

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE RYAN GOODWIN, KENNY HALE AND NORMAN VOYLES. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*)

LPA CONTRACT

Josh Messmer stated that an addendum to include right of way work as part of the LPA contract for Bridge #75 was approved and the state has submitted a contract between the county and the state that spells out each entities' duties to solidify the 80/20 split. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

FIREEYE CYBERSECURITY AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer, Morgan County Administrator, stated that the Indiana Secretary of State's Office has contracted with FireEye, Inc. to provide protection for elections and they will provide the funding through December 31, 2022. The agreement can be extended or FireEye will retrieve their equipment at the end of the agreement. Mr. Messmer noted that if there is an incident, the only cost the county would incur would be for a firm to do a clean-up. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement with FireEye and that Josh Messmer and Joel Johnson, Data Administrator, be the points of contact. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

WORD SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

Deb Verley stated that there is an issue with the recording system and there is not a maintenance agreement in place. Word Systems asked that the county sign a letter acknowledging the service rates before performing any work. Norman Voyles made a motion to sign the letter. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FARM LEASE AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that in 2018 the Commissioners renewed a handful of leases; there is one lease agreement that does not run on the same time frame. Mr. Messmer recommended that the agreement end with the others - December 31, 2020. Milhon Farms has already paid the lease for 2019. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the lease. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made for 2020:

Plan Commission Board – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Brian Patrick. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Board of Health – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Mike Ellis and Robert Curts. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

County Attorney – Kenny Hale stated that he has been talking with Jim Wisco, who is very interested in the position. Norman Voyles stated that he has been talking with Pamela Siddons, who is also interested. Norman Voyles made a motion to appoint Pamela Siddons. Motion died for lack of a second. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Jim Wisco. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

Highway Superintendent – Ryan Goodwin stated that Marvin Whaley has been appointed as the Acting Highway Superintendent for a few years and suggested that "Acting" be removed from the appointment as there has been an adjustment in the compensation. Norman Voyles made a motion to appoint Marvin "Sport" Whaley. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

County Engineer – Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Anthony "Tony" Hinkle. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS Director – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Donnie Warren. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Safety Dispatch Director – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Scott Hamilton. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Weights & Measures – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Jeremy Belcher. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Fair Board Appointment – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Norman Voyles. Motion

seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Animal Disease Coordinator – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Amy Faulkenburg. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Park Director – Kenny Hale made a motion to not appoint Jules Erwin as the Park Director. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Ryan Goodwin thanked Ms. Erwin for her work and stated that unfortunately she came in when there was a lot of turmoil and things didn't get off to a good start. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

HR Director – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Daree Fry. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

County Administrator – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Josh Messmer. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

Community Corrections Advisory Committee – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Marlene Tyler-Black. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Local Alcoholic Beverage Board – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Howard McCormick. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgantown Plan Commission Buffer – Norman Voyles made a motion to appoint Lee Weddle. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Mooreville Public Library – Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Ashley Duke. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Regional Sewer – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Kelly Alcala. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Tax Board of Appeals – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Linda Bryant and Jan Stroud. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Data Board – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Norman Voyles. Motion second by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Monrovia Plan Commission Buffer – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Stanley Graves. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Martinsville Plan Commission Buffer – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Katie Barnard. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Economic Development Corporation Board – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Terry Brock and Ryan Goodwin. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Regional Workforce Board – Ryan Goodwin noted that this position must be an elected official and when a Commissioner retires from the position, the incoming Commissioner continues to serve unless otherwise noted. Mr. Goodwin stated that he is willing to serve. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Ryan Goodwin. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Redevelopment Commission – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Ralph Foley, Troy Sprinkle, and Norman Voyles. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Dr. Jake Allen as the non-voting school board member. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Convention, Visitors and Tourism Commission – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Joe Tutterrow and Jamie Thompson. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

VACATION BENEFITS RESOLUTION

Ryan Goodwin stated that the resolution to amend vacation benefits was approved by the Council and Commissioners at a previous meeting. Dan Bastin stated that the resolution has an effective date of January 1, 2020 for new hires. After 90 days of probation, the vacation scale allows 5 days, for all other employees, the vacation scale would be whatever their anniversary date is. Employees hired in 2019 would acquire 10 days of vacation on their anniversary date in 2020. Norman Voyles stated that he agreed with the interpretation. Ryan Goodwin stated that employees hired in the middle of 2019 would not be awarded 5 days on January 1st but would receive 10 days on their anniversary date. Mr. Bastin stated that that is correct according to the resolution. Kenny Hale stated that he agrees with the interpretation, but did not believe that was the intent. Ryan Goodwin stated that the January 1 effective date was to avoid a department head finding themselves with employees having vacation days during the holidays and not coming back till after the first of the year; it was not intended to apply only to people hired after January 1st. Dan Bastin stated that the amendment impacts the employees hired before January 1, 2020; they will get additional vacation days on their anniversary date beginning in 2020, five more than they would have gotten previously. Kenny Hale made a motion to table further discussion on the resolution until January 6th. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

INCIDENT CLAIM / TORT CLAIM

Ryan Goodwin noted that the Highway Department has denied the Hendricks incident claim for a damaged mailbox. Kenny Hale made a motion to send the incident claim and the Taylor tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the December 6 longevity pay of \$317,700, December 13 and 27 payroll of \$605,486.65, and \$588,200.47; PERF of \$28,795.20, \$55,616.68, and \$53,676.33; FICA \$24,304.09, \$43,993.87, and \$42,686.37 and monthly claims of \$1,174,491.11. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

The Morgan County Republican Party requested the use of the Courthouse Square on January 3rd or 10th for a rally in support of President Trump. Daniel Elliott, Morgan County Republican Party Chairman, stated that they provided their certificate of insurance for the event and he was 99.9% sure that the event would be on the 10th. Ryan Goodwin stated that the right to free speech extends to the public square, although the Board has a certain amount of prerogative to regulate events that may be unsafe to people or county property. This event is not unlike groups that rally on the steps of the Statehouse. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request for either date. 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

Kenny Hale

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles