

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*).

APPOINTMENT – *Board of Health*

Ryan Goodwin stated that Timothy Adams tendered his resignation from the Board of Health and David H. Porter, II and DeAnn Martin, RN are two names that have been submitted for consideration in filling that vacancy. Norman Voyles made a motion to appoint Doctor Porter. Motion seconded by Kenn Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD NAME

Sandy Mosier, Morgan County Plan Commission, submitted the road name of Holly Lane for a private, existing road in Brown Township off of Keller Hill Road. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the road name. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

DESIGN CHANGES – *Justice Center*

Josh Messmer stated that there are two changes to the design at the former Reporter Times Building. One is for the placement of a ramp for a new door at \$1,800 and the replacement of two exterior windows for 41,581.29. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve change #13 and #14. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION - *Prosecutor*

Steve Sonnega, Morgan County Prosecutor, requested approval of an application for a \$25,000 Indiana Criminal Justice Institute grant that focuses on domestic violence, specifically strangulation. This grant will be used to train law enforcement, dispatchers, and medical personnel in treating victims and keeping them safe. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

POSTAGE METER AGREEMENT – *Title IV-D*

Robert Hagee, Morgan County Title IV-D, stated that when they relocate to the new building, they will not have access to a postage meter. Mr. Hagee approached the Council about the funding a few weeks ago and that was approved. The cost is \$70 per month for three years. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the contract for the lease of the postage meter. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN

Gary Oakes, City of Martinsville Planning, was present to request that the City Redevelopment Commission hired Kimley Horn, who is working on data collection for the revitalization of downtown Martinsville. Mr. Oakes presented a drawing and stated that the first phases encompass the Courthouse Square. They have asked that the county and city form a steering committee and Mr. Oakes asked that Laura Parker, Kenny Hale, and Josh Messmer represent the county on the committee. Mr. Oakes stated that this could be an 8 to 10-year project. Mr. Voyles asked that they not give away the farm. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Laura Parker, Josh Messmer, and himself. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

PARK RESERVATION REQUESTS

Ryan Goodwin stated that Bev Stout with DNR requested the use of Burkhart Creek on April 22nd with a rain date of April 24th. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Stephanie Duncan submitted a request to use the Old Town Waverly Park for a baby shower in the spring, but did not provide a date. Mr. Goodwin stated that guidelines are in place for fees and there is an application form that can be used. Kenny Hale stated that he would get the application form to her. This item will be on the March agenda.

PREEMPTION AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that the state approached the City of Martinsville about installing some

preemption devices on their emergency vehicles as part of the I-69 shut down that will happen next year. The city invited the county to participate. This would allow Sheriff and EMS vehicles to change the light to green in emergency situations. There would be no cost to the county. The agreement would be between INDOT and the county. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement and to work with Becky Parker with INDOT. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the Hadley and Taylor tort claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the February 3, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COPIER LEASE DISCUSSION

Josh Messmer stated that the state QPA vendor for copiers is Ricoh. He, Joel Johnson, and Deb Verley met with each department throughout the county in order to ensure that the needs of each department were met regarding copiers. Mr. Messmer presented a spreadsheet showing each department and the cost of the copier whether leased or purchased. The current copiers are 10 years old and the county is paying double per page than they would be once the new copiers are obtained. The agreement would include delivery and installation, toner, staples, maintenance, and training at a cost of \$2,768.60 per month for a lease and \$141,406 to purchase. If the order is placed by March 31st, there is a \$15,300 rebate available. There are currently a lot of stand-alone printers being used that would be removed and actual savings would be higher than the proposal. Mr. Messmer stated that Phase II of the project would be to have secure printing and secure fax. Norman Voyles noted that there would be a \$24,710 savings if the copiers were purchased instead of leased. After further discussion, Norman Voyles made a motion to approach the Council with both the lease and purchase option and move forward accordingly. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PAVEMENT PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, was present to update the Board on the paving program. Mr. Hinkle stated that there wasn't a bid in the fall and they are behind as far as scheduling goes because contractors are already scheduled for the spring and part of the fall. Mr. Hinkle would like to have a bid package approved at the March 2nd meeting in order to submit it for bid by April 6th.

Mr. Hinkle stated that there are currently three bridges under state funding; Bridge #60 on Robb Hill (letting in 2024), waiting on notice to proceed from the state; Bridge #52 on Egbert Road (letting 2022), just had the kick-off meeting; Bridge #75 on Bowman Road, sent notice regarding public hearing for environmental requirements. The funding for Bridge #75 (letting August 2020) will not be available until next year.

PARKS DISCUSSION

Josh Messmer stated that the Council dissolved the Park Board and the Board of Commissioners did not reappoint the park director in December. Some volunteers have reached out to provide assistance. Volitta Fritsche and Terri White introduced Mike Owens, Reverend Van Horn, Fred Roberts, and Earl Hazel as several people who have volunteered to help with events. Ms. Fritsche stated that there are several events and activities that have been established at the parks and they do not want to see things move backwards. They are offering to bridge the gap. Terri White stated that as a representative of Harrison Township, Waverly, Mooresville, and Morgan County, the people she speaks to want the festival to go on and to get bigger. They also want the "haunting of Waverly", "trunk or treat", and "Santa at the park". The volunteers have done it for years and they need to start now in moving forward with the festival. Ms. Fritsche stated that there is a resident tinsmith and the second Saturday of every month they have a blacksmith at Waverly. They would like to open these events to the public and there are volunteers willing to do that. Ms. White asked about applying for grants and if the Board of Commissioners would be doing that. Kenny Hale stated that he had looked into this, but they are in limbo right now without a park board and a five-year plan. Mr. Hale stated that they should get by this year with volunteers and work with the County Council in exploring a park authority, park department, or park district instead of a board. Mr. Hale stated that they are already behind in getting applications out for the Old Town Waverly Festival and he would volunteer to be the point of contact for questions.

Ryan Goodwin stated that parks are important to the community and quality of life, not only to residents but to attract new residents. Volunteers built the parks and this concern shows the need for a park board or authority. Mr. Goodwin stated that they need some type of legal structure that

gives volunteers and board members the ability to oversee these resources and to potentially hire individuals in the future. Mr. Goodwin stated that his concern was the day-to-day details; he is in full support of volunteers.

Kenny Hale stated that they shouldn't be running the parks, but until they get clear direction and work with the Council to get something implemented, they need to get a lot done; he would be willing to approve the volunteer program that was submitted via email with the condition that it meets the attorney's approval. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the program. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles stated that he had not seen the program they submitted and abstained.

Josh Messmer stated that he reached out to Travelers and any volunteers need to sign the roster form so they can be covered by insurance.

Kenny Hale stated that the five-year plan was paid for, but has not been received and he will follow up on that.

I-69 CORRIDOR OVERLAY

Ryan Goodwin stated the Board approved the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the I-69 Corridor Overlay District at the previous meeting by a vote of two to one and there was some discussion as to whether it would require a second reading. Jim Wisco stated that the ordinance does not require a second reading.

APPOINTMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that they are actively seeking an individual for the vacant seat on the Morgantown Plan Commission Buffer Zone. This individual must be from the democratic or independent political party and live within the two-mile buffer zone that surrounds Morgantown.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Deb Verley brought it to the attention of the Board that there is now only one signatory on the Community Foundation accounts for the Parks. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Josh Messmer as the primary signatory for both park accounts. 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