

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session this morning to discuss strategy related to real estate. No further action.

RESOLUTION – REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BONDS

Lisa Lee, Ice Miler, who is serving as bond counsel for the Waverly area sewer treatment plant, was present to request approval of Resolution No. 2019-8-5, Resolution of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners Approving the issuance of Bonds. Ms. Lee stated that this was tabled from the previous meeting due to concerns regarding the SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan requirement that the Morgan County Regional Sewer District Board have construction oversight, invoicing and claims, etc. SRF has agreed to allow the Redevelopment Commission to oversee the project and the Morgan County Auditor will act as fiscal agent. Another concern was the maximum issuance amount of \$8.5 million. Ms. Lee stated that the estimates are determined early on and 20% is added as contingency. The financial advisors add the cost of issuance, debt service reserves, and financing costs and come up with a number that they provide to Ice Miller to use throughout the resolution process. They are looking at a bond of \$6.7 million based on construction costs, contingency, financing, engineering, bond anticipation note payoff, etc. Representatives from Baker Tilly were also present to answer any questions. SRF also provided a grant of \$100,000 to pay for the grinder pumps. The homeowner's expense will be the connection to the pump and the electrical. If the homeowner hooks up now, they will be able to take advantage of this. If they wait for a year, the grinder pump would be at their own cost because the funds would be expended. Construction bids are to be received Friday by the Redevelopment Commission. They will only issue the amount of bonds needed to cover the construction and financing costs. The resolution also has a maximum interest rate of 6% and right now SRF is 2.5%. When they started the process in May, they did not know if they would qualify for SRF and had to include the higher open market rate. The Redevelopment Commission has adopted their resolution with the same perimeters. The rate study has been done and the rate ordinance will be introduced at the August meeting of the Regional Sewer District. The pre-closing will be mid-October, closing by the end of October, and notice to proceed after that.

Ryan Goodwin stated that there is a need for this project and there are concerns about the cost. The project needs to be done in a way that the rates are palatable to those that have the ability to connect. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE PLASTER REPAIR

Kenny Hale stated that he contacted 13 different companies regarding a plaster repair project at the Courthouse and Delta was the only company that provided a quote. The quote totals \$10,400. Kenny Hale made a motion to enter into a contract with Delta Services in the amount of \$10,400 to do the removal remediation in the Superior III office area of the Courthouse. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

GRANT APPLICATION - EMA

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, stated that he submitted a \$79,945 grant application to purchase two tornado sirens. The grant is from 2016 SHSP de-obligated funds which opened up July 26th and the submission was due August 2nd. Mr. Tumey stated that they have replaced five and this will make seven. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FLOOD GATES – EMA

Mr. Tumey stated that the flood gates are in and they need to purchase concrete. Mr. Tumey requested approval to have the highway department install the gates. Ryan Goodwin stated that when they can utilize in-house services, that's the best way to go. Mr. Tumey stated that he will coordinate with the

highway department on installation; they will need to decide who will be responsible for locking and unlocking the gates. Previously, the highway department was responsible for placing and removing the wooden barriers.

RESOLUTION – Surplus Office Furniture

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Johnson County Board of Commissioners offered the donation of high quality office furniture and the Board would need to adopt a resolution to accept the donation. Kenny Hale stated that it is very nice office furniture and he let them know that Morgan County would be interested. The Johnson County Board of Commissioners drafted and passed a resolution to donate the furniture to Morgan County. Mr. Hale stated that there are matching desks and file cabinets from three offices and they are willing to load, deliver and unload. Mr. Goodwin noted that the Johnson County Commissioners were going to conduct a surplus sale, but believed that the furniture was in too good of condition to sell at this type of sale. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the surplus office equipment from Johnson County. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0

COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE / I69

Ryan Goodwin stated that due to the I-69 detour projected to be in 2021, there will be an increase in the traffic that travels along Morgan Street. HNTB has asked if the county would consider closing the Morgan Street entrance to the Courthouse during this time. Norman Voyles stated that he would be opposed to closing the entrance; it would need to remain open for emergency use. HNTB also offered a right turn in, right turn out option and this should suffice. Kenny Hale stated that as long as it is limited to a right turn, he would not have a problem with it; a left turn would cause a major backup. Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that the entrance isn't used all that much anyway because of the traffic. If it is closed, the barrier would need to be movable in case of an emergency. Mr. Rogers stated that the right in/right out option would keep the flow and would allow for emergency use. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve a restricted access with right turn in and right turn out. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FIVE YEAR PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Jules Erwin, Morgan County Parks Department Director stated that before the parks board was dissolved, they entered into a contract with Green 3 to develop/update the 5-year master plan and develop some signage for the parks. Ms. Erwin recommended that the master plan be changed to remove references to “park board” and replace with “parks department”. Everything else is on track for a final draft in late fall.

Ms. Erwin stated that the signage contract is to develop panels that would have maps, park rules, and interpretive signage. Ms. Erwin recommended that they not add anymore interpretive panels and not add the wayfinding signs at this time. Ms. Erwin recommended that the signs be two-sided with one side as a map and the rules on the other. There are several different colors being used and they should be limited for a clean look. The borders of the park property should be delineated and trails should be combined. The Landersdale and Burkhart Creek signs could be fabricated, but there are still changes at Old Town Waverly Park and she would recommend holding off on this sign. The rules could also be made more concise. Ryan Goodwin suggested tabling the signage component until more details could be decided. Norman Voyles made a motion to table the signage agreement until the last meeting in August (30th). Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin asked if there was approval of the master plan with the changes from Morgan County Park Board to Morgan County Parks Department. Kenny Hale noted that the public meeting notices need to be well advertised in order to get community buy-in. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the contract with Green 3 for the five-year master plan. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK DIRECTOR – JOB DESCRIPTION AND PROJECT DEADLINE

Mr. Goodwin asked that this be tabled as the draft has not been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the topic until August 19th. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACCOUNT – Parks Department

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Waverly Park checking account established at the Community Foundation has one signature on the account and as a matter of good internal controls, they would like to have two signatures on the account. It has been suggested that the Commissioners' Executive Assistant, Deb Verley, be added as a second signer. Kenny Hale stated that there are two accounts; one is for any county park, and the other is for Waverly only. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve adding Deb Verley as the second signatory on the account. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT - *Indianapolis Airport Authority*

Ryan Goodwin stated that Lynn Gordon tendered his resignation from the Indianapolis Airport Authority effective August 1, 2019. There are two candidates for this appointment; Fred Mills, IPL and Ryan Goodwin. Kenny Hale stated that it is important to have a representative on the board. Mr. Hale thanked Mr. Mills and IPL for everything thing they have done for Morgan County. Mr. Hale stated that he liked the idea of having a county commissioner on the board and made a motion to appoint Ryan Goodwin. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 7/15/19

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the July 12 and July 26, 2019 payroll claims of \$588,692.44 and \$579,748.38; PERF \$54,172.65 and \$53,166.07; FICA \$42,716.22 and \$42,057.21; and monthly claims of \$2,182,290.74. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the Rutherford tort claim (FKP7858) to the insurance carrier. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MORGAN COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he has been with the county for 18 years and appreciated the opportunity, but it is time to retire and submitted his resignation effective in two weeks. Ryan Goodwin stated it is definitely a surprise and thanked Mr. Smith for his service to the county. Mr. Goodwin praised Mr. Smith for providing information that he could in turn provide to taxpayers.

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

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles