

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND RYAN GOODWIN. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR, AND DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WERE ALSO PRESENT. ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY WAS ABSENT

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

REORGANIZATION

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to retain Norman Voyles as Chairman of the Commissioners. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

Brian Goss made a motion to appoint Ryan Goodwin as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0-1. Ryan Goodwin abstained.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Julie Minton, Morgan County Treasurer, handed out a 10-year history of interest made on investments. Interest earned in 2017 from Home Bank and First Merchants was \$256,105.16. Ms. Minton also handed out a list of funds that earn interest.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Investment Policy. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to reappoint Norman Voyles as Chairman and Julie Minton as Secretary. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

COURT SERVICES GRANTS

Carole Kinder, Director of Court Services, was present to request approval of two CASA grants. The 2018 State GAL/CASA matching grant for \$23,027.40 and 2017 Capacity Building Grant for \$13,622.40. Both grants are through the State of Indiana CASA Program and are based upon the CHINS cases that are filed in Circuit Court. There are 40 active CASA volunteers and they need volunteers.

Ms. Kinder requested approval of the FY2019 Adult Community Corrections Grant of \$500,000 and FY2019 Juvenile Community Corrections Grant of \$100,000. Both grants are through the State of Indiana Department of Corrections. Brian Goss made a motion to approve all four grants. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA

Davey Skaggs, Assistant EMA Director, stated that yesterday morning, after a rain/ice/snow mix, a travel advisory was issued and is still ongoing. Mr. Skaggs asked that the Emergency Declaration be formally approved. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the declaration. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

NORTH MADISON CROSSING

Daryl Swinney, North Madison Crossing developer, was present to update the Board on the roads in the development. The 67-lot subdivision was developed approximately 18 years ago and has curbs, drains, drainage easements, and catch basins. He has been trying to obtain approval to take the roads into the county system for three years. The roads were paved over three years ago and are still in good shape. There is an alternate route to bring in construction traffic for Section 2, located behind the subdivision, so the construction traffic will not use the existing roads. Norman Voyles noted that the proposed construction entrance crosses the Landersdale Walk/Bike Trail. Mr. Swinney stated that they will protect and repair the trail. Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Board approved the request to take in the roads, pending the acquisition of a maintenance bond, in December of 2016. Roger Huff, Wallace Construction, stated that Wallace Construction will repair, to county standards, any issues that arise within the next year. Ryan Goodwin stated that when the maintenance bond was originally required, there was some confusion as to whether the developer or the construction company should obtain the bond. Another issue was that since the pavement had already been down for two or three years, it was difficult to obtain a bond. Wallace Construction has offered, in lieu of a maintenance bond, to cover repairs for a period of one year. Mr. Goodwin thought that some type of assurance that the trail would be repaired at the conclusion of construction was in order. Mr. Swinney agreed. Mr.

Goodwin noted that residents are responsible for the maintenance of the curbs, sidewalks, and gutters; any agreement with the county would be limited to the road itself. Mr. Voyles stated that any agreement would need to be in writing. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to accept Section 1 of North Madison Crossing with the one-year commitment of Wallace Construction for the top coat maintenance in lieu of the maintenance bond with the condition that a construction entrance be utilized off of Landersdale Road and any reasonable repairs be made to the bike path/trail. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Terms for two positions on the Harrison Township Fire District Board were up on December 31, 2017. There were no other suggestions for appointees. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to re-appoint Tony Siefert and Richard Korra. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security has requested an appointment to the District 5 Planning Council. Steve Lyday, Morgan County Health Preparedness Coordinator, stated that the DPC-5 Program consists of municipality, EMA, and commissioner appointments that are responsible for developing emergency response strategies, plans, and exercises for district-wide response. Mr. Lyday has been attending the meetings, but does not get a vote. If he is appointed, then he would get a vote. Ryan Goodwin stated that he felt Mr. Lyday would make a great representative and made a motion to appoint Steve Lyday to the District 5 Planning Council. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

FARM LEASE

Several three-year farm leases expired December 31, 2017. A lease for property on Blue Bluff Road does not expire until the end of 2018 and the former landfill has been added to the list. There are several acres at the landfill that can be put into row crops, but the rest of the property and the landfill cap is not to be tilled; it would be for hay only. The property on Blue Bluff Road is leased on a percentage basis and the other properties are cash rent. Mr. Voyles proposed that the landfill property also be a percentage. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the list of farm lease properties, making a notation that the Leonard Road and Blue Bluff Road properties be based on a percentage of yield, all other locations will be cash rent, available for a period of three years. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

The following annual contracts were prepared per the budget for approval:

CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions	\$ 10,000
Morgan County CONNECT	\$ 47,000
Morgan County Fair Board	\$ 75,000
Hilldale Cemetery Assn.	\$ 1,550
Sycamore Services	\$ 50,610
Morgan Co Humane Society	\$143,480

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the annual contracts as listed above. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION – *Veterans Coordinating Council*

Rick Baum, Morgan County Veterans' Officer, handed out a report showing interviews (279) in his office since June, phone calls (562 inbound), and claims filed. Unfortunately, his computer stopped working and he is unable to access the data that was stored.

Mr. Baum stated that he has seen a big need for veterans that need assistance getting to hospital appointments, doctor's visits, and other needs and thought it might be of value to have a coordinating council of all the veterans' service organizations within Morgan County to work together on veterans' needs. This could also enhance communication efforts on finding volunteers to drive a transport van. Ryan Goodwin stated that this is a good idea; there are a number of good organizations in the community that serve all different types of populations, but they don't each know what the other is doing. He would be supportive of the effort. Norman Voyles asked that Mr. Baum make contacts with the other organizations and let the Board know if they need to take any action.

ROAD NAME

The Morgan County Planning Commission proposed a road name of "Cash Lane" for an existing road at the intersection of Cash Road and Wakeland Road. The information presented shows part of the road as private and part of it as county. Larry Smith stated that it is not a county maintained road. Brian Goss made a motion to accept Cash Lane as a private road name. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK BOARD INVOICE

The Park Board received an invoice of \$1,675.00 from Harris and Currens for preparing the park rules and regulations. Ryan Goodwin stated that the rules were adopted in January, and due to scheduling issues, Rod Bray was unable to prepare the documents. Harris and Currens sometimes serves as a backup for Mr. Bray. Mr. Goodwin stated that the Park Board was not expecting this expense and he thought maybe the Board of Commissioners could pay it from the Professional Services line item. Norman Voyles stated that Mr. Bray offered to pay the invoice. Mr. Goodwin stated that he did not expect the county attorney to pay the invoice. Mr. Voyles suggested that the Commissioners split the invoice with the Park Board. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would be fine with that. Brian Goss made a motion to split the invoice with the Park Board. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

BALANCE STATEMENT

Norman Voyles stated that the Auditor is required to submit an annual Balance Statement to the Board of Commissioners each year. The statement shows that the county began 2017 with a cash balance of \$44,920,843.61 and ended with \$46,237,395.65. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to accept the Balance Statement. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 12/18/17

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the December 18, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ENCUMBERED CLAIMS

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the encumbered claims of \$1,102,142.69. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Dispatch Director, stated that there were 23,054 911 calls last year, 36,525 CAD calls, and 93,836 administrative calls. Missy Franzmann is now the Assistant Director, taking the place of Frans Hollanders. They are working with fire departments on procedures. He has scheduled a meeting with the architect regarding issues with moisture in the windows.

EMS UPDATE

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that as a steward of taxpayers' money, the county needs to make sure they are servicing those that are paying taxes for the services the county provides. Mr. Warren handed out a letter he received and stated that there is no statute stating that townships are responsible for providing EMS coverage. There are a few townships that have agreements (written or unwritten) to provide services to taxpayers who are paying for a different service. Morgan County EMS can respond quicker than the other agency in most cases. Using a geo-zone system would put the best possible apparatus at the scene.

Last year, Martinsville Fire Department took 1,779 rescue calls. In the last two months, EMS has had over 500 calls, most of which were in the city limits of Martinsville. Mr. Warren stated that they have had complaints from patients that they are paying for one ambulance through taxes, but another ambulance is picking them up.

Ryan Goodwin stated that it is the desire of some individual township trustees to provide emergency medical services, whether through mutual aid agreements or contracting with a non-profit service. Mr. Goodwin asked if this continues to be a problem.

Mr. Warren described an incident regarding dispatching ambulances that happened early that morning and stated that taxpayers are paying for one service and getting another. The other agencies then state that they have a contract. Mr. Goodwin stated that while the Board of Commissioners cannot prohibit a township trustee from entering into a contract, they could mandate that the county is the first priority provider in the area because of the tax levy; otherwise they are taxing and not providing service.

Dan Bastin stated that there are certain services that different units of government are required to provide, fire being one, but emergency medical services is not one; therefore the fact that the county has an ambulance service that is being partially supported by tax levies for these areas, then that's the service that should be primary. That some townships have included emergency medical services in their contracts is something they have done by choice, and is not a service that is within their jurisdiction.

After further discussion, Norman Voyles asked if the Board needed to have an ordinance or resolution stating that dispatch be notified immediately that Morgan County EMS is to be primary

on all medical or traumatic emergency calls in the designated levied areas. Ryan Goodwin stated that is where they need to end up, but questioned how to get there. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to authorize Mr. Warren to contact Rod Bray to begin the process of drafting a resolution that would declare the Morgan County EMS service be primary service in all townships except for those areas that were carved out by the property tax levy. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Warren stated that Morgan County EMS is a county agency, but is also a business. To maintain the highest standard of quality assurance, they must be free of the ambulance debacles of the past and requested an ordinance prohibiting private ambulance services from operating in a 911 capacity within the county. This would not affect hospitals as they are private entities that request private services for transfers. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to authorize Mr. Warren to work with Mr. Bray to prepare an ordinance. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Warren stated that they have been approached by Liberty Township in Hendricks County about entering into an interlocal mutual aid agreement. This is a request to be first out on ALS runs in Liberty Township from County Road 850 S to the county line. This would cover the Love's Truck Stop area; they average 350 to 500 runs per year. Brian Goss made a motion to authorize Mr. Warren to work with Mr. Bray to prepare an agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Warren has approached the Council regarding combining two part-time positions into one full time position. This would take the salaries from both positions and an additional \$9,000 for a total of \$49,000. The primary duty of this position would be training. This would eliminate the administrative assistant position and the three command staff positions would be responsible for supplies. The current part-time training position would become the public education lead for community based CPR classes. The first EMT classes will begin in February or March.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he has been working with SJCA regarding engineering fees for Bridge #75 on Bowman Road. The engineering fees total \$182,783; this must be approved by the state before the county can approve it. This is an 80/20 federal aid project. 2020-2021 construction costs are estimated at \$926,628 and will likely require construction engineering and right of way costs later. Brian Goss made a motion to move forward with Bridge #75. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

INDOT will be replacing a bridge on State Road 39, 1.25 miles north of State Road 67.

COMMENT

Gerald McGrath stated that thanks to the hard work of the Highway Department, he was able to get out of his driveway and impede traffic. He went to the Highway Department and saw someone on a bucket loader getting sand for a dump truck, inside mechanics were working on repairs to a truck, and he did not see anyone in the break room; county employees have integrity and work ethics.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Attest:

Ryan Goodwin

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Brian Goss