

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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 (*Ryan Goodwin*)

BIDS - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Marvin "Sport" Whaley, Acting Morgan County Highway Superintendent, was present to update the Board on the equipment bids that were opened February 4th. Mr. Whaley recommended that bids be awarded as follows: Chip Spreader – Southeastern Equipment \$322,496; Excavator – Rudd Equipment \$149,515 (with trade); Mini Excavator – Bobcat of Indy \$33,086; Truck W/Do-All - Rush Truck Center \$154,500; Dump Trucks – Rush Truck Center \$411,426. Mr. Whaley stated that he talked with the state superintendent and he suggested International trucks because of the upkeep, terminal locations and how salt deteriorates the wiring, and how the frame rail carries the plow. Mr. Whaley recommended Volvo for the excavator; that is the brand of loaders they are using and they had better options. They would like the International Do-All because they are currently stocking filters and other parts for this brand. Kenny Hale noted that the bid for the International Do-All was not read at the last meeting. Mr. Whaley stated that the bid was included, but was overlooked when the bids were read. Mr. Whaley stated that the bid was \$154,500 and he would provide copies. Norman Voyles noted that Southeastern was not the low bidder for the chip spreader. Mr. Whaley stated that Southeastern quoted an 18' per the specifications and the other bid was only 16'. Norman Voyles made a motion to accept the recommendations on the bids. Kenny Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

JAIL OFFICE RENOVATION

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated they no longer use the glassed in visitation area and they are lacking rooms for attorney/client visits at the jail. They are looking into remodeling the old dispatch area and would like this renovation to be one project. DLZ will manage the project and submitted an agreement not to exceed \$15,500. The estimated project cost is \$100,000 to \$150,000. This amount has already been funded. Ryan Goodwin stated that the lack of attorney room has been a challenge for probation as well. Mr. Rogers stated that DLZ has done previous work with the addition to the jail and also did electrical work with the control center. This should save money over other firms. Kenny Hale made a motion to enter into the agreement with DLZ for the jail office renovations. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

CSI

Joel Johnson, Morgan County Data Administrator, stated that this item is in regard to a certified letter that the Commissioners received last Monday from CSI Computer Systems Inc. for termination of using a system. If the county chose to continue using the system, they would need a license agreement. The JTS component mentioned in the letter is not being used as it was replaced by Odyssey, although other CSI systems are being used in the Recorder's Office and Court Services. Norman Voyles made a motion to enter into the Removal Agreement with CSI. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Dan Bastin stated that in the 2019 Auditor budget, the County Council appropriated \$100,000 for an HR consultant that the county can use for questions regarding human resources. Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates is an HR consulting firm that does business with many counties, cities, and towns throughout the state of Indiana. Mr. Bastin obtained an estimate to update the Personnel Policy/Handbook and the cost will range from \$12,840 to \$14,600 plus expenses. The ongoing consulting services cost would depend on the consultant, a principal of the firm would be \$125.00 per hour (all fees are plus expenses) a senior consultant would be \$95 per hour, and a consultant would be \$45 per hour. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Engagement Letter. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER LETTERS

Ryan Goodwin stated that the additional appropriation letter is in the amount of \$1,690 for the office furniture in the Commissioners' room and the transfer is for \$28 for gasoline. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both letters. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Norman Voyles questioned the gasoline charges. Mr. Hale stated that the gasoline was for both Plan Commission and Commissioner duties, he is now turning in mileage instead. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

TORT CLAIM

Kenny Hale made a motion to send the Cooper tort claim notice to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Memorial Day Car Show and Stability First 5k have requested the use of the Courthouse Square for a fund raiser on June 8th. The use of the Administration Building has been requested on May 2nd from 11 to 1:30 for the National Day of Prayer. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve both requests. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Marvin "Sport" Whaley provided the Rush Truck Center bid for the Do-All. Mr. Whaley stated that the small snow accumulations and icy rains have been making roads slick. He is trying to keep crews off the roads if they are not needed, but they err on the side of caution. Mr. Whaley stated that they are trying catch up with potholes to keep the claims down and the roads up. Crews have been hauling in sand and stone for chip and seal.

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board received a letter from Randall Johnson regarding a drainage issue after a road was resurfaced. Norman Voyles made a motion to send the letter to the highway department for resolution. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Whaley stated that he has been working with this property owner since the road was paved. A highway crew ditched the side of the road, but the house sits in a low spot and the water flows from the road down the driveway to the garage. Mr. Whaley asked Mr. Hale to look at the issue since it is in his district.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he applied for some federal aid for a bridge rehab on Robb Hill Road and was successful in obtaining \$745,200. They will have a kick-off meeting in the Seymour District and will start the RFP.

The state approved the LPA consultant for Bridge #52 and the agreement should be ready for the next meeting.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 2,647 911 calls so far in 2019, 10,191 administrative calls, and 4,419 CAD calls.

The contractor started the window replacement in an effort to combat the condensation issue. They will then do the doors.

The tower inspection looked good except for needing sealing on the pylons that the tower sets on and grouting under the where the tower attaches. There should be funds in the budget for this.

The generator venting issue is a design flaw. The cold air from the flywheel blows onto a fuel filter. At one time the filter temperature was -50°. This caused the fuel to gel and the engine to stop. They are working to fix this; however, if they lose power they have two hours of battery power to stay operational. Mr. Hamilton suggested obtaining a military surplus generator as a back-up. This should be a minimal cost to the county. The Board it agreed that it was a good suggestion.

SHERIFF UPDATE

Dave Rogers stated that there are currently 252 inmates at the jail, 1 DOC inmate, 6 on work release, and 15 jail correction workers. There have been 1,471 calls for service since January 1st.

PARKS & RECREATION

Greg Howard, Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board Chairman, stated that the Park Board met and hired a new Parks Director, Jules Erwin. Ms. Erwin has a master’s degree in parks and recreation and experience in several counties and state park services.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Ryan Goodwin

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles