

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

BID OPENING – *Bridge #67*

Dan Bastin opened bids for replacement of Bridge #67 on Big Hurricane Road and Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, read them as follows: Duncan Robertson \$495,276.80; Trisler Construction Co. \$447,451.92; CLR Inc. \$439,686.60. Mr. Smith asked for time to review the bid documents before making a recommendation later in the meeting.

INSURANCE RENEWAL

Vickie Christie, Morgan Insurance Group, stated that at the last meeting, Steve McConnell reviewed the Travelers renewal quote. Since that time, they received an offer from Trident Insurance. Some coverage costs are better with Travelers and some are better with Trident; the premium difference is \$34,920 less with Trident. The excess flood coverage for the Sheriff fleet building, highway office, and jail is not included in the Trident premium. The cyber liability is through Travelers and the Worker's Compensation coverage is through IPEP. The Travelers package (including Worker's Comp) premium is \$776,879 and the Trident package (including Worker's Comp) premium is \$741,959. The excess flood policies are in addition to these amounts. Ryan Goodwin stated that the claims service the county has received from Travelers has been stellar and the claims review has been valuable. Sheriff Downey stated that Travelers has been an excellent company to work with and the stewardship meetings have been very informative. Dave Rogers, Jail Commander, stated that there have been a couple of incidents that Travelers provided additional services at no cost and without this advice and support, the county would have had to pay out additional funds. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to accept the Travelers proposal with the exception of Worker's Compensation through IPEP and including the excess flood policies from Allianz, Selective, and OneBeacon for the higher risk zoned properties. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

MORGAN COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL GRANTS

Joe Mills, Morgan County Substance Abuse Council, presented eight grant as follows:

Prevention – Martinsville Youth Development Center \$3,317; Peace Restored \$1,725; Barbara B. Jordan YMCA Tea & Topics \$1,084.

Treatment – Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle \$7,000; WellSpring \$4,250; Stability First \$26,000; Indiana Dream Team \$9,000.

Criminal Justice – Mooresville Police Department/Sheriff Task Force P.A.C.E. \$25,000.

By statute, they are to spend at least 25% of the allocated funds for each of the three areas of prevention, treatment, and criminal justice. There were a smaller number of prevention proposals this year and they have not met this test. They have until September 30th to do this, so they are planning a supplemental round in August for prevention programs only in order to meet the requirement.

Mr. Mills stated that there is a need for affordable residential addiction treatment in the county (as well as the state) and the cost of building a residential facility is prohibitive. They have partnered with Centerstone to go into two shelters and develop treatment programs within those facilities. They are able to deliver what is essentially a residential treatment program for a fraction of the cost.

The partner program with the Sheriff's Department and Mooresville Police Department is for a joint task force to address the issue of interdiction. Mr. Mills stated that this is a drop in the bucket for what is really needed for this type of operation. They are hopeful that success with a small approach will put them in a position to compete multi-jurisdictionally for larger grants through the state of Indiana. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the grants as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

CELL TOWER RESOLUTION

Rod Bray stated that the Board of Commissioners approved a verbal resolution on May 1st and he prepared a Resolution Modifying the Morgan County Board of Commissioners' Resolution Designating Certain Areas as Strictly for Underground or Buried Utilities. The resolution states that platted areas around the county will be designated for underground utilities, which would prevent cell phone companies and utilities from erecting utility poles in those areas without prior approval. Ryan Goodwin stated that this was a knee jerk reaction to a decision made by the Indiana General Assembly in the late hours of the session and made a motion to approve the resolution modifying

The previous resolution designating certain areas as strictly for underground or buried utilities as outlined by legal counsel. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS DIRECTOR

Norman Voyles stated that they received between 30 and 40 applications for the EMS director position. The hiring committee met 3 or 4 times to review applications and interview candidates. They narrowed the selection down to one individual. Brian Goss made a motion to appoint Donnie Warren as the EMS director. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Warren stated that he was humbled by the confidence that they have placed in him and once they are up and running they should have one heck of a service. They have trained professionals ready to do the job. There are challenges ahead, including being good stewards of taxpayer money and he is looking forward to working with the Board of Commissioners and Council on the best way to do that.

Norman Voyles stated that pay periods run from Saturday through Friday and proposed that Mr. Warren start immediately in the new position at the salary outlined in the Salary Ordinance. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve this proposal. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA DIRECTOR

Mr. Warren submitted a verbal resignation as the EMA Director. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to appoint Mark Tumey as the Acting Interim Director of the Emergency Management Agency. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – EMS FEES - 1st Reading

Mr. Warren stated that they are still waiting for the IU Intercept Agreement to be reviewed by their legal counsel. He has been assured that it will be ready any day.

Mr. Warren stated that Brown Township is charging the same fee for an ALS-1 or ALS-2 (Advanced Life Support) run of \$1,100. The proposed ordinance lists a charge of \$1,100 for ALS-1 and \$1,300 for ALS-2. The difference between ALS-1 and ALS-2 is the type of medication given and additional services needed for incidents such as heart attacks and severe vehicle accidents (just to replace the pads for the AED costs \$500). Brown Township has a residential fee and out of area fee, which the current billing company does not recommend. The \$750 BLS (Basic Life Support) charge is in line with national standards and what surrounding counties are charging. Medicaid pays \$10 per mile and the ordinance is allowing for \$14. Brian Goss asked if the patient would be charged \$1,100 if they send an ALS unit, but BLS service is provided. Mr. Warren stated that they would not, the charge is based on the services rendered and the type of care the patient receives. Brian Goss made a motion to waive the second reading, approve the fees as presented in the ordinance, and noted that the \$14 mileage charge was high. Mr. Goss stated that he understood that the service needs to support itself so that property taxes could be lowered in the long run. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-1. Mr. Voyles stated that the ordinance passed on first reading, but requires a second reading since the vote was not unanimous. Mr. Goodwin stated that the service needs to be less dependent on taxpayers and more dependent upon the insurance providers, but he was concerned about such a large increase.

Mr. Warren introduced his wife, Suzanne, who wanted to see what he does when he isn't at home.

STOP SIGN ORDINANCE

Norman Voyles stated that there have been numerous calls over the past few years regarding the intersection of Centennial Road and Egbert Road. When traffic on Centennial Road turns onto Egbert, there are several trees obstructing the view. The Board has not been able to get the property owner to trim or remove the trees. Making this a three-way stop is the next best solution. Traffic on Egbert will not like to stop, but if it saves one life, the savings cannot be measured. Brian Goss stated that the driveway permit through the Planning Commission requires a sight distance of 300 feet each direction and asked if this situation could be considered a public safety issue under this ordinance. Rod Bray stated that it is not a driveway and the trees are planted on private property. It is his opinion that the Board has very little or no control to remove them

unless they take right of way by eminent domain, which would be an extreme step. Mr. Voyles suggested installing a "Stop Ahead" sign to alert traffic on Egbert Road. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to waive a second reading and approve Ordinance Number 2017-2 Controlling the Intersection of Egbert Road and Centennial Road and to instruct the Highway Department to consider "Stop Ahead" signs approaching the intersection as well. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Mr. Goss stated that the Board should consider some type of ordinance regarding obstructing the clear view at an intersection, or they could have stop signs at every intersection. Mr. Bray stated that the Board has tried to resolve this issue by contacting the homeowner and having the county attorney contact the homeowner on a number of occasions, but none of this has borne any fruit. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Goodwin stated that a resident contacted him regarding Hadley Road and Slideoff Road after a recent traffic accident. Slideoff "T's" into Hadley Road and there is a speed as well as a visibility issue. Mr. Goodwin asked that the other two Commissioners consider this issue and offer suggestions over the next couple of weeks.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Rick Baum called to express his interest in being a Veterans Service Officer for the county and Mr. Voyles suggested that he attend the meeting. Mr. Baum stated that he is a Marine veteran and had two sons that served in Iraq. He has a service connected disability, served as a post service officer for the American Legion, is a member of the Military Veterans Coalition of Indiana, and works with legislation pro bono. He learned that Morgan County is without an active VSO and he is interested in serving in this capacity. According to Indiana Code 10-17-1-9, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to appoint or hire a Veterans Service Officer. Mr. Baum stated that there is a deprivation of funds that could be going to the veterans, which results in compensation and pension dollars that translates to the county as tax dollars used to support services. Mr. Baum talked to Lori Turpin, the Hendricks County Veterans Service Officer regarding June 1st training, and talked to Kevin Coley, CEO of the Disabled American Veterans of Indiana, and he welcomed him to take the class. There is no cost to the county for the training. As of 2015 there were 6,600 veterans in Morgan County. Norman Voyles asked if the duties of the office could be completed in 28 hours or less per week. Mr. Baum stated that he thought this would be possible. Mr. Voyles stated that the Salary Ordinance lists the compensation for this position at \$30,000 annually. Some of these funds could be used to purchase a computer, printer, etc. There is also a small office space in the Administration Building that is available. Ryan Goodwin thanked Mr. Baum for his service and stated that before moving forward, they would need an application on file and he would like to have a one-on-one conversation. Mr. Baum stated that that was totally reasonable. Mr. Goss stated that he would be in favor of moving forward after receiving an application. Dianna Jennings, president of the local VFW Auxiliary, stated that this position has been vacant for too long and urged the Board to expedite the process. Gerry McGrath suggested that the VSO come to a meeting once a month to give a report.

MINUTES – 5/1/17

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the May 1, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

John Badger submitted a request to use the Courthouse Square beginning Thursday, July 6th through Sunday, July 9th for Artie Fest. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to send the Seifers, Seifers, and Gosnell/Bayh tort claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Frans Hollanders, Morgan County Assistant Dispatch Director, reported that there have been 42,596 calls so far this year. There have been 7,966 911 calls and 34,630 were non-emergency calls. There have been 12,665 CAD calls.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that the inmate population at the jail is 332, this includes 3 DOC inmates, 10 inmates on the work release program, and 21 jail corrections workers. There have been 4,138 law enforcement calls so far this year. The new oven has been installed in the jail

kitchen.

HIGHWAY/ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith stated that they were having problems with the bucket truck and purchased a used one. Crews have been cleaning up trees since the last rain storms, cutting brush, and patching.

Mr. Smith stated that CLR Construction was the low bidder for Bridge #67 on Big Hurricane at \$439,686.60. Mr. Smith stated that all their documents are in order and made a recommendation to award the bid. Brian Goss made a motion to award the bid to CLR Construction. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith requested approval of the Annual Operational Report. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that the legislature made some changes to road funding and gas tax beginning July 1st and there will be a Community Crossing Grant coming up soon. He will be attending a meeting in Crawfordsville on May 22nd to find out more information.

Regarding sight obstructions at intersections, Mr. Smith stated that the county could establish “clear zones” or do sight distance triangles. For the Centennial/Egbert intersection, this would require purchasing part of the property. Norman Voyles stated that this intersection could change when I-69 comes through, but this is several years down the road.

COMMENTS

An unidentified resident of Belt Lane read a statement regarding the condition of the lane and asked that a section of the road be repaired and a speed limit sign installed. Brian Goss stated that it is a narrow road with truck traffic and he would check into it.

Clark DePew stated that he is a resident on Belt Lane and the road is eroding. He would appreciate it if they were able to fix it.

Bill Parker, a resident on Jensen Road, stated that he had inquired at an earlier meeting about Hamilton Logging and damage to the road. Larry Smith stated that he received a response from their attorney asking some questions.

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