

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE RYAN GOODWIN, KENNY HALE AND NORMAN VOYLES. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND GLEN KOCH, STANDING IN FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY DALE COFFEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss ongoing or pending litigation regarding a property dispute and title insurance. Kenny Hale stated that the property, located in Harrison Township, was purchased in 2011 or 2012. It has been in litigation ever since. Rod Bray, former county attorney, has been working with the title company. The appraisal at the time was \$7,200 and a settlement agreement of \$7,400 has been offered. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement of \$7,400. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Ryan Goodwin as signatory on the document. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT AMENDMENT** – *Court Services*

Brian Foley, Morgan County Court Services Deputy Director, was present to discuss a grant application that was submitted in January not to exceed \$600,000. The grant has been amended to include a 2% raise in salary and benefits for the employees that are paid out of this grant and \$48,000 in insurance benefits that was not included in the grant last year. They have also requested a pretrial services officer. This changes the amount not to exceed \$750,000. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the amended grant. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**QUOTES** – *Mini Excavator*

Dan Bastin opened quotes as follows for a mini excavator:

West Side Tractor Sales	\$52,306	with trade-in	\$34,800
BobCat of Indy	\$43,800.30	“	“ 31,800
Rudd	\$49,947	“	“ 41,947
McAllister	\$40,000	“	“ 35,000

Kenny Hale made a motion to table the quotes and report back towards the end of the meeting after the quotes were reviewed. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

**FLOODED ROADWAYS** – *EMA*

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, submitted a proposal to install gates on several county roads that are prone to flooding during heavy rains. In the last five years, there have been 57 water rescues in Morgan County. Of these, 29 were vehicles stranded in the water due to flooded roads. Crossing the flooded roads endangers not only the driver and passengers, but also the first responders that rescue them. During the most recent flood, the locks on the gates at Paragon were cut twice. Morgan County is third in the state for vehicles in flood waters due to the White River and its tributaries. Mr. Tumey is requesting an additional appropriation of \$26,467.29 to cover the cost of 13 gates, locks, signs, and concrete. This cost would not include labor for the Highway Department to install the gates. Mr. Tumey requested approval to approach the County Council for an additional appropriation. Norman Voyles made a motion to send a letter to the Council requesting an additional appropriation from several funding sources. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT**

Aaron Stoner, Enterprise Fleet Management, stated that in order to be successful on the rental car side of the business, they have to be great at buying vehicles and selling vehicles and understanding the most cost effective life cycle of the vehicles. Those same concepts apply to anyone operating a vehicle and he saw an opportunity to grow that market. This program allows cities and counties to facilitate more frequent vehicle replacement, which in turn lowers operating costs and increases productivity. Enterprise works with Hendricks County and Montgomery County. The initial fleet analysis has been prepared and Enterprise recommends including 37

vehicles in the light duty fleet. The average age is 8.1 years and the average annual mileage is 11,000 miles. Mr. Stoner recommended replacing anything over 10 years old and/or over 120,000 miles. There are 15 of the 37 vehicles fell into this category. In 2020, the recommendation is to replace anything over 8 years old and/or over 100,000 miles; 2021 6 years old and/or over 75,000 miles; 2022 4 years old and/or over 50,000 miles; 2023 remaining vehicles. Mr. Stoner stated that with the 37 vehicles listed, there is an average of three purchased each year totaling 70,000 to 71,000. The annual maintenance expenses are estimated to total \$55,000. Fuel costs are estimated at \$91,000. Mr. Stoner stated that if drastic changes aren't made to the fleet, the budget will be close to \$215,000. If 15 vehicles are leased from Enterprise, the same \$70,000 could be used to replace the oldest vehicles in the fleet. This will also result in lower maintenance and fuel costs. The net cash savings the first year is \$37,994. The average annual savings would be \$20,181 per year. Ryan Goodwin noted that they are not including sheriff vehicles or heavy equipment. Mr. Goodwin asked about vehicle markings. Mr. Stoner stated that they could take care of marking the vehicle before it is delivered and would also remove the marking when it is returned. Mr. Stoner stated that Enterprise will search for the best government pricing deals possible and pass that on to the county. Mr. Stoner stated that the next step would be to finalize the initial vehicle order. He is recommending 15, but the right number could be 10 or 12 based on budget dollars and department needs. Kenny Hale stated that he liked the concept, but using the higher mileage sheriff vehicles for other departments isn't working anymore because they aren't as efficient or dependable. Mr. Hale stated he would be more comfortable starting with 5 or 6 vehicles this year. Kenny Hale made a motion to move forward in reviewing the Enterprise contract. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

### **SOIL & WATER AGREEMENT**

Warren Waymire, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, was present to request approval of the annual agreement between the SWCD and the Board of Commissioners. The agreement states that in return for a payment of \$22,607.00, the SWCD will provide services to the Board and to the landowners of Morgan County. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **APPOINTMENTS** – *Harrison Twp Fire*

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board received a letter of resignation from Tim Cummins on February 17 and from Richard Korra on February 25. Both gentlemen served on the Harrison Township Fire District Board for a number of years. There are three candidates for the two positions: John Kennedy, Andy White, and Jim Stewart. Kenny Hale stated that all three candidates would be an asset and made a motion to appoint Jim Stewart to fill the remainder of Tim Cummins' term and John Kennedy to fill the remainder of Richard Korra's term. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MINUTES** – *3/4/19*

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

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board drafted a letter of support for South Central Indiana REMC at their request as they pursue the Next Level Connections Grant. Mr. Goodwin stated that this grant is for broadband accessibility that is part of Governor Holcomb's initiative. The letter highlights both the important of broadband for 21<sup>st</sup> century agriculture and as an economic development tool. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the letter. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **WCBK RADIO PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

Ryan Goodwin stated that leadership from the WCBK radio station inquired if the radio program airing the morning after Board of Commissioner meetings is working, or if they would like to make any changes. Norman Voyles stated that he has done the show for many years and is willing to continue, but is also willing to get out of the way. Kenny Hale thanked Mr. Voyles for doing the show and that he would like to see it rotated. Mr. Hale made a motion to have the board chairman conduct the show. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin noted that the chairman position should also rotate each year. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

### **DONATION REQUEST**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Fall Foliage Festival Committee sent a letter to the Board stating that they will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 and they are seeking donations as a 501 (c)(3). Norman Voyles stated that the county has allowed the committee to use the Courthouse Square each year as the county's contribution. Mr. Goodwin stated that the county contracts with certain non-profits for very specific county services. Kenny Hale concurred. No action was taken.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION & TRANSFER LETTERS**

Ryan Goodwin stated that there is a letter for an additional appropriation of \$32,100 for the security system at the Highway Department that was discussed at a previous meeting, and a transfer letter of \$730 for CIRTA dues. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve both letters. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TORT CLAIM**

Norman Voyles made a motion to send the Indiana Bell tort claim notice to the insurance carrier. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **EMS**

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that there is a question whether the septic system at Station 2 is a 1,000 or 300 gal. tank. If the tank is 300 gal., then they need to replace it with a larger unit in order to get a certificate of occupancy. Unless a waiver of occupancy is issued this week, they will have to relocate to another location. The occupancy does not allow for a 25/7 days a week occupancy of the building. The way it was built, the original plans allowed for three bays and a common area. The building was built with three bays, a common area upstairs, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a shower. Mr. Warren asked Mr. Coffey to look into the lease agreement and has also contacted the Jackson Township Trustee. When they entered into the lease agreement, these were not apparent issues. He will also be reaching out to the Morgantown Fire Department to see if they would be able to house the ambulance and crews until this situation is rectified.

Mr. Warren has looked at several possible sites off of SR 67 and Hynsdale as an advantageous location for crews. This would allow the city crew to stay in the city and be more cost effective. Mr. Hale stated that the septic in this area could also be an issue. They would also like to look at the possibility of a station in the Green Township/I69 area for future growth.

Mr. Warren noted that they sold the two old ambulances.

### **HIGHWAY**

Marvin "Sport" Whaley, Acting Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that a section of Blue Bluff Road is pretty rough and they haven't been able to keep anything on it because of the truck traffic. Mr. Whaley is hoping that the weather will warm up enough this week so they will be able to try hot mix. Ryan Goodwin stated that the agreement with IPL included a stipulation that they would include enough funds to resurface the road after construction of the plant. Crews are currently tearing down the original building; at some point when construction is over, funds should be available through the Redevelopment Commission to repave the road. Norman Voyles suggested seeing if IPL would help pay for the hot patch. Kenny Hale noted that Maple Turn is also in need of attention. Mr. Whaley stated that the Lincoln Hill and Maple Turn intersection is also a concern and he would like to grade the hill.

The chipper that was stolen in September has been located. The insurance company has settled the claim for \$14,000 although the cost of a new one was \$10,000 more. However, the Highway Department is still short a chipper. Ryan Goodwin stated that the claims adjuster needs to be notified that the equipment was located and they may be able to negotiate with the insurance company to get the equipment back. Mr. Whaley stated that the serial numbers were ground off and it was painted.

Mr. Whaley stated that BobCat quoted the low bid of \$31,800 allowing for the trade-in. They would like to include the full warranty coverage for \$1,100. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the quote from BobCat of Indy including the warranty. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that Blue Bluff Road paving has been included in the Community Crossings Grant.

The RFP for Bridge #60 on Robb Hill has been advertised and is due the second or third week of April.

The unofficial detour for State Road 44 has been submitted for a bridge replacement between Plummer Road and Cope Road. The route goes from Cope Road to Maple Grove and back down Plummer Road. The official detour is State Road 37 to State Road 252 to State Road 135. Ryan Goodwin stated that the stop sign at Maple Grove and Musgrave is a bizarre intersection and the stop sign is just over the crest of a hill. With the additional traffic, there might be a need for a "stop ahead" sign. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the unofficial detour for State Road

44. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0. (Kenny Hale stepped away.) Mr. Smith stated that INDOT sent an agreement to take in all the frontage roads built in the I-69 Section 5 Morgan County area. Mr. Smith has inspected the area and has made a few suggestions. Mr. Smith will send the county attorney a copy of the agreement for review.

Mr. Smith stated that Account 1229 was set up for a special distribution and has a balance of approximately \$80,000. It must be appropriated before it can be used, but might be available for use for the security system. Mr. Smith stated that he is not familiar with what is needed for the system, but the internet system is lacking and might need to be upgraded before proceeding with the project. Several years ago, Mr. Smith looked into running a T1 line from the school to the Highway Department and the cost was \$13,000; it is probably more than that now. Ryan Goodwin stated that they would talk with the vendor that is installing the system to see what steps may need to be taken.

**DISPATCH UPDATE**

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that there were several SOPs that needed to be updated with slight changes. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the amendments for Sections 103, 110, 205, 260, 312, and 331. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

There have been 4,300 911 calls so far in 2019, 16,341 administrative calls, and 7,055 CAD calls.

During the recent wind storm, from 8 am Thursday morning to 8 am Friday morning, there were 147 calls. The dispatch center was on generator power for approximately 20 hours. Mr. Hamilton is working with Duke Energy to insure the center is high-priority for restoring power.

Mr. Hamilton is meeting with the Town of Brooklyn to discuss their tornado siren. He is also looking into placing a siren in the Brown's Crossing area, Waverly, and Green Township Elementary School.

**SHERIFF UPDATE**

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, stated that there are currently 252 inmates at the jail, no DOC inmates, 9 on work release, and 20 jail correction workers. There have been 2,324 calls for service since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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

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Kenny Hale

Attest:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Norman Voyles