

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ZONE

James Tanneberger, South Central Indiana REMC CEO, was present to discuss infrastructure development zones. Mr. Tanneberger stated that this is all about bringing high speed internet to rural Indiana. REMC has decided that fiber would be the best way to do this, but it is not cheap. In 2013, Senator Cook wrote legislation that gave counties an opportunity to go alongside utilities to try to provide high speed internet as well as water and natural gas. Counties have the ability to draft an ordinance stating that if a utility would be willing to install these facilities in areas that aren't being served, zones would be established so that the entity that provided the service would not pay property tax on the facilities. Mr. Tanneberger stated that this service is needed for schools and farming; it is expected that this service is available and he would like to open up discussion of high speed internet in the county. Installing fiber raises property values by three percent and provides an additional \$1,850 per home, per year of benefit to the community. Over a 20-year period, this is a \$600 million benefit to the community. Mr. Tanneberger provided a draft ordinance for review. Ryan Goodwin noted that the property tax exemption would be for business personal property and would be on newly installed equipment. Mr. Tanneberger stated that SCI REMC has four primary counties that they serve and Owen and Brown County have already approved a similar ordinance. Rod Bray stated that the next step would be to hold a public hearing so people can ask questions or bring up any concerns they might have. In order to move forward with the project, the Commissioners would have to find that there is not adequate infrastructure right now and that this will encourage and provide an opportunity for this infrastructure. Mr. Goodwin stated that next to road conditions, the most frequent comment he receives from the public regards the lack of high speed internet. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to proceed with advertising a public hearing for the July 16th meeting. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Bryan Jackson of Jackson Enterprises stated that he has high-end sound equipment and whenever events are set up on the Courthouse Square, he runs the sound. Some of the problems they run into is that they have no way of getting sound to the north side, and running cords presents a trip hazard. Mr. Jackson asked if it would be possible to bury speaker cable around the courthouse. Norman Voyles stated that there were already several buried utilities in the area and he would not be interested in adding to that. Ryan Goodwin stated that he would not be opposed to looking into it, but the cost would weigh into the decision.

HWC AGREEMENT – *Comprehensive Plan*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Plan Director, was present to request approval of an agreement with HWC Engineering to update the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2009 and the Thoroughfare Plan was updated in 2007. A committee from the Plan Commission issued an RFP and selected HWC Engineering. The Council has approved the funding for the agreement. Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, stated that there is a timeline in Appendix C that outlines the schedule and includes an Overlay District Ordinance for I-69. The final document will be done in July of 2019. It is recommended that the Comprehensive Plan be updated every five to seven years. Mr. Hale stated that HWC will gather as much public input as possible. Kyle Lueken, HWC Engineering Project Manager, stated that the Comp and Thoroughfare Plans will be done concurrently and the Overlay Ordinance will be done towards the end to ensure it matches the goals that come about from the plans. The two plans look at land use and will be updated to identify the idea use based on the connectivity to the local road network and I-69. There will be four steering committees that will help guide the document review goals and outcomes and help to identify stakeholders such as school districts and major employers. They will hold three public workshops, one of these being the county fair. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

REZONE REQUEST - *Shrout*

Kenny Hale stated that Tim Shrout submitted a rezone request to rezone 123.92 acres off of Mann

Road in Madison Township from Agricultural to R1. Mr. Shroul proposes to subdivide the property into four 29-acre (average) parcels. The Plan Commission voted 6-0 in favor of the request. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0. Rod Bray noted that the ordinance will need a second reading at the next scheduled meeting.

GRANT APPLICATION - EMA

Torie Fraker, EMA, was present to request approval of three grant applications. The 2018 State Homeland Security Program Grant is a \$30,000 grant for a tactical robot with camera for law enforcement; the 2019 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness grant is a \$10,000 State of Indiana grant for a hazmat IQ class; the 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant is a \$30,000 State of Indiana grant for salary reimbursement. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the three grant applications as presented. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – 911 Dispatch Generator

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Dispatch Director, was present to request approval of a maintenance agreement with Cummins for the generator at the Dispatch Center. Mr. Hamilton stated that this is a three-year agreement and Cummins is currently servicing the generator. This \$4,881.03 agreement is paid over the three years in February and August. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the agreement with Cummins in an amount not to exceed \$4,881.03 over a three-year period. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE – 1st Reading

Norman Voyles stated that based on a traffic study by Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, a weight limit of 16,000 pounds was recommended for Bethel Road. Mr. Smith stated that a traffic study was done in 2006 and since that time traffic has tripled on this road. Ryan Goodwin stated that he started getting calls in 2017 about heavy trucks and speeding on Bethel Road. The Sheriff's Department noted that trucks are coming off of State Road 42 and accessing the aggregate plant that is at the end of Merriman Road. There is another point of entry off of State Road 67 and Merriman Road that would do less damage to Bethel Road. The proposed ordinance would exempt local delivery on Bethel Road and would also exempt school buses, agricultural vehicles, road repair equipment, etc. Mr. Goodwin stated that the road was not designed for heavy truck traffic and it is a safety issue. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adopt An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 6-1-7 and Establishing Load Restrictions for Bethel Road not to exceed 16,000 pounds. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

CAP COMMANDER

Brad Wall, Morgan County Civil Air Patrol Commander, was present to discuss their need for a facility. In the past, they were able to use the EMA building, but EMA moved to the 911 Dispatch Center and after the remodeling of the building is finished, EMS will totally occupy the space formerly used by EMA. They used the fairgrounds for a short time, but this was not working out. They currently have their supplies in storage and don't have a place to meet. Mr. Wall asked if there is a building or office space available where they could put a desk and a few filing cabinets and with a meeting space for the cadets. They meet every Monday night from 6:30 to 9 pm with 10 to 20 participants and 5 senior staff. They provide color guards for several different events. Norman Voyles stated that they would look into it to see what they could provide.

TRANSFER LETTER

Norman Voyles stated that a transfer of funds is required in the part time and equipment rental line items and a transfer request letter is needed in order to transfer funds. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the transfer letter. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTER

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve an additional appropriation letter for funds to purchase right of way for the Baseline/Shuler Road realignment project. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES – 5/21/18, 6/4/18

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the May 21 and June 4, 2018 minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

TORT CLAIM

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to submit the Hacker tort claim to the insurance carrier. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

EMS UPDATE

Donnie Warren, EMS Director, submitted a collections policy outline for patients that are not transported after treatment. Mr. Warren asked that the Board review the policy for discussion at a future meeting.

Crews have responded to 1,934 calls since January 1st. Sixty-five percent of these calls were transported. Response times are averaging 8.33 minutes. The busiest hours of the day are 6 pm and 10 am. He is looking into LifeServices EAP, a counseling program for paramedics and EMTs. The cost for this is \$3,300 a year and Mr. Warren will be able to transfer funds within the budget to cover this cost.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton stated that there have been 10,561 911 calls including 770 abandoned calls. The increase in abandoned calls was due to juveniles that had obtained 911 only cell phones, making over 45 calls in one hour before they were apprehended. There were 41,396 administrative calls and 16,175 CAD calls. Over 99.9% of 911 calls are answered within 15 seconds and 100% within 40 seconds.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey reported that there are currently 303 inmates, 2 DOC inmates, 9 on work release, and 22 on the jail corrections program. There have been 5,435 law enforcement calls for service.

They have run out of funds for the hospitalization contract and he will be approaching the Council soon for additional funds.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith stated that the county lacks right of way and because of that, many utilities are pushed up against the road. Many utilities are unintentionally damaged by the highway department; some lines are in pipes, some are over pipes, and the locates are not always accurate. Mr. Smith asked if hold harmless language could be added to the infrastructure zone ordinance to protect the highway department if accidental cuts are made during road maintenance.

Mr. Smith stated that the Hickey Road bridge project should start this week and Wallace has started paving. Milestone will start the paving projects after a preconstruction meeting this week.

ADJOURNMENT

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Brian Goss

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Ryan Goodwin