

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 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*)

OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE

Nicholas Trask, Beam Longest & Neff, was present to discuss a real estate purchase related to I-69. Beam, Longest & Neff has been contracted by the state of Indiana to purchase real estate for the I-69 expansion project. The state has offered to purchase .325 acres of land on State Road 37 across from Perry Road. The state has offered \$1,855 for the property and the county has 30 days to either accept the offer, reject it, make a counter offer or choose condemnation. Mr. Trask stated that he would leave an information packet that contains the appraisal and contact information. INDOT plans to construct a bridge across I-69 from Perry Road to connect to Old Waverly Road. Kenny Hale stated that there were appraisals when the property was acquired by the county, although dated, Mr. Hale stated that the other commissioners were welcome to review them. Norman Voyles made a motion to table the offer until the April 15th meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – EMS

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bargersville Fire District. Mr. Warren stated that in an effort to better improve response to the Harrison Township area, they have negotiated with the Bargersville Community Fire District to provide the county with an ALS engine to respond to Harrison Township to assist with medical coverage. This would not be a transport unit, but would provide the closest, most appropriate level of care to patients in Harrison Township. It does not supersede any fire department agreement. They are six minutes away from downtown Waverly. An Autopulse unit will be assigned to Bargersville. Mr. Warren stated that this will help to get a system in place as I-69 moves forward. Dale Coffey stated that he has reviewed the agreement and suggested some changes that have been made. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

HERO'S HONOR SPECIAL DEATH BENEFIT – EMS

Mr. Warren stated that the Hero's Honor Special Death Benefit was created by the state of Indiana and provides full time EMS employees with a \$150,000 line of duty death benefit. The cost is \$100 per year per employee for a total cost of \$3,800. There are some employees that would be covered through the City of Martinsville or some other coverage and would not have dual coverage. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve moving forward with the benefit and allowing Mr. Warren to approach the Council with the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS UPDATE

Mr. Warren stated that they have reached out to several people regarding the Station 2 building. The septic tank is 1,000 gallons with a 300 gal. per day capacity. They are working with the Health Department to make sure this is adequate. They are looking for the as built plans.

MINUTES – 3/18/19

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

CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the March 8 and March 22, 2019 payroll claims of \$571,774.68 and \$576,716.78; PERF \$52,266.94 and \$53,110.03; FICA \$41,470.25 and \$41,840.77. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the monthly claims of \$1,444,017.03. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTER

Ryan Goodwin stated that the additional appropriation letter is for an additional appropriation of \$25,550.29 from Cumulative Capital Development (1138), or Riverboat Revenue Sharing (1191), or Rainy Day (1186) for the purchase of gates, locks and signs for roads prone to flooding as presented by EMA Director Mark Tumey at the last meeting. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the letters. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD NAME

Kenny Hale stated that "Franklin Ridge" has been submitted as a road name for a private existing road off of Lincoln Hill Road. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the road name. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

SWCD REQUEST

Warren Waymire, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, sent a letter requesting an office key for a contractor that was hired as an invasive species specialist. Mr. Goodwin noted that the request does not include a request for a building key. Norman Voyles stated that he did not have a problem with the office key and made a motion to approve the request. Ryan Goodwin agreed and stated he would have different feelings about a key to the building, but a key to the office was reasonable. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

VSO UPDATE

Rick Baum, Morgan County Veteran's Service Officer, stated that March was a busy month. He met with the DAV regarding the Volunteer Transportation Network. The van should be available soon; they will need a lockbox that will house the key, a gas card, and a cell phone. The administrative assistant started and is working on following up on pending claims. Senate Bill 43, if passed, would bring in \$129,000 to the county.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Bridge #52 LPA contract that covers the federal aid work is ready for approval. The 80% total is \$244,920 and covers the preliminary engineering phase. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the LPA contract with INDOT. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that the county was able to secure \$1 million through the Community Crossings matching grant program through INDOT and presented the grant agreements along with the 12 roads that are broken down into 14 projects. Mr. Smith noted that only 10 projects are allowed on an agreement so there are two agreements that need to be approved. The list includes Mann, Greencastle, Paragon, Goat Hollow, Keller Hill, Heribmont, Bill Smith, Warthen, Skunk Hollow, Hinshaw, Liberty Church, and Gasburg Roads. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreements and appoint the Chairman as signatory. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith is reviewing the I-69 Section 5 frontage roads, and is working with Mr. Coffey to submit the file. Kenny Hale asked if the responsibility for the casings under Little Indian Creek was changed to the state and if the fenced area was addressed. Mr. Smith stated that he is reviewing this area with the surveyor. There are also some retainage pipes that need to be addressed.

Ryan Goodwin thanked Mr. Smith for the work he does in completing the Community Crossings Grant application each year and stated that this grant of \$1 million allows the county to pave 26 miles of roads along with the county's 50% contribution.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week is April 14-20 and asked that the Commissioners approve a local proclamation. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve and sign the proclamation. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

There have been 5,006 911 calls so far in 2019, 18,992 administrative calls, and 8,368 CAD calls.

The school board has approved the placement of a tornado siren at the Green Township Elementary School. Mr. Hamilton miscalculated the radio lease and will have some extra funds that he would like to apply to the tornado siren project to move forward sooner than expected.

SHERIFF UPDATE

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, stated that there are currently 257 inmates at the jail, 5 DOC inmates, 9 on work release, and 20 jail correction workers. There have been 2,760 calls for

service since January 1st.

PARKS & RECREATION

Jules Erwin, Morgan County Parks & Recreation Director, was present to update the board on events going on at the parks, there will be an event for the Morgan County History Partnership at the Wilbur Schoolhouse, a Doggie Dash, and wildflower walk in April, and little 500 event in May.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT

Dale Coffey stated that he had reviewed the Enterprise Fleet Management contracts, there is an addendum that Hendricks County included and Mr. Coffey recommended that Morgan County also adopt the addendum regarding the master lease agreement. The agreement requires a 30 day notice to terminate the agreement. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the contract with Enterprise for fleet management. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

BILLBOARD

Kenny Hale stated there is a proposal for a group project with the county, City of Martinsville, and Artesian Group for a “V” shaped billboard on the 39 Bypass to direct traffic to events occurring in downtown Martinsville. Mr. Hale asked that this item be on the next agenda. Norman Voyles made a motion to continue the discussion. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles