

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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 prior to the meeting, the Commissioners met in Executive Session. There was no business to conduct as a result of this meeting.

REZONE REQUEST – *B3 to Ag*

Carol and Richard Grubbs, residents on Hurt Road, stated that in the process of applying for a building permit, they learned that their property was zoned B-3. The property has always been agricultural, which is what surrounds the property. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the request to rezone property in Gregg Township from B3 to Ag. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Grubbs thanked Laura Parker and the Plan Commission staff for the help they received in the process.

BRIDGE UPDATE

Darrell Smith and Josh Eisenhower, VS Engineering, were present to reassure the Board that in the absence of a county engineer, they would be glad to help the county with anything that might be needed. They understand that replacing the engineer can take some time and would be glad to provide a monthly update for the projects that are currently underway, such as Bridge #68 or Bridge #49.

BUILDING ENVELOPE STUDY – *911 Dispatch*

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Dispatch Director, stated that they have been having some condensation and moisture issues in the dispatch building. They have been working with Pyramid to resolve the issue. Windows have been replaced, doors are scheduled to be replaced, and there has been talk of wrapping the building with insulation board and metal to control the temperature of the concrete, which seems to be the core cause of the problem. However, their insurance company is balking at wrapping the building. Garmong Construction recommended engaging Arsee Engineers to study the building in an effort to move the insurance company forward. Mr. Hamilton has funds in the contractual services budget to cover the cost. Norman Voyles stated that this should help to convince the insurance company that they should step up to the plate and made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Ryan Goodwin stated that it is unfortunate to spend the money, but they are at a crossroads and need third party substantiation of their position. Motion carried 3-0.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – *United Consulting*

Steve Jones, United Consulting, stated that United has worked with Morgan County for several years and is familiar with a lot of the issues and services related to engineering. Since the county is currently without an engineer, Mr. Jones suggested a professional services engineering contract to serve as needed for work that needs to be done throughout the county. This could be utilized whether the county has an engineer or not, but could be very effective while the county goes through this transition period trying to find a new county engineer. United could be quickly engaged to help with general or specific engineering services. The contract allows for an hourly or a lump sum arrangement. The agreement would automatically renew each year. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Ryan Goodwin noted that the agreement has been reviewed by the county attorney and this agreement would provide the highway superintendent with some peace of mind during this transition. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – *Sheriff*

Morgan County Sheriff, Rich Myers, was present to request approval of a grant application for the Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. This is a \$66,000 grant that will be used for the “Click it to Live it” program as well as a DUI taskforce grant. The funds will pay the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office, Martinsville Police

Department, and Mooresville Police Department for overtime rates for traffic enforcement. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CONTRACT RATIFICATION – AT&T

Ryan Goodwin stated that the AT&T contract for Centrex Service expired. This service is for fax lines and is a 36 month agreement. Dan Bastin asked if this would affect the VOIP agreement that the Data Board is working on. Daniel Elliott, Morgan County Council, stated that the Data Board is looking at other phone services to present to the Board of Commissioners. Once it was determined that it would not, the Centrex lines are not used for voice, Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Redevelopment Commission is participating with the Board of Commissioners in the resurfacing of Blue Bluff Road from the IPL Power Plant to where Blue Bluff “T’s” into Centerton Road. The RDC has requested a letter acknowledging their role in the project and that the Board will not come back to them for further funding. Daniel Elliott stated that part of the mission for RDC, in terms of economic development, was to work on Blue Bluff Road from the power plant to Centerton. This was planned once the construction and tear down were completed, but there is a lot of road deterioration and the work needs to be done as soon as possible. While there has not been a written agreement, the RDC Board determined that there should be a written agreement. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the letter of agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK DIRECTOR – JOB DESCRIPTION AND PROJECT DEADLINE

Ryan Goodwin submitted a draft of a job description for the Park Director. This position has transitioned from being employed by the Park Board, to being under the direction of the Commissioners. There have been several different job descriptions and Mr. Goodwin compiled those into one document. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the job description. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK SIGNAGE AGREEMENT – Green 3

Jules Erwin, Morgan County Park Director, stated that she proposed changes to the contract with Green 3 for four park signs – two for Burkhardt, one for Waverly, and one for Landersdale and this should be sufficient for now. Ms. Erwin suggested omitting the wayfinding and interpreting signs at this time. Wayfinding signs might be something to consider later when they have uniform signs. This would eliminate \$36,770 and drops the cost to \$8,440. Kenny Hale stated that Green 3 has done an awesome job for the county, but they could do some of the signs locally and save some money. Ryan Goodwin asked if Green 3 would provide the cost of acquiring the design. Ms. Erwin will report back at the next meeting.

MINUTES – 8/5/19

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the August 5, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Ryan Goodwin stated that at the May meeting, the Board discussed upgrading the obsolete metal detector and X-ray equipment at the Courthouse. This letter requests an additional appropriation \$32,754 from the Morgan County Council. Norman Voyles made a motion to send the letter to the Council. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

Two 2020 schedules were presented for 2020 Board of Commissioners meetings, one similar to the current schedule with evening meetings during the summer months, or another schedule with consistent first Monday meetings in the morning and third Monday meetings in the evening. Norman Voyles made a motion to adopt the schedule with the evening meetings in the summer. Motion died for lack of a second. Kenny Hale made a motion to adopt the consistent morning/evening schedule. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

ROAD NAMES

Kenny Hale submitted “Over Yonder Drive” as a road name for a new private road in Brown Township off Keller Hill Road and “Loehr Lane” for an existing private road in Washington Township off of Lincoln Hill Road. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both road names. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Ryan Goodwin stated that a request to use the Courthouse Square was submitted via email. There was no representative present to speak about the request. Mr. Goodwin stated that the request was from a citizen for a candlelight vigil for overdose awareness. The requested date is August 31st from 7:30 to 9 pm. Mr. Goodwin stated that he was concerned about not having a Certificate of Insurance and the short notice. Kenny Hale stated that he was also concerned about the short notice and not having anyone present to address any concerns. Kenny Hale stated that they need to be consistent and made a motion to deny the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained. Ryan Goodwin stated that they should have a formal application and policy in place. Kenny Hale asked that Mr. Coffey prepare this so the Board could review and adopt it at a future meeting.

INCIDENT CLAIM

Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the Beaven Incident Claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. 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

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles