

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, RYAN GOODWIN, AND BRIAN GOSS. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; AND DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

BID OPENING – 710/760 W Morgan

Norman Voyles stated that a bid was advertised for salvaging items from property owned by the county located at 710 and 760 W Morgan. There were a couple of inquiries, but no bids were received. Martinsville Fire Department inquired about using the building for training, but they will not be setting any fires. The bail bond business that is occupying a section of the building must vacate the building by October 31. Mr. Voyles suggested that if the Board wishes to take bids to demolish the building, then the bidder should be required to properly dispose of any hazardous material, remove the asphalt and cement, then grade, straw and seed the lots. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to entertain bids for the demolition of 710 and 760 W Morgan with the stipulations noted by Chairman Voyles regarding the scope of the work. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION – IN GOD WE TRUST AMERICA

Norman Voyles stated that at a previous meeting, the Board discussed displaying the national motto of “In God We Trust” in the Lucille Sadler Meeting Room. The county attorney prepared a resolution to approve this. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Display of the National Motto “In God We Trust” as prepared by legal counsel. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0. Discussion followed regarding the location and type of display.

SMITH’S BELL & CLOCK

Ryan Goodwin stated that several years ago, a Morgan County owned business, Smith’s Bell and Clock, did restoration work on the clock at the Courthouse. There is a bell at the Courthouse that is not functioning and Mr. Smith submitted a quote to revitalize the bell tower and the bell so it will function with an electronic apparatus. Mr. Goodwin stated that this project would fit in with efforts to revitalize the downtown square. Norman Voyles asked if it would be possible to have Mr. Smith come to a meeting and explain the proposal. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would extend the invitation.

UNITED WAY

Norman Voyles stated that United Way asked that the Commissioners send out a letter of support to employees. Ryan Goodwin stated that the county has been a partner with United Way and in the past have made it possible for employees to contribute to United Way. This letter was distributed by some of the department heads last year and asked if the Board would distribute it this year with payroll. Brian Goss made a motion to sign the letter and distribute it to employees. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS

Donnie Warren handed out an update for the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and stated that they are transitioning from ABS to Med-Bill. They are working on obtaining a station for the Paragon ambulance crew. They will need to order winter uniforms but will need to transfer some funds. He has obtained a quote for \$13,223 plus \$1,680 for embroidery. Lifeline hasn’t sent a bill and the expense should be \$95,000. They are not able to utilize the Sheriff’s Department for background checks. The cost for GoodHire.com is \$54.99 per check. They have been approached by Martinsville High School about allowing their EMT students to ride the ambulances to complete prescribed clinical hours. EMS has developed a liability waiver and submitted it to the county attorney for approval.

Mr. Warren handed out standard operating guidelines. Norman Voyles asked that the county attorney review it and the Board would vote to approve it after it has been reviewed.

VETERAN’S SERVICE OFFICE REPORT

Rick Baum, Veteran’s Service Officer, submitted a written report for services provided from September 15 through October 16.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – *Bridge 192*

Larry Smith stated that this agreement is with Hendricks County so that they can purchase right of way on the Morgan County side of Keller Hill Road in order to repair a bridge. The county attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. Some of the requirements include that Morgan County appoint a liaison, consent to Hendricks County's acquisition of right of way required to construct the project within the boundaries of Morgan County, consent for Hendricks County to exercise eminent domain to acquire such right of way, and cooperate with Hendricks County to obtain any required permit. No Morgan County funds would be required. Ryan Goodwin stated that he was uncomfortable with the eminent domain section. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE - *Jackson Junk Holiday Food Drive*

Jackson Junk submitted a request to hold a holiday community food drive on the Courthouse Square Saturday, November 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. They submitted a Certificate of Insurance. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFERS

Norman Voyles stated that the Administration Building Maintenance account is in the red and the following transfer needs approved, \$10,000 from the Courthouse HVAC Maintenance account and \$15,000 from the Courthouse/Annex Repair into the Administration Building Maintenance account. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Since the Aramark contract has been approved, the transfer of funds from the Inmate Meals account into Food Services Contract will need to be approved by the Council. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve submitting a letter to the Council requesting a transfer of \$190,000. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – *9/18/17, 10/2/17*

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18 and October 2, 2017 as submitted. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

INCIDENT CLAIM

Brian Goss made a motion to submit the Duh Incident Claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Frans Hollanders, Assistant Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 18,493 911 calls, 1,592 of which were abandoned calls that were disconnected before they were answered. There have been 29,162 CAD calls and 94,051 total calls.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that the inmate population at the jail is at 331, there are 3 DOC inmates, 10 inmates on work release, and 22 on the jail corrections program. There have been 9,580 law enforcement calls for service this year.

HIGHWAY /ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that crews are installing culverts, cutting brush, and patching potholes. A crew worked on an area of Townsend Road where a section of roadway was missing and the road needed to be raised.

Mr. Smith received four letters of intent for Bridge #57 on Bowman Road off of State Road 42; SJCA, Beam Longest & Neff, United Consulting, and Corradino Engineers. United and SJCA were close in evaluation but SCJA was higher. Mr. Smith recommended that SJCA be awarded the preliminary engineering contract. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the award. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

There are funds appropriated for fall paving and Mr. Smith obtained quotes from Wallace for 12 small projects. Milestone is busy and E & B Paving did not complete a previous project in a timely manner. If the weather gets too cold, the projects would not be able to be completed. Brian Goss stated that the temperature of the pavement should be 55 degrees and rising in order to pave. Brian Goss made a motion to accept the quotes for paving and asked that Mr. Smith keep an eye on the weather before beginning a project. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that he prepared a road list for the Martinsville annexation and he would submit it to the county attorney for review.

Bridge #26 on Mahalasville Road has been paved. The deck and approaches were poured for Bridge #67; it should be open after the deck is sealed and the guardrail is up.

Brian Goss stated he received a call from the state police asked if the bridge on Jordan road could be opened. Mr. Smith stated that it is open to pedestrian traffic only and has not been inspected; it is in bad shape and he recommended that it remain closed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Dellinger stated that there has been a lot of market activity and this means good opportunities for the tax base in the future.

The Region 5 Workforce Board has two participants from industry in Morgan County, including For Bare Feet.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Brian Goss