

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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*)

BRIDGE INVENTORY – Phase I

Steve Jones, United Consulting & Engineering, stated that the bridge inventory is a federally funded program to inspect all the county bridges on a four-year cycle. United has completed Phase I, which includes field work and compiling a report. Mr. Jones introduced Chris Dyer, the engineer in charge of the project. Mr. Dyer stated that there are 141 bridges and they are ranked based on the condition ranking, load capacity, safety, traffic volume, and estimated remaining life. There are five bridges listed for replacement: Bridge #68 Ballinger Road, Bridge #107 Measel Road, Bridge #75 Bowman Road, Bridge #104 Gore Rd, and Bridge #117 Twin Oaks Road. The normal inspection period is every 24 months; however, bridges with a condition rating of four or less require more frequent inspections. There are 11 bridges on the list for more frequent inspections and these will take place in August of 2019.

BRIDGE #52 DESIGN CONTRACT

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the design contract for Bridge #52 has been submitted to INDOT. The contract is for \$306,150 with United Consulting and Engineering. There is \$1.65 million programmed for fiscal year 2020 construction. The state awards the construction funds, approves the contract documents, and then approves funds for the preliminary engineering.

ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MARKING OF COUNTY VEHICLES – 2nd Reading

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the updated version of the Ordinance Requiring Visible, Identifiable, Public Marking of County Motorized Vehicles and Motorized Heavy Equipment. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Ryan Goodwin asked which items were changed. Mr. Voyles stated that some redundant language was removed, some marking sizes were changed, and items three and four were combined into one paragraph. Motion carried 3-0.

Dale Coffey stated that since there were language changes, there would be a need for a second reading, but since the vote was unanimous, the Board could vote to waive a second reading. Norman Voyles made a motion to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2015-3

Kenny Hale stated that in 2015, the Board of Commissioners tried to do away with municipal buffer zones. The ordinance passed, but has been unenforceable. Mr. Hale recommended that the ordinance be repealed. Ryan Goodwin stated that the legislature is considering some law changes regarding municipal buffer zones. Kenny Hale made a motion to repeal Ordinance 2015-3. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale made a motion to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

BIDS – Highway Dept.

Dan Bastin, Morgan County Auditor, opened bids as follows:

BIDS						
CHIP SPREADER	Southeastern Equip	Brandeis				
	322,496	290,169				
EXCAVATOR	Westside Tractor	Brandeis	McAllister	Bobcat of Indy	Southeastern Equip	Rudd Equip
	198,100	202,079	198,010	161,000	168,030	195,531.46
trade	174,900	172,079	178,010	140,000	less 16,000	

MINI EXCAVATOR	Westside Tractor	Southeastern Equip	Bobcat of Indy	Brandeis	McAllister
	41,000	46,309	33,086	49,730	41,497
		24" 897	34,886		
		36" 5,001			
TRUCK w/ DO-ALL	Kenworth of Indy	JX Truck Center	Stoops	Rush Truck Centers	
	171,582 (Palmer)	156,500	150,600	154,500	
	163,534 (Clark)		147,168		
DUMP TRUCK (3)	JX Peterbilt	Kenworth of Indy	Stoops	Rush Truck Centers	
	417,000	453,993 (Palmer)	399,726	411,426	
		438,528 (Clark)	396,318		

Norman Voyles made a motion to table a decision on the bids until the Highway Department could review them and report back towards the end of the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

QUOTES - Surveyor

Dan Bastin opened quotes for a pickup for the Surveyor’s Office as follows:

Community Ford Lincoln Bloomington	\$34,662.25
Andy Mohr Ford Plainfield	\$36,118.20

This item was tabled until Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, could review the quotes. Mr. Brock stated that he would report back towards the end of the meeting.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS

Dan Bastin stated that Indiana Code 36-2-2-19 requires that the Board of Commissioners report the state of cash balances, receipts, and expenditures, for all county funds and total employee compensation. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve and submit the report. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE UPDATE

Norman Voyles stated that the stairlift at the Courthouse has been installed, inspected, and permitted. The custodian at the Courthouse thought it would be a good idea to have one installed for the basement also. This would allow better access to the court on that level. The quote for this lift is \$16,050. Mr. Voyles stated that he would be in support of this. Ryan Goodwin stated that he agreed; it is an old, historic courthouse and any time they can improve accessibility to the building it would be prudent to do so. Norman Voyles made a motion to proceed with installing a stairlift. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTER

Ryan Goodwin stated that relative to the Courthouse stairlift, a letter for an additional appropriation would need to be submitted to the Morgan County Council. Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the letter to the Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RADON UPDATE

Norman Voyles stated that the long-term radon test results showed that the level is below the 4.0 threshold at 3.0. Another test will be required in three to five years.

APPOINTMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that an appointment was made to the Morgan County Plan Commission, but the appointee had a family obligation come up and asked to be replaced. Mr. Goodwin suggested Dustin Frye as an appointment. Mr. Frye lives in the northern part of the county and is involved in the construction trade. He was involved in the building of the REMC headquarters. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Mr. Frye to the Plan Commission. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

OFFICE RECONFIGURATION

Kenny Hale stated that he consulted with someone regarding refinishing the two desks in the Courthouse. The expense would be at least \$500 and this does not include any prep work. Mr. Hale recommended that the Board move forward in obtaining three new desks (\$725 ea.) and one 42” table for a total of \$2,415. Depending upon the color chosen, the delivery time could be anywhere from two or three days to six weeks. Norman Voyles stated that he was not giving up the desk he is currently using. Kenny Hale made a motion to purchase two Laurel 30” X 60” double pedestal desks and a 42” round table. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the January 11 and January 25, 2019 Payroll claims of \$672,196.08 and \$572,169.71; the PERF claims of \$62,287.32 and \$52,456.60; and FICA claims of \$49,212.64 and \$41,557.79. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the January monthly claims of \$1,121,558.64 with a hold of \$6,666 for Indianapolis MPO pending a Council additional and a hold of \$1,410.20 for VWR pending a Council transfer. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

INCIDENT CLAIM

Ryan Goodwin stated that there is an Incident Claim for a damaged mailbox and asked if the Board wanted to send it to the insurance carrier. Norman Voyles stated that if the Mailbox Ordinance covers the incident, then he did not see the need of sending it to the insurance company. Mr. Goodwin suggested that the Board recognize receipt of the claim and forward it to the Highway Department per county ordinance. Norman Voyles made a motion to send the claim to the Highway Department. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

VSO

Rick Baum, Morgan County Veterans Service Officer, was present to give a monthly report. There were 59 interviews in the office and 6 outside of the office, and 23 claims filed. Mr. Baum noted that 4 of these were PTSD related. There were 15 claimants that received assistance from the Military Family Relief Fund. Mr. Baum stated that fees from veteran license plates go toward this fund. There will be changes to the VA appeals process starting this month, when the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 will be fully implemented. They have hired over 600 people nationwide to move claims forward as some of them have been on the books for five years.

EMS

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that four medics attended the IU Methodist EMS Education for Paramedic Refresher class. Students were certified in International Trauma Life Support, Assessment Care & Transport, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and PALS certification and OB delivery skills. There were 323 EMS calls including three attempted suicides. They have been asked by Mayor Kohl to serve on a suicide prevention task force. Because they aren't allowed much for a trade-in, Mr. Warren would like to sell some old ambulances outright. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Ryan Goodwin stated that he supported this request as well, but asked that Mr. Warren coordinate this with the Auditor. Mr. Hale stated that there are companies that will sell online. Motion carried 3-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 1,776 911 calls so far in 2019, 6,989 administrative calls, and 3,096 CAD calls.

They had an issue with the generator that turned out to be a venting issue. This will be rectified in the next few weeks. They are also looking at fire department alerting systems.

SHERIFF UPDATE

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, stated that there are currently 254 inmates at the jail, 1 DOC inmate, 8 on work release, and 14 jail correction workers. There have been 997 calls for service since January 1st.

Sheriff Myers stated that the Harrison County Sheriff's Office made a visit to review their RSAP program through the jail and praised the program.

PARKS & RECREATION

Greg Howard, Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board Chairman, stated that during the last meeting, the Board approved a resolution to accept the Wilbur property. Mr. Howard asked if they needed a resolution to turn this over to the Parks & Recreation Department. Ryan Goodwin stated that he did not think this was needed.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Terry Brock stated that after reviewing the bids, he recommended that the Board accept the lower bid of \$34,662.25 from Community Ford Lincoln, Bloomington. Norman Voyles made a motion to accept the bid. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

BID UPDATE

Marvin “Sport” Whaley stated that they had not finished reviewing the bids and asked that they be tabled until the next meeting, February 18, 2019. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the bids for the Highway Department until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

BID PROCESS

Ryan Goodwin stated that in the future, the Board might open bids on the day advertised, but hold a decision until the next meeting. During that time, the bids would be available for public viewing during normal business hours. This would give everyone a chance to make sure they are on the same page and let bidders know when to expect a decision. Mr. Goodwin apologized for the rough start this year and stated that they would work to streamline the process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Dellinger, Executive Director for Morgan County Economic Development, stated that their annual meeting is in March. They are prospecting as a result of Mooresville Redevelopment Commission’s acquisition of the first phase of the Pauley Farm. The 116 acre acquisition has captured attention both in central Indiana and across the Midwest. Ryan Goodwin stated that at the last meeting they had a lot of discussion about the growth and changes the county is able to experience not only because of I-69, but in embracing the county’s inclusion in the greater Indianapolis region.

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