

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS 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 (*Kenny Hale*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board met in Executive Session at 8 am to discuss a security system at the Highway Department. Norman Voyles made a motion to move forward with the system and to request funding from the County Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Mr. Hale thanked Dave Rogers for his help with this project. Motion carried 3-0.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM – Jail

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that Koorsen Fire & Security submitted a contract for the fire suppression system at the jail. This project has been budgeted in the 2019 budget. The contract is in the amount of \$76,663. They will have to remove ceiling tiles to replace the 1991 piping that is starting to deteriorate. There is \$25,000 budgeted for replacement ceiling tiles. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

DONATION – Paid Time Off

Judge Brian Williams stated that there is an employee in the Magistrate's Court that does not have accumulated time and found out that there are some health issues that will require time off. Norman Voyles made a motion to allow any employees that desire to do so, to donate time. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 2/18/19

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the February 18, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the February 1, 2019 Uniform claims of \$57,200, PERF Uniform claim of \$2,464.00, FICA Uniform claim of \$4,375.80; February 8 and February 22, 2019 Payroll claims of \$596,875.22, and \$568,666.90; the PERF claims of \$54,947.00 and \$52,325.11; FICA claims of \$43,418.89 and \$41,268.28; and monthly claims of \$888,135.67. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

AED INSTRUCTION

Nona Myers, Morgan County Auditor's Office, was present to request that employees be trained on AED use. The Sheriff's Department, Dispatch Center, EMA and EMS are required to be certified in CPR and AED. Ms. Myers stated that minutes can make a difference in surviving a heart attack and proposed that employees that volunteer be trained by EMS. The training would be 3 to 4 hours and the employees would need approval from their department head in order to attend the training. Ms. Myers suggested that the training be provided during normal work hours since it would be a benefit to the county as well as the public. Ms. Myers suggested a pilot program of 24 employees. Once training is complete, the list of employees certified in CPR would be given to all offices so that should an emergency arise, they could be contacted. Ms. Myers suggested that Courthouse, Court Services, and Highway Department employees be trained as well as Administration Building employees. Ryan Goodwin stated that it would be a benefit to the county as well as the public and makes perfect sense. Kenny Hale thanked Ms. Myers, EMA and EMS for putting the program together and stated that he would be in support of it. Norman Voyles made a motion to authorize Ms. Myers to move forward with the program and noted that training would be while paid on the job. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

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

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

John and Pam Badger, Martinsville Candy Kitchen, made a request to use the Courthouse Square parking area on Saturday, April 6th for the 100th anniversary of the Candy Kitchen. They will have a bounce house and children's games. Norman Voyles stated that he would be in favor of using the parking area for the bounce house, but not the lawn. Kenny Hale stated that as long as no stakes are driven into the parking area, he would be fine with it. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the request for the parking area only. Ryan Goodwin notes that stakes would not be allowed to be driven in the paved surface. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Jackie Coffman, Outreach Coordinator for Morgan County Humane Society, was present to request the use of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, April 13th for the 5th Annual Feline Frolic. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

CVSO

Rick Baum, Morgan County Veterans Service Officer, was present to give a monthly report. There were 45 interviews in the office, 8 outside of the office, and 20 claims filed. Mr. Baum stated that Senate Bill 483 regards funding for Veterans Service Officers. The bill synopsis is as follows:

Provides that 5% of the funds a county receives under the excise tax replacement disbursement to be used to fund county service officers is to be set aside from each individual county's distribution after the state welfare and tuition support allocation is deducted from the total amount available for apportionment and distribution. Requires a county with more than 2,500 veterans to hire an additional part-time county service officer.

Mr. Baum has been working with the Health Department in securing death certificates of veterans that have passed in the county so he could do an outreach towards the widow or family.

The new administrative assistant will start on March 11th.

Dennis Wimer is the new Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs and Mr. Baum included a newsletter from him, as well as a letter stating that CVSO training will be June 10-12, 2019.

EMS

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that most of the medics attended difficult airway training and they have already used it with good outcome. They attended a conference with the IU Lifeline team regarding pediatric care.

There were 309 EMS calls for February and they have \$455,000 in charges

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Marvin "Sport" Whaley, Acting Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that the excavator and track hoe came in Thursday. Mr. Whaley stated that the mini excavator would not do much good without a tilting ditching bucket and a trailer, which will also be used for the Bobcat. Mr. Whaley asked if he could purchase the bucket as an accessory, as there are funds in the budget for this, or if he should reject the purchase. The requirement for the bucket was overlooked in the bidding process and Kenny Hale would like to include a cab and heater. This changes the specifications from the original bid. Dan Bastin stated that if the estimated cost is under \$50,000 they could entertain quotes. Mr. Hale stated that the ditching bucket would cost approximately \$5,000. Mr. Bastin stated that adding a cab and heater would change the specifications and they should ask for sealed quotes with the changes in specifications. Kenny Hale made a motion to reject the bid for the mini excavator that was accepted earlier from Bobcat of Indy and re-do the specifications. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Whaley asked if Mr. Hale had looked at the conditions at Little Hurricane. Mr. Hale stated that there is a 10' to 12' difference in elevation from the road down to the garage; paving the road should not have made a difference.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he received a very nice note from a state trooper regarding the condition of Morgan County's roads as compared to surrounding areas.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he received the contract documents for Bridge #52 on Egbert Road for United Consulting. Norman Voyles made a motion to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Smith stated that once the contract was submitted, the state will review it and find funding for 80% of the preliminary

engineering. The construction is already funded with 80/20 funds.

MVH WORKSHOP

Dan Bastin stated that the state is requiring that 50% of the distribution for the MVH Fund (Motor Vehicle Highway) be separated out into a second fund that is restricted to be used for construction, reconstruction, and preservation activities. Mr. Bastin has been meeting with the State Board of Accounts, Association of Indiana Counties, other county auditors and engineers, and participated in a webinar hosted by the SBOA on guidance in what activities qualify for the second fund and how to account for it. Mr. Bastin suggested a workshop at the Highway Department with the bookkeepers, superintendent, and Commissioners to come up with a strategy for how they will account for these expenses and report them. Monday, March 18th at 1:30 was set for a workshop.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 3,459 911 calls so far in 2019, 13,153 administrative calls, and 5,738 CAD calls. The PSAP answer time is well within the NFPA and NENA standards.

Mr. Hamilton is working with the school district to replace a tornado siren at Green Township Elementary School. The location for another siren has been narrowed down to Old State Road 37 south of Waverly on an IPL/Vectren right of way. Mr. Hamilton has also been meeting with the Town of Brooklyn to discuss managing their siren within the county system.

SHERIFF UPDATE

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, stated that there are currently 234 inmates at the jail, 2 DOC inmates, 9 on work release, and 15 jail correction workers. There have been 1,889 calls for service since January 1st.

Sheriff Myers thanked the jail corrections crew for the cleaning up they have been doing.

PARKS & RECREATION

Greg Howard, Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board Chairman, introduced Jules Erwin, the new Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Erwin stated that she was excited to be on the job.

PLAN COMMISSION

Ryan Goodwin welcomed new Plan Commission Director, Laura Parker.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Dellinger, Executive Director for Morgan County Economic Development, stated that the annual meeting is March 21st and Mr. Goodwin is the new secretary/treasurer for EDC.

The Mooresville Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the I-2 zoning for the Pauley farm for the new RDC spec. building.

EMA

Mark Tumej, Morgan County EMA Director, stated that there were three water rescues during the last heavy rain and flooding. People are driving around barricades. The padlock on the Paragon Road gate was cut off twice and opened during the flood and people drove through it. Mr. Tumer would like to get an estimate to install gates with locks that can't be cut off and discuss this at the next meeting. This practice is not only a danger to the people that drive through, but to the rescuers as well. Ryan Goodwin stated that Indiana Code allows for tickets and fines if people drive through flood gates or barricades.

COMMENT

Theresa Browning, a resident on Brandywine Lane, asked about construction on State Road 39 at I-70. The bridge will be closed and Ms. Browning asked about impact on county roads. Mr. Goodwin stated that if the official detour is on county roads, the state will mark it as a detour and they will compensate the county for road repairs. If the detour is via state roads, the state will not notify the county, they will just install the detour signs. Scott Hamilton noted that the state will notify the Dispatch Center.

Ms. Browning thanked the Board for their service.

COMMENT

Charles O'Conner, president of Haggard Estates HOA, stated that the roads in the subdivision are private and asked how to create a special tax assessment through the Barrett Law in order to cover the cost of paving the roads. Ryan Goodwin stated that there are requirements that would need to be looked into further, and asked if there was support within the subdivision for this. Mr.

O'Connor stated that he thought the majority of residents were in support; they are looking for a way to pave the roads without each homeowner writing a very large check. Kenny Hale stated that the road needed to have a certain amount of base, asphalt, and be a certain width. Mr. O'Conner asked how to start the process. Mr. Goodwin stated that it would be built into the property taxes and there are lien issues and property transfer issues. There is a remonstrance process and they would need to have support for the process or rate payers would be able to stop it. When they do a Barrett project, they have to have a precise estimate of the cost; when the tax rate is established, it must be sufficient to cover the cost. The Barrett Law process does not make the project cheaper, it puts up barriers and challenges. It does provide the ability to spread the cost out over a longer period of time. Mr. Goodwin stated that these same mechanisms might be available within the HOA without the burdens and difficulty of being a tax assessment. Mr. Goodwin stated he would work with Mr. O'Connor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles