

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE RYAN GOODWIN, KENNY HALE AND NORMAN VOYLES. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*)

**BOARD OF FINANCE**

Norman Voyles stated that normally, the Board of Finance consists of the Commissioner Chairman as the Board of Finance Chairman and the Morgan County Treasurer as Secretary, and made a motion to keep these same offices as appointees. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Terry Clelland, Morgan County Treasurer, was present to request approval of the Investment Policy and to review the investments. Ms. Clelland noted that the policy remains the same as last year. Ryan Goodwin noted that there has been an increase in the interest income for 2018. Ms. Clelland also presented the register of investments for review. Norman Voyles made a motion to accept the report and approve the Investment Policy. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATION** – *Court Services*

Brian Foley, Morgan County Court Services Deputy Director, was present to request approval of the following grants from the Indiana Department of Corrections: \$108,943 Juvenile Community Corrections; not to exceed \$600,000 Adult Community Corrections; not to exceed \$200,000 Jail Treatment and \$31,256 Matching and \$14,426 Capacity grant from the Indiana Supreme Court for GAL/CASA. Mr. Foley stated that the Adult Community Corrections Grant supports the home detention program. The CASA Grant supports two part time employees and supplies. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grants as submitted. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATION** – *Superior I*

Superior Court I Judge Pete Foley was present to request approval of a \$1,871 grant application through the Indiana Supreme Court for a program that would provide legal advice assistance to indigent litigants in family law matters. The grant would provide for a walk-in clinic two hours per week on Wednesday. The intent is to guide folks in navigating the system regarding family law type of issues. Judge Foley stated that this is not the total amount that it would take to run the clinic because there are funds leftover from 2018. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the grant and the reimbursement rate of \$28.85 per hour for the clinic attorney. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATION** – *Election Office*

Stephanie Elliott, Morgan County Clerk, stated that the state received \$7.5 million to be used for election security and each county could apply for funds. Ms. Elliott applied for \$26,124 to be used for fencing that would go from the top of the wall to the ceiling in the storage room, security cameras, and funds to make the former storage area office space. Funds would also be used for a dual lock cabinet. The additional office space requires a heat pump and Ms. Elliott has applied for funds to cover the additional \$20,621 expense. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant request for \$26,124 and \$20,621. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**ANNUAL CONTRACTS**

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the annual agreement with Purdue Extension for \$48,070. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement with Sycamore Services for \$42,000 for lease payments and \$9,126 for payroll. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement with the Morgan County Fair for \$125,000. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement with CICOA for \$10,000. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement with Morgan County CONNECT for \$47,000. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement with Hilldale Cemetery for \$1,550. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin noted that the Humane Society agreement is in two parts, the standard animal control services for \$125,480 and emergency services for \$18,000. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement with the Human Society. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT**

Dale Coffey stated that this agreement is for 2019 and the Council approved a slight increase. The amount of the agreement is \$34,000 and the hourly amount is \$150. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement with Mr. Coffey for legal services. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARKING OF COUNTY VEHICLES**

Ryan Goodwin stated that this ordinance requires that the majority of county owned vehicles and motorized equipment be marked in an identifiable way that would distinguish those vehicles as being county property. This is a common practice and is not only for transparency, but is also for the safety of employees. There have been cases of county employees showing up on private property and individuals are not aware that they are being approached by a member of county government that has a lawful reason for being there. The ordinance allows for the exception of law enforcement vehicles that involved in investigation or undercover operations, as well as confidential public health work. The ordinance requires that a vehicle owned by the county be identified as such, via the county logo, department insignia, or block letters. Kenny Hale stated that it is a safety and transparency issue and needs to be done; equipment also needs to be numbered because it helps with grant work after a disaster. Mr. Goodwin stated that the ordinance also allows for a three-month window of compliance. Norman Voyles stated that he was not opposed to having vehicles marked or identified; however, he could not support the ordinance the way it was written. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Ordinance Requiring Visible, Identifiable, Public Marking of County Motorized Vehicles and Motorized Heavy Equipment. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed. Mr. Goodwin stated that this ordinance will be on the February 4<sup>th</sup> agenda for a second reading.

#### **RESOLUTION REPLACING MEMBER OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD**

Ryan Goodwin stated that this resolution is consistent with governing documents for the Group Health Insurance Board that reflects the change in Commissioner from Brian Goss to Kenny Hale. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Resolution Replacing Member of Morgan County Group Health Insurance Board. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT REAL ESTATE** – *Wilbur Community Center*

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board of Commissioners is the body authorized to accept property in the county's name. This resolution regards the property that has been accepted by the Park & Recreation Board. The resolution describes the property as well as stating that the board has done their due diligence with the title search and deemed that there are no claims against the marketable title of the real estate. Dale Coffey stated that the Wilbur Community Center is ready to move forward and the deed is ready to be signed; they just need the approved resolution so the title can be transferred to Morgan County. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Resolution to Accept Real Estate from the Wilbur Community Center Corporation. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **AGREEMENT** – *Allstate Tower*

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that the tower at the center should be inspected every three to five years. This agreement allows Allstate Tower to inspect the tower and make sure everything looks okay. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **DISPATCH UPDATE**

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 1,104 911 calls so far in 2019, 4,361 administrative calls, and 1,935 CAD calls.

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Morgan County Highway Department for taking care of plowing the road to the dispatch center so employees could make it in safely during the last snowstorm.

## **APPOINTMENT**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the last meeting, there was an interest in appointing Kenny Hale to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, however there was a question regarding if an elected official could serve as one of the lay representatives. Dale Coffey stated that he contacted the Association of Indiana Counties and was able to speak with a staff attorney there and ascertained that Mr. Hale is eligible to serve in this capacity. Norman Voyles made a motion to appoint Kenny Hale to the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

## **MINUTES**

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

## **TORT CLAIM**

Norman Voyles made a motion to send the Pulliam, Kinsler, and Brown tort claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ENCUMBERED CLAIMS**

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the encumbered claims and utility claims totaling \$957,901.32. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

## **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST LETTER**

Kenny Hale made a motion to send the four additional appropriation request letters to the County Council. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

## **OFFICE RECONFIGURATION**

Kenny Hale stated that he worked with a local vendor and Uline in obtaining prices for additional desks and a table in the Commissioners' Office. The local vendor provided pricing for two lines, one at \$3,374 and one at \$2,415. Mr. Hale also presented two layouts for the reconfiguration. The conference table that is currently in the office will not work with either configuration. Mr. Hale stated that there are also two desks on the top floor of the Courthouse that are not being used, although they might need to be refinished. Norman Voyles stated that he works in the office every day and knows that the table is needed on a daily basis. For the amount of time that the other Commissioners are in the office, the table could be used in place of a desk. Discussion continued regarding amount of time spent in the office and how the office should be equipped. Ryan Goodwin stated that the amount of time spent in the office is not reflective of the time put into the job. Norman Voyles made a motion that any changes to the office would need to be by a unanimous vote. Motion died for lack of a second. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the issue until the first meeting in February. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Community Crossings Grant is due the first of February. Mr. Smith compiled the list of projects to submit totaling \$2,055,767.58. A financial commitment letter for half the cost of the project is required to be submitted along with the application. Ryan Goodwin stated that the projects are equitable across all three districts. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the projects as listed on the financial commitment letter and to submit them for the Community Crossing Matching Grant. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that Bridge #52, Egbert Road, is a \$1.6 million federal aid project. United Consulting has submitted a consultant agreement for \$306,350. Mr. Smith will submit this to INDOT. Once the state has reviewed it, the Board of Commissioners will be able to sign it. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

## **SHERIFF UPDATE**

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, stated that there are currently 255 inmates at the jail, 4 DOC inmates, 8 on work release, and 14 jail correction workers. There have been 616 calls for service since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **COMMENT**

Gerry McGrath stated that when taking into consideration marking vehicles, reflectivity should be taken into consideration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Kenny Hale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

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Kenny Hale

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Norman Voyles