

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jim Wisco state that the Board discussed a pending matter in Superior Court II regarding Harmon Crone and Leroy Patton and a proposed settlement agreement, he can prepare a draft response to the attorney, or they can reject it or submit a counterproposal. Kenny Hale made a motion to authorize Mr. Wisco to prepare a draft response. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY DONATION**

Ryan Goodwin noted that Clinton County submitted a resolution to accept the donation of a scanner from Morgan County.

**ARAMARK AGREEMENT**

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, handed out a graph showing the expenses for inmate meals in 2016 and how costs have increased over the last several years compared to how the costs were increasing with the county providing the meals. Mr. Rogers stated that the contract may increase up to 5% each year depending on the Consumer Price Index and a market basket of products. Mr. Rogers requested approval of an addendum to the contract for the maximum increase. Ryan Goodwin stated that this has been a good deal for the county as Aramark also provides the staff to run the kitchen. Mr. Rogers stated that they have also provided equipment upgrades. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve Amendment #3 to the Operating Agreement with Aramark. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**LETTER OF SUPPORT – Court Services**

Ryan Goodwin stated that Court Services is pursuing a grant through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for IT implementation. Josh Messmer stated that the Council appropriated money for this in June and the state said they would like to see letters of support from the Auditor and Board of Commissioners. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the letter. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**JUSTICE CENTER PARKING**

Josh Messmer stated that the prosecutor is having an issue with people leaving their cars in the lot at the prosecutor building and leaving to do other things. Mr. Sonnega has asked for signs stating that cars are subject to being towed if they are not there for official business. Ryan Goodwin stated that it is a public parking lot and with revitalization efforts, there is a greater interest in being downtown. They have only been in the building a few months and Mr. Goodwin suggested waiting. No action taken.

**RESOLUTION - FARM LEASE PROPERTIES**

Jim Wisco stated that they discussed options at the last meeting per IC 36-1-11-10 and 36-1-11-12. Mr. Wisco drafted a resolution that would acknowledge that obtaining appraisals would be overly burdensome and would negate any funds generated by the leases. Mr. Wisco also provided publication notice. Kenny Hale stated that he was concerned that the property on State Road 44 should only be from the hickory trees to the road and should be hay only. Mr. Hale mentioned having one-year leases on Leonard Road so the property can be developed as a park. Mr. Wisco stated that the lease can be *up to* three years. Norman Voyles stated that only allowing a one-year lease does not allow the farmer to add to the soil fertility and it will bleed out. Ryan Goodwin stated that the length of the lease could be addressed in the lease itself. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the resolution and move forward with publication of the farm lease properties. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**MOU - JOHNSON COUNTY**

This item is still pending. Jim Wisco stated he spoke with the Johnson County attorney and this item should be ready for the next meeting.

**GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

Ryan Goodwin stated that this ordinance has been revised and the two outstanding issues are on what roads to allow the operation of golf carts and a permitting process. Ryan Goodwin stated that he is not comfortable with the idea of permitting. In a municipality, the residents are within close proximity to city hall, but they are dealing with 700 miles of roads and tens of thousands of potential permits. Sheriff deputies could spend a lot of time inspecting golf carts for compliance, when the Board could set a framework for what constitutes lawful operation and the burden falls on the person wanting to operate the golf cart to follow it. After discussion regarding roads that the golf carts should not travel on, it was determined that limiting use to roads with a speed limit of less than 35 MPH should suffice. Jim Wisco suggested removing the limit on the hours of operation and instead require headlights and taillights. Sheriff Rich Myers requested that the ordinance stated that exemptions may be allowed upon the discretion of the Sheriff and that proof of financial responsibility be required. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Ordinance Authorizing and Regulating the Operation of Golf Carts on the Roadways and Highways of Morgan County. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**ROAD NAME**

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the name of Logan Berry Court for a new private road in Green Township off of Nast Chapel. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

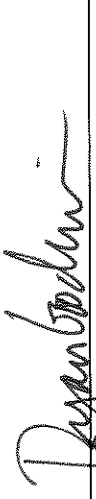
**REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE**


The Office of Community and Rural Affairs, in conjunction with Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, has requested the use of the Courthouse Square for a Next Level Connections Broadband event on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

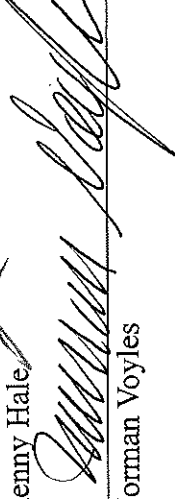
**ADJOURNMENT**

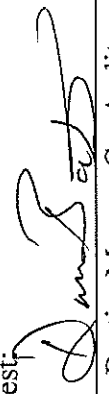
Norman Voyles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

  
Ryan Goodwin

  
Kenny Hale

  
Norman Voyles

Attest:  


Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor