

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*).

THANK YOU

Ryan Goodwin wanted to thank Mark Tumey, EMA Director, and the EMA staff for the work they did with Vincennes University and interns that are pursuing degrees in public safety. Mr. Goodwin stated that the Board received a letter praising Mr. Tumey and the staff. Mr. Goodwin also thanked Steve Lyday, Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator for his work during this ongoing pandemic.

EXECUTIVE ORDER – *Status Update*

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board issued Executive Orders limiting access to public buildings and designating essential and non-essential personnel. These orders will continue in force until the end of the public health emergency or rescension of the Governor's Order or rescension by the Board of Commissioners, whichever occurs first. The order continues in effect until the end of the day May 1st, but there are indications that the order will begin to loosen. Unless the Board wishes to take other action, they will continue as they have been.

PROCLAMATION

Ryan Goodwin introduced a Proclamation designating May 7, 2020 as a National Day of Prayer. The county has participated in this event and it has been held in the Sadler Room for the last few years. This event will not take place in person. Kenny Hale made a motion to pass the Proclamation. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

Josh Messmer stated that the roof at the coroner's building had holes, missing shingles and weak spots. Michelle Cooley, Maintenance Director, obtained four quotes and the lowest quote, Wes Knox and Sons, \$6,900, has repaired the roof. Ryan Goodwin noted that this was an emergency and the quotes ranged from \$6,900 to \$17,000. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the quote from Wes Knox and Sons. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT – *911 Coordinator*

Ryan Goodwin noted that this appointment is not the same as the 911 Dispatch Director. Kenny Hale stated that this position takes care of 911 addressing and road signs. Mr. Hale made a motion to appoint Sandy Mosier, Plan Commission, as the Coordinator. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that this is a result of I-69 being built. State Code 8-23-4 allows the state to transfer roads to local municipalities. These roads will be for local use once the construction is done using them. Jim Wisco stated that Paragraph 2.12 has been changed to say the county does not indemnify the state for any errors or omissions that occurred before the county took over the roads. Tony Hinkle, County Highway Engineer, stated that the maps he prepared are similar to the maps supplied by INDOT. Norman Voyles stated that the lower portions of the Liberty Loop overpass should not be county responsibility; the west side should go to Turkey Track and Legendary Drive. The other side should go to Hacker Creek and Old State Road 37. The bridge over Jordan Creek is tied to the one that goes under I-69 and the county should not be responsible for maintenance. Tony Hinkle stated that he would work with INDOT and report back at the next meeting. Norman Voyles made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

SOFTWARE AGREEMENTS

Dan Bastin stated that the XSoft agreement is for software for the tax system and the Low agreement is for the financial/payroll system. The Council has approved the funding for the

purchase. The monthly maintenance cost is slightly over the current cost that he pays now. The \$305,000 cost to purchase the tax system would be spread over a five-year period and the \$125,000 cost for the financial/payroll system would be spread over a three-year period. The County Assessor also uses XSoft and it would work better with his office. Mr. Bastin stated that service has been poor with the current system and it delayed the tax billing. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve both agreements. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

OPIOID LITIGATION UPDATE

Jim Wisco stated that he has been in contact with the county's counsel, Cohen & Malad regarding the opioid litigation and they have submitted a proof of claim form that was required in order to continue pursuing under the pending bankruptcy. There is a tentative global settlement agreement for \$1.6 billion in the bankruptcy court.

OCRA GRANT

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) has made available to local units of government funding related to COVID-19. The funding started out as money to establish field hospitals and that has evolved into a loan program that provides loans to small businesses and could turn into a grant after the award. Josh Messmer stated that a letter of intent has been filed and the process can be canceled at any time. Mr. Messmer asked them if the program could be a grant rather than a loan, but he did not receive an answer. The funds would be distributed to local businesses and the Board would have to decide how it is distributed. Ryan Goodwin suggested looking to the Chambers of Commerce in Martinsville and Mooresville. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve and submit the grant application. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Messmer thanked Jamie Taylor with the Martinsville Chamber for informing them about the Grant.

CRIDER AND CRIDER AGREEMENT

This agreement regards the installation of a base station for repeaters on a highway building for use during I-69 construction. Josh Messmer stated that the agreement notes that if staff is not available, they might not have access to their equipment. Kenny Hale stated that he would be fine with a \$10 to \$15 per month charge for electricity. Mr. Messmer stated that he did not have an estimate on electricity costs. Ryan Goodwin stated that this is a business expense for them and the taxpayers should not cover the cost for electricity. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement and continue discussion. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to submit the German and Weaver/Malone tort claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

VECTREN EASEMENT

Ryan Goodwin noted that Vectren sent an email requesting that a recent request for an easement across county owned FEMA property in the Willowbrook area has been withdrawn. Josh Messmer stated that REMC has also withdrawn their request.

PARK RESERVATION REQUEST

Cassie Roberts submitted a request to reserve a gazebo in Waverly Park for a baby shower on June 13th. Ms. Roberts had requested and received approval for an earlier reservation, but has moved the date further out. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request as long as it doesn't violate any Executive Orders in place at the time. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

JUSTICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION

Josh Messmer stated that there are several items that have come up, such as striping the parking lot, improved exterior lighting, a sidewalk between the parking lot and the building, buildout of kitchen areas and the decommission of two wells. The total of these items is \$25,514.16. Kenny Hale noted that there should be one more change order for the front entryway. Mr. Messmer will have that for the next meeting. Mr. Hale made a motion to approve the change orders as outlined. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COVID-19 EXPENSES

Josh Messmer noted that expenses have increased by \$5,225 for a total of \$63,711 spent to date. Ryan Goodwin noted that the Council granted an additional appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT

Norman Voyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

Kenny Hale

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Norman Voyles