

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE RYAN GOODWIN, KENNY HALE AND NORMAN VOYLES. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; SANDY MOSIER, PLAN COMMISSION; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*)

**GRANT APPLICATION** – *Board of Health*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, requested approval of a Public Health Preparedness & Response Grant of \$25,000 (base grant) and \$19,335 (CRI grant). This grant is awarded through the Indiana State Department of Health. These funds will be used for the Health Preparedness Coordinator salary, benefits, office supplies, travel expense, and office equipment. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the \$44,335 grant. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT** – *Health Department*

Ms. LaFary stated that fees for farmer's market permits and mobile units have been added and fees for immunizations, screenings, and tests have changed. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Fee Ordinance and to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**REDACTION SERVICES AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT** - *Recorder*

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Redaction Services and Support Agreement with CSI is a continuation of an agreement that is currently in force. The agreement continues until July of 2023. Norman Voyles stated that he thought the cost was the same as in the past. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**APEX AGREEMENTS** – *Health Insurance Broker*

Ryan Goodwin stated that recently the Morgan County Group Health Insurance Board selected a broker to help navigate health insurance plans. Apex Benefits was selected after months of research and they have submitted a letter of agreement. Dale Coffey stated that there were three items in the agreement that were changed and the amended agreement is before the Board for approval. Apex will review and development an employee benefit communication plan, act as liaison between client and vendors, recommend ways to improve communication, and will administer the health, vision, and dental plans for a \$52,000 annual fee. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Apex agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**BILLBOARD AGREEMENT - REVISION**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the agreement for the billboard was passed May 6<sup>th</sup> and there is a correction to Item Four regarding updating or refreshing the design of the sign so the same design will not be utilized the entire 20 years that the agreement is in effect. Any design update would be within the same intent, which is to promote downtown Martinsville. Kenny Hale stated that the original agreement required that the sign be updated due to fading or natural disaster, but after a period of time, the sign would need to be refreshed due to changes downtown. Any changes would require approval from the Board of Commissioners. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the revised agreement between Artesian Group, City of Martinsville, and Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

Mr. Goodwin stated that two quotes were received for electrical work for the billboard. Kenny Hale stated that Duke Energy services the area where the billboard is located and they will be doing a drop and underground rather than overhead. The quote from Sun Electric is \$6,427 and Live Wire Consulting is \$5,225.22. Mr. Hale is working with Martinsville and INDOT on permits. Kenny Hale made a motion to select Live Wire Consulting for the billboard project. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

**COURTHOUSE ANNEX FAÇADE - ESTIMATES**

Kenny Hale stated that he has been working with Carol Kinder, Court Services Director, to update the backer board and the letters spelling out Court House Annex on the building that houses the Court Services Department. Mr. Hale requested quotes from 15 vendors and only received two replies; Roe & Son Signs \$1,600 and Everywhere Signs \$1,290. There is discussion among the

judges regarding whether the letters should say “Court Services” or “Courthouse Annex”. Norman Voyles noted that the photo has courthouse as two words and it should be one. Mr. Hale stated that the original sign was installed by a community corrections worker many years ago and the new sign will correct that if “courthouse” is used. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the item for a future meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

### **COURTHOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION** – *Superior III*

Kenny Hale stated that a squirrel got into the ceiling area of the Courthouse last year and was trapped, and another one was able to enter this year. In inspecting the area to find where they were able to enter the building, there is a section of the eave missing by a gutter and Mr. Hale recommended that this be sealed. There are also some other areas that need repairs. Three vendors submitted quotes to clean up the area as follows: Complete Remediation Services \$1,550, Aftermath \$5,959.72, Delta \$7,800. All vendors are willing to honor the quotes for 60 days while the other repairs are completed. Kenny Hale made a motion to award the project to Complete Remediation Services for \$1,550. Mr. Goodwin seconded the motion and stated that it is the intent to begin the project after the exterior issues have been resolved. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hale stated that in Superior III, there is old plaster dropping down on the acoustic ceiling. Mr. Hale did not find any moisture problems. Delta was the only vendor that submitted a quote for this repair. Mr. Hale will continue to pursue more options.

### **TALL OAKS CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Tall Oaks Conservancy District has been established via Cause No. 55C01-1807-MI-001245 for a neighborhood between Cope and Morgantown. The Board of Commissioners appoint the first members of the conservancy district and then elections are then held. Mark and Catherine Whittier stated that they were present to answer any questions if needed. The following directors were suggested as appointees: David Stringer, Area 1 – term to expire at the annual meeting in 2020, Anthony Harden, Area 2 – term to expire at the annual meeting in 2021, and Catherine Whittier, Area 3 – term to expire at the annual meeting in 2022. Kenny Hale asked if all the homeowners were aware of the district and the rates. Ms. Whittier stated that they do not have the rates yet, but homeowners were aware that this is the only alternative to get financing for issues with the lake and road. Dan Bastin asked that Ms. Whittier provide contact information after the meeting. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the appointees as listed. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

### **MONROE TWP FIRE DISTRICT**

Stefan Lathan, Monroe Township Fire District Chief, stated that for the past several years, they have ended the year in the red and have had to take funds out of their Rainy Day Fund. They have cut as much out of the budget that they can. They pay two firefighter EMTs \$10 per hour for 10 hours per day on standby and feel they must keep this program going, but they will have to cut the pay or cut hours. In the past, the Council has allowed \$20,000 in LOIT funds to go to several county fire departments and Mr. Lathan asked to start receiving these funds again.

Ryan Goodwin explained that the Board of Commissioners does not have the power to grant an additional appropriation. Mr. Lathan stated that the DLGF suggested that they appear before the Board of Commissioners. Dan Bastin stated that it is important that they submit a letter to the Council to request the funds by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goodwin noted that there is a fire debt service fund and asked if the tax rate was adequate. Mr. Lathan stated that they are looking into that now.

### **OAK HILL SUBDIVISION** – *Kevin McGinnis*

Kevin McGinnis, Duke Homes, stated that Oak Hills Subdivision, located at State Roads 37 and 144, was platted in 2007 and did not have the top coat put on the roads within the subdivision. Mr. McGinnis asked if the top coat were installed to county standards and specifications, would it be possible to have the roads dedicated. Mr. McGinnis provided a map of the area and has met with Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer. One requirement was that turn-arounds or “hammerheads” be installed on the three stub streets with base and binder, and there would be a three-year maintenance bond. There is a possibility of future growth and they need to remove the turn-arounds and construct the street. Kenny Hale made a motion to accept the roadways in Section 1 of Oak Hills Subdivision into county maintenance once the above requirements have been met and the top coat is installed. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

### **PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the current policy for the property and casualty insurance expires May 30<sup>th</sup> and there was a presentation at the last meeting for Travelers, Bliss McKnight, and Trident. The county files very few property claims and the possibility of a higher deductible has been

explored. The current deductible is \$5,000 and proposals were submitted for \$10,000, \$25,000, and \$50,000. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve a \$50,000 deductible for buildings and to retain Travelers as the property and casualty insurer. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. This does not include vehicles or equipment. Motion carried 3-0.

**TORT CLAIM / INCIDENT CLAIM**

Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the Buckallew Incident Claim (FKP1902) and the Spence (FKP2945) and Nading (FKP2942) Tort Claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION**

Norman Voyles stated that the sale date for county surplus will be Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL HIGHWAY REPORT**

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that there is a new form for the annual operating report. The department must meet the requirement of 50% of the MVH funds being used for preservation purposes. This requirement was met with the total being 57%. Receipts and disbursements were as follows:

|                     | Receipts       | Disbursements  |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| MVH                 | \$5,392,608.07 | \$6,055,269.46 |
| Local Road & Street | \$1,800,000.00 | \$2,100,000.00 |
| Cumulative Bridge   | \$ 370,000.00  | \$ 395,000.00  |

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Annual Operational Report. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**ENGINEER UPDATE**

Mr. Smith stated that they are making cold mix to pre-test roads next week.

There is a pipe replacement project on Greencastle Road. It is fairly deep and the contractor will do pipelining as opposed to cutting the road. The pipe is 72” and doesn’t need to be that big so they will line it with a 60” pipe. This project will start the first week of June.

A section of Conamackey Road in the Bethany area goes from county maintained, to town maintained, back to county and there is a section of Old State Road 67 that Bethany maintains. Mr. Smith would like to draft an interlocal agreement for the county to maintain Old State Road 67 and Bethany to maintain Conamackey. Ryan Goodwin stated that he would be in favor of resolving the issue. Kenny Hale made a motion to give the Morgan County Highway Engineer the flexibility to work with the attorney to draft an interlocal agreement with the Town of Bethany for the maintenance of Old State Road 67 and Conamackey Road. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Goodwin stated that the roads in North Madison Crossing were accepted into the county road system last year with the condition that a construction entrance is utilized for Section 2. The construction entrance would have crossed over the Landersdale Trail, but it also went down a narrow path near a retention pond. There were some concerns about this route and the developer asked if the Board would entertain a revision to the agreement allowing use of the regular entrance. Mr. Smith recommended a 2” asphalt topcoat at a cost of \$30,000 and Mr. Smith asked that Mr. Swinney (the developer) provide a maintenance bond in the amount of \$30,000 and Mr. Swinney is willing to do that. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the condition change regarding the construction entrance. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Smith stated that once construction is done, there will be a request to take the roads in this section into the county system.

**EMS UPDATE**

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that he talked with Commissioner Hale about a property. He could not find some documentation that was requested and it does not seem to be a good choice. However, he found the regional master plans for the station on State Road 252; they were in the Health Department. The oxygen trailer should be delivered this week. Twenty-four county employees have been trained in CPR / AED so far. There are 12 more to be trained just in the Administration Building.

Ryan Goodwin noted that it is EMS week.

**DISPATCH UPDATE**

Scott Hamilton stated that there has been 7,655 911 calls and 29,528 administrative calls. They have filled two vacant positions. The windows have been replaced and doors are next. There are some interior and exterior issues that need to be addressed. Mr. Hamilton stated that the dispatchers appreciate the EMS crews and all they do.

Mr. Hamilton stated that he budgeted for one more year of Motorola radio lease payments, but it was paid off last year. Mr. Hamilton would like to approach the Council about using this amount to purchase tornado sirens and make that a two or three-year project instead of a three or four-year project. Mr. Hamilton stated that both amounts would be in a 4400 account. Dan Bastin stated that it should still have Council approval.

Mr. Hamilton stated that they are also looking into a software addition and monitor for use in I-69 construction, road restrictions and closures. The 39 Bypass will be the main thoroughfare and there are concerns about the traffic in this area.

**SHERIFF UPDATE**

Sheriff Rich Myers stated that there are 283 inmates, 1 DOC inmate, 12 work release, and 23 jail correction workers. There were 4,454 law enforcement calls for service.

**PLAN COMMISSION UPDATE**

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that the steering committee for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Thoroughfare Plan has completed a final draft that will be ready for public presentation on May 30, 6:30 pm at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Ms. Parker invited the Board to attend. A copy of the plan is available at [morgancountyplans.com](http://morgancountyplans.com).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Norman Voyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. 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