

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AT 9:30 A.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*).

REORGANIZATION

Kenny Hale made a motion to keep the board as is for 2020 (Ryan Goodwin as President and Kenny Hale as Vice President). Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY

Steve Harris, Harris & Currens, representing the Mooresville School Corporation, stated that the school corporation is building a transportation center at the intersection of Landersdale Road and Western Road. They will need a 30' wide utility easement along the roads. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the document as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COUNTY BICENTENNIAL

Don Adams, Morgan County Historian, along with Gladys Jones and Darrel French, were present to request approval of a resolution concerning the bicentennial of Morgan County. Mr. Adams stated that Morgan County was recognized and formed by the State of Indiana on February 15, 1822 and that event should be celebrated. The Morgan County History Partnership and Morgan County History and Genealogical Association, along with the Morgan County Historian and associates are forming a 2022 bicentennial committee to plan and execute activities to celebrate the event. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

DESIGN CHANGES – *Justice Center*

Josh Messmer stated that these changes are not really change orders, but an initial budget of \$900,000 was set for the construction of the former Reporter Times building and just to track the changes that could affect the budget, Mr. Messmer would like Board approval. Approximately \$725,000 remains before that limit is reached. There are several changes totaling \$50,851.53 to date. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve changes #4 through #12. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

FEASIBILITY STUDY - *EMS*

Donnie Warren presented a proposal from a vendor for a feasibility study for strategic resource planning and placement. Ryan Goodwin stated that with the development of I-69, the county needs to plan for long-term needs and look at facilities they may want to lease or acquire in the future. This has been budgeted for 2020. Kenny Hale asked if Gregg Township and Ashland Township would be included. Mr. Warren stated that the study includes the whole county. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the study. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the annual contracts as follows: CICOA \$10,000; Sycamore Services \$42,000 and \$9,674; Morgan County Fair \$125,000; Humane Society \$164,706 and \$18,000 for emergency; Morgan County CONNECT \$47,000; and Hilldale Cemetery \$1,550. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT APPLICATION

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the Highway Department is putting together the pavement plan for the year and are looking at paving 15 miles for \$3.6 million. The application for the grant is due February 7th and Mr. Hinkle plans to submit it on February 5th. There are three projects that are a higher priority, Wilber Road 1 mile, Smokey Row Road 2.4 miles, and Cramertown Loop/Townsend Road 4 miles. The estimate is \$590,000 with \$300,000 in Community Crossing funds. There will be another call for projects in the fall and Mr. Hinkle plans on applying for an additional \$700,000. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant

application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Ryan Goodwin stated that they need to make sure the weight limit is enforced on the road in his district as dump trucks are causing damage. Motion carried 3-0.

SOIL & WATER ANNUAL AGREEMENT

Lisa McPhee, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, was present to request approval of the annual agreement between SWCD and the county. Ms. McPhee stated that it is similar to the agreement signed last year. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COPIER LEASE _ *Board of Health*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Board of Health, stated that they ordered a Xerox copier for their office and asked that the Commissioners affirm the contract. Ryan Goodwin noted that there is a Xerox copier in the Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator Office as well. Dan Bastin stated that the Commissioners are in the process of upgrading the fleet of copiers in each office, but if the Health Department wants to obtain a separate agreement through their budget, they just need to make sure the agreements are handled separately. Josh Messmer stated that the amount for this is in the Board of Health budget and Ms. LaFary did not realize that they were moving forward in obtaining new copiers. Kenny Hale made a motion to affirm the contract. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MAINTENANCE TICKETING SYSTEM

Josh Messmer stated that this ticketing system allows employees to put in a request and tracks inventory. The maintenance department will receive real time notifications on their phones and gives every employee access to a portal to submit issues. It is possible to upload pictures and receive status updates. They looked at several systems and decided on UpKeep as the best fit for the county. The cost would be \$50 per month per user, \$4,200 annually. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the January 24, 2020 Payroll claims of \$638,614.53; PERF \$57,834.64; FICA \$46,280.76; and monthly claims of \$1,372,700.64. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Kenny Hale stated that he was absent for the meeting and abstained.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Ryan Goodwin stated that this policy regards the county using social media as a means for the county to interact with the public. Mr. Goodwin stated that this would be profiles on both Facebook and LinkedIn. A number of agencies, EMA, EMS, Parks, and Sheriff, currently utilize social media and this would not replace that. It would be a means to have an official county-wide government home page to be able to share meeting information, agendas, office closings, and even to recognize key employees. Mr. Goodwin had earlier submitted an outline regarding how to respond to issues that could arise using social media. There will be language in the personnel handbook once the handbook is revised. Mr. Goodwin is volunteering to get these pages started, but will look towards the county administrator, executive assistant, and HR for maintenance. Kenny Hale made a motion to move forward with the creation of pages/profiles on Facebook and LinkedIn and approve the guidelines. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the \$34,000 legal services contract between the county and James Wisco. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

I-69 CORRIDOR OVERLAY

Ryan Goodwin stated that on November 13, 2019 with a unanimous vote, the Morgan County Plan Commission approved sending the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for the I-69 Corridor Overlay District to the Commissioners with a favorable recommendation. Kenny Costin, Martinsville Mayor, asked that the amendment be tabled. They are concerned that the bulk of property owners along the corridor are property owners in Martinsville. They met with the Morgan County Plan Commission regarding what they thought were strict restrictions. The City of Martinsville would like to have uniform restrictions, but have some concerns with the county ordinance. Norman Voyles made a motion to table the ordinance for further discussion. Motion died for lack of a

second. Mayor Costin stated that some of the issues were the landscaping requirements, setbacks, and aesthetics. Kenny Hale stated that this might be something they could work with after it is adopted; he would like to see this implemented. Mayor Costin stated that he did not think this was anything major and asked that a few representatives meet to discuss possible changes. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance amendment. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles stated that the changes should be in the ordinance before approving and abstained.

Bryan Collier, Morgan County Council President, stated that he was on the overlay committee and it was his understanding that it was a living document and could be “tweaked” as needed.

AMENDMENT TO VACATION POLICY

Ryan Goodwin stated that both the Commissioners and Council approved an amendment to the Vacation Policy that would provide employees with five days of vacation time for their first year of employment and 10 days at the beginning of their second year of employment. This amendment does not change that, but spells out that any employee who is in their first (or second) year of employment at the time this amendment is passed, shall receive five (or 10) days of vacation. The Morgan County Council passed this at their last meeting. Norman Voyles stated that the amendment was originally passed to go into effect on January 1, 2020; now it has extended back to 2019. Mr. Voyles stated that Mr. Goodwin did not have the authority to speak in favor of the amendment at the Morgan County Council meeting before the Commissioners had passed it. Mr. Goodwin disagreed. Mr. Goodwin stated that this resolution clarifies the original desire to change how to treat vacation time for employees that are in year one and two and has the mutual effect of also being a recruitment tool. Not having any vacation time has not only created difficulty in recruiting employees, but also puts department heads in a bind as they deal with employees that have life situations that unexpectedly come up. Kenny Hale stated that it was his intention to address the 100 plus employees that were in this situation. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County and the Morgan County Council to Amend the “Morgan County Employee Handbook” RE: Vacation Benefit. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

APPOINTMENTS

Ryan Goodwin noted that the majority of the appointments were made at the last meeting in December, except for the following: Harrison Township Fire District, Morgantown Plan Commission Buffer Zone, Mooresville Plan Commission Buffer Zone and Monroe Township Fire District.

Harrison Township Fire District – Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Sean Paris. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgantown Plan Commission Buffer Zone – No action taken.

Mooresville Plan Commission Buffer Zone – Norman Voyles made a motion to reappoint Mike Young. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Monroe Township Fire – Kenny Hale made a motion to reappoint Brett Everett. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Goodwin noted that the Director of Court Services, Carole Kinder, retired at the end of 2019. Ms. Kinder was also an appointment to the Community Corrections Advisory Board and Brian Foley has taken her place. Kenny Hale made a motion to appoint Brian Foley. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

NIMBO PHONE SYSTEM

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Director, stated that the agreement with NIMBO for the 911 phone system has been reviewed by the county attorney. The cost savings with a 36-month agreement should be a savings of \$100 per month. Jim Wisco stated that he spoke with Bill Thompson and clarified some questions, one of which regarded disputes. Mr. Thompson was open to changing “Marion” to “Monroe”. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Hamilton thanked Dan Bastin and Joyce Briant in the Auditor’s Office for their help in completing the 911 report on time.

COURT SERVICES GRANT APPLICATION

Jeff Faudre, Morgan County Court Services, was present to request approval of the Juvenile Community Corrections Grant application through the Indiana Department of Corrections. This is

a grant not to exceed \$135,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021. This grant will be used for community corrections programs and a juvenile intake officer. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the grant application with a cap of \$135,000. 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

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles