

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 AT 6:30 P.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 (*Ryan Goodwin*)

REZONE REQUEST – *Copas Ag to R1*

Ross Holloway, Holloway Engineering, was present on behalf of Timmy and Tammy Copas to request that 2.3 acres from a 23.39 acre parcel in Jefferson Township be rezoned from Ag to R1. There are plans to build a single family home on the property. The Morgan County Plan Commission voted in favor of approving the request. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve Docket Z-19-02. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REZONE REQUEST – *Ennis*

Mr. Holloway stated that the Michael Ennis family requested that 272 acres at the intersection of Henderson Ford Road and State Road 37 be rezoned from Ag to B3. Mr. Holloway stated that there are some commitments that prohibit some uses on the property and these are contained in “Exhibit B”. The request received a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REZONE REQUEST – *Mary Green*

Mike Sheppard, Sheppard Land Surveying, was present on behalf of Mary Green to request that a 79.2 acre parcel in Harrison Township from Ag to R1. The property owners plan to divide the property into five large lots. The Morgan County Plan Commission voted in favor of the request. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN / THOROUGHFARE PLAN

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Director, was present to request adoption of the updated Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Thoroughfare Plan. Ms. Parker stated that two committees worked for over a year on putting the plans together. There have been many public meetings and committee meetings. Ryan Goodwin stated that there was good participation from the committees and the committees were representative of diverse interests across the county. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Thoroughfare Plan and to waive a second reading. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – *Community Crossings Grant*

Dan Bastin presented an additional appropriation letter to submit to the Council. Mr. Bastin stated that the Community Crossing Grant projects were awarded and the state requires that the County Council approve the appropriations for the projects in this fund. The grant itself stipulates the dollar amounts by project. Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the letter to the County Council for approval. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION – *RDC Bonds*

Ryan Goodwin stated that this resolution approves the issuance of bonds for the Redevelopment Commission, specifically for a sanitary sewer project in Waverly. Mr. Goodwin stated that there were several unanswered questions on the state of the project and there were additional items that the bond counsel, Ice Miller was looking into related to the State Revolving Loan Fund. Norman Voyles made a motion to table until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0

COURTHOUSE ANNEX FACADE UPDATE

Kenny Hale stated that he has only received one quote for this project and is waiting on one more. Three others declined to submit a quote. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE PLASTER REPAIR

Mr. Hale stated that he received one quote on this project and is waiting on two or three others.

Kenny Hale made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING – *Road Closure Bridge Repair*

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that when INDOT closes a road, they often have an unofficial local detour. INDOT is closing State Road 39 between State Road 67 and State Road 142. They have submitted a Letter of Understanding for an unofficial detour using Robb Hill Road. The road will be closed from the week of July 15 through approximately October 13, 2019. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Letter of Understanding. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that Beam Longest and Neff has been approved by the state as the consultant for Bridge #60 on Robb Hill Road and they may begin negotiations. The project will not begin until 2024.

APPOINTMENT – *Parks Director*

Ryan Goodwin stated that the County Council allotted funds to the Parks and Recreation Board to pursue a full time director. An individual was hired and the Council dissolved the board at their first meeting in June. The director reported to the board and will now report to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Goodwin asked that this person, Jules Erwin, be appointed as the Park Director. This appointment will expire at the end of the year, as do the Engineer, EMA Director, EMS Director, etc. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the appointment and add the position to the slate of appointments. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin asked that a job description and project deadline be considered at the August meeting. Motion carried 2-0-1. Kenny Hale abstained.

MINUTES – *6/3/19, 6/17/19, 7/1/19*

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the June 3, June 17, and July 1, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the 2020 Holiday Schedule. Ryan Goodwin noted that the schedule follows the same schedule as the state. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerry McGrath stated that he traveled on the new I-69 and noticed that the overpass at Sample Road has “Monroe County” in nice letters and suggested that Morgan County have the same or something similar. Kenny Hale stated that there is an aesthetic committee working with the state and the first interchange at Waverly Road will hopefully have something similar.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Ryan Goodwin

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles