

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 18, 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 – *Scout Troop 219*

PRAYER – *Kenny Hale*

INTRODUCTIONS

Terry Boyer, scoutmaster, and the scouts introduced themselves.

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the July 5, 2022 Commissioner meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the agreement that was discussed in the Executive Session. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MOU – White River Alliance

Josh Messmer stated that White River Alliance has an art exhibition in several locations around the state that involves painted canoes. This MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) coordinates the location and provides insurance. Kenny Hale stated that the canoes are painted by local artists and this will be the 13 one installed. The temporary location will be at the trailhead at the parking lot. When DNR completes the boat ramp, it will be installed there and DNR will relocate it. Don Adams made a motion to approve the MOU. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF REAL ESTATE

Kenny Hale stated that this item regards property that American Water proposes to purchase. Jim Wisco stated that there is a discrepancy in the legal descriptions that he is trying to resolve and asked that the item be tabled. Don Adams made a motion to table. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – Sheriff's Department

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, requested approval of a \$55,000 Click It to Live It grant application. This grant is through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and will be used to pay officers overtime during off-duty hours for six different blitz periods throughout the fiscal year. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Sheriff Myers stated that an employee retired and the person they hired as a replacement has been installing lights, sirens and other equipment for law enforcement for many years. This is done on a limited basis, but he wanted to make sure there was no question and the form was on file. Bryan Collier made a motion to accept the Conflict of Interest disclosure. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

UKG AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that after several months of negotiation with UKG, they have agreed not to charge the county for modules that are not being used that were originally selected. They have issued several credit memos and this agreement amends the original contract. Jim Wisco stated that he has reviewed the agreement and is comfortable with it. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BURKHART CREEK RESTROOM QUOTES

Kenny Hale stated that he requested a quote for pit toilets from several vendors (Shawn Anderson Builders, INMOD, Doug Gearhart, Abel Construction and Lane Slaughter), and received two quotes: Abel Construction \$127,754 and INMOD \$57,646 less \$2,095 for a crane. The quote from INMOD is a refurbished shipping container with skylights. They have made apartments, jails, offices, classrooms, and living units. Mr. Hale stated that the state forestry averages \$120,000 for a one piece concrete unit and they must still dig the hole and pay for a crane to set the unit. The shipping container will require that the current cement pad be modified to meet the set-back requirements, but they would not need a crane. They budgeted \$50,000 for this in the Park & Recreation budget. They would need a transfer of \$6,000 in order to cover the cost. Mr. Hale has pictures that would show a finished unit. Commissioners Collier and Adams stated that they would like to see the finished unit before making a decision. Bryan Collier made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

HISTORIC MARKER

Kenny Hale stated that the Scott Ferry (1820-1840) historic marker has been restored and the owners of the property where the marker was located do not wish to have it put back on their property. Mr. Hale suggested placing the marker near the same area (Centerton Road/Blue Bluff Road intersection), but on the county right of way where it was widened several years ago. Mr. Collier and Mr. Adams agreed. Mr. Adams thanked the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) for restoring this marker and the three markers that are on the Courthouse Square.

PAVING BID RESULTS

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that they opened the CCMG 2022-1 paving bids at the last meeting and E&B Paving was the low bidder with a total of \$1,605,000. Mr. Hinkle recommended awarding the bid to E&B Paving. This paving will begin in 2023. Don Adams made a motion to approve the bid award. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

BOTTOM ROAD

Mr. Hinkle stated that he just received the second appraisal for property on Bottom Road this morning, but it has not been reviewed by the county attorney. Don Adams made a motion to send an offer letter to the property owner pending the county attorney’s approval of the appraisal. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0. Jim Wisco stated that the property owner has 30 days to respond to the letter. A county resident asked when the process would begin. Mr. Hinkle stated that it would most likely be next year.

APPLICATION – WAVERLY PARK - DNR

Kenny Hale stated that DNR requires that the road to the boat ramp at Old Town Waverly Park remain open, but due to safety concerns, Mr. Hale has asked that the road not be closed for the Old Town Waverly Festival and Haunting of Waverly. Mr. Wisco stated that he was fine with the application. Mr. Hale stated that he would submit the application.

EMS EMPLOYEE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Ben Purdy, Interim EMS Director, stated that this modifies an agreement already in place. The previous agreement allows for a specific amount that the EMT is responsible for, but this amount will depend upon what school the EMT attends. The agreement also specifies the number of years that the EMT must commit to or they must reimburse the cost; 0 to 1 year = 100% of the cost, 1-2 years 50%, and over 2 years, no reimbursement requirement. Morgan County EMS has an agreement with Ivy Tech that they receive credits toward education, but this does not cover all expenses. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 2-0-1. Kenny Hale abstained.

EMA – CHAPTER 34

Jim Wisco stated that he will get a copy of this change to Mark Tumey, EMA Director, before the next meeting. Bryan Collier made a motion to table this item. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY

Don Adams stated that he was glad to see the scout troop attend. The historic barn event went well. The county fair is coming up.

Kenny Hale stated that the Governor plans to be present September 24th at the Old Town Waverly Festival.

COMMENT

Cecelia Krefft, Martinsville resident, suggested that the scout troop also inspect the proposed restrooms at Burkhart Creek Park.

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