to vacate easements that were originally platted when the

R. R. Kinton Subdivision was platted. The easements were not constructed and there is not a passable way through the easements. The surrounding land owners are Mr. Cook and Mr. Tout. Mr. Coffey prepared an ordinance for consideration by the Commissioners. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0. Bryan Collier made a motion to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PUD ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that last month the Plan Commission heard a request to amend the PUD (Planned Unit Development) for the Enclave at Heartland Crossing. The request received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. Adam Mears with Gradison Development was present to answer any questions. Don Adams made a motion to approve the PUD ordinance and waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION - EMA

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, stated that there is a \$20,000 grant available through the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for Hazardous Materials. They would like to combine this with another grant that EMA received for the commodity flow study. They would work with the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) in linking their Tier 2 reports that show what hazardous materials are at what businesses within the county, to the commodity flow study, and give this information to the fire departments to put on their MDTs (Mobile Data Terminals). They can bring this information up when they respond to an incident and it will tell them what hazardous materials are on site. This can also be an overlay on GIS mapping. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – Health Department

Steve Lyday, Morgan County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, requested approval of a \$25,000 base and \$24,758 CRI (Cities Readiness Initiative) grant through the Indiana Department of Health. These funds will be used for the salary and benefits for Mr. Lyday's position as well as other supplies and equipment. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE #2022-10 – Park Fees – second reading

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 35.48 or the Morgan County Code of Ordinances Concerning Certain Fees at Morgan County Parks on second reading. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

BOAT RAMP LEASE - Old Town Waverly Park

Kenny Hale stated that the legal description has been completed for this item and has been added to the lease. Don Adams mentioned his concern with having the boat ramp accessible during park events. Jim Wisco stated that there is an MOU that regards this situation, but it is not ready yet for approval. Don Adams made a motion to approve the 100 year lease. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Jim Wisco stated that this item is not ready. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the item. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION – ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 43 OF ORDINANCES

Mr. Wisco asked that this item be tabled. Don Adams made a motion to table the item. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

DLZ AGREEMENT

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, was present to request approval of an agreement with DLZ for a study of the plumbing in the jail facility. The amount of the study is \$11,000. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

WAVERLY ROAD BID RESULTS

Tony Hinkle stated that he has been working with Dan Bastin regarding the funding for the Waverly Road bids. The bids were higher than expected, but funds are available if the Council approves a transfer. Milestone was the low bidder. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the bid from Milestone pending approval of the Council transfer. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

BOTTOM ROAD

Mr. Hinkle stated that he is still awaiting the second appraisal for this item. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Kenny Hale stated that Bruce McKee, Taps on the Square, requested that the parking on the Courthouse Square be closed from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for the 500th playing of taps. They expect a lot of people for the event. Bryan Collier made a motion to close the west side loop on the square on July 22nd. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Bryan Collier made a motion to forward the Berry tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTERS

Kenny Hale stated that there are two transfer letters for approval; one for the Parks and Recreation Department and one for the Commissioners. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve both letters as presented. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that he appreciates the attendance at the meeting. Green Township will have an on Saturday July 16th regarding historic barns in the county. Information can be found here: <https://www.indianabarns.org/>

Kenny Hale noted that Daniel Elliott, former county Council member won the nomination to run for State Treasurer at the State Republican Party Convention.

COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Kenny Hale stated that at a previous meeting, Charles Taylor was given permission to use the Courthouse Square in May for a community event. It has been brought to Mr. Hale’s attention that this event is continuing and has been described as a promotional event for a business. Mr. Hale suggested that contact be made with Mr. Taylor to remind him that permission was only granted for May.

CORONER REPORT

Mike Ellis, Morgan County Coroner, handed out information for the second quarter. Mr. Ellis thanked EMS, law enforcement, and fire department personnel for their dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

Bryan Collier 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