

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 9:30 A.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 (*Kenny Hale*).

CLAIMS

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Auditor's Office has instituted a new software program and procedure and claims would be the first item on the agenda. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the September 4 and September 18, 2020 Payroll claims of \$637,100.60 and \$648,423.76; PERF \$57,233.62 and \$58,415.51; FICA \$46,055.35 and \$46,949.33; and monthly claims of \$2,361,281.04 with no holds. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

EARLY VOTING/PARKING

Stephanie Elliott, Morgan County Clerk, stated that early voting starts tomorrow and they expect approximately 5,000 voters to vote early. Because of COVID and social distancing requirements, they plan on using the back section of the Lucille Sadler Room at the Administration Building and keep people out of the building as much as possible. Josh Messmer handed out an aerial photo of the area and outlined available parking in the area. Mr. Messmer stated that people are also coming in to pay property tax bills and with the increased pressure for parking spaces, it would help if employees would consider parking in other areas besides the main lots. The fitness center has asked that the county not use the lot after 4 pm as they have classes that begin shortly after that time. Mr. Messmer would like to send an email out to employees asking them to park in the parking areas designated on the map. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the requests to accommodate early voting as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS/MAINTENANCE PLAN

Josh Messmer stated that they have all the job descriptions back from Waggoner Irwin Scheele. The next step is to approve the descriptions in conjunction with the Council, as well as approve the maintenance plan. This will be on the next agenda.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DONATION

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

BRIDGE #166/BRIDGE #49/CONSULTING AGREEMENT

Ryan Goodwin noted that bids for several projects were approved at a previous meeting and the contracts have now been submitted for approval as follows: Bridge #166 consulting agreement with Clark Dietz, Bridge #49 with VS Engineering, and an on-call agreement with USI. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the three contracts. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CULLIGAN CONTRACT – Health Department

The Health Department has requested to lease a water cooler from Culligan to be installed in the clinic waiting room. The agreement may be canceled at any time. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement with Culligan and the Health Department. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE

Ryan Goodwin stated that this ordinance started as an amendment to the current Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance, but has since been changed to a separate ordinance. Jim Wisco stated that state statute defines a golf cart and off-road vehicle differently. The primary items for discussion are which roads may be traveled on, whether or not to require a permit, and the amount of a fee to be paid. The draft ordinance allows travel on any road with a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or less. Kenny Hale asked if they could use the same list of prohibited roads from the Off-Road Ordinance and asked if the Sheriff had seen the ordinance. Mr. Wisco stated that they could use the same list of roads and the Sheriff had not seen the ordinance. Ryan Goodwin stated that they would need to

talk to the Sheriff about participating in the permit process and stated that they might need to add more roads to the prohibited list.

FARM LEASE PROPERTIES

Jim Wisco stated that there is a section of Indiana Code that alleviates the requirement of having the properties appraised and requires a written determination adopted by the Commissioners indicating that the process was not feasible and to authorize proceeding without it. Kenny Hale stated that these are small acreages and it would be hard to justify the cost. Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Voyles agreed. Mr. Wisco will draft the determination and have it ready at the next meeting. Mr. Voyles asked if they would give them enough time to open bids at the first meeting in November. Mr. Wisco stated that they would need to push it to the second meeting. Kenny Hale made a motion to move forward with the less formal option as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that this item amends ordinance 1-4-1. Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that MedBill submitted a contract renewal that was higher than the previous contract and they have been working with them in revising the fee schedule. MedBill services many agencies including Madison Township and this schedule mirrors theirs. The agreement includes charges for treatment but no transport so they can bill for medication and services rendered. Approximately 70% to 80% of the runs are covered by insurance. Ryan Goodwin noted that patients that self pay qualify for a 50% discount. EMS personnel and their families would not have to pay and there is a 50% discount for public safety personnel who provide services for Morgan County and its municipalities. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the amendment and waive a second reading upon a unanimous vote. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MED BILL

Ryan Goodwin stated that the contract was drafted based upon the Fee Ordinance and includes a \$995 one-time fee for ESO reachback to review patient outcomes. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE

Jim Wisco stated that he has incorporated all changes and suggestions into the updated ordinance. The ordinance increases the size of an event from 500 to 5,000 that would trigger this requirement. It excludes churches, most school events, festivals, events held on private property, and provides penalties for non-compliance. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the September 4, and September 21 minutes and a correction to the July 6, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Norman Voyles made a motion to send the Stogsdill tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Bethaney Latham was present to give an update regarding the request to use the Courthouse Square for the day of the cookie stroll, December 12th. Ms. Latham stated that they would like to continue the family activities that are available on December 6th (Christmas Tree Lighting) on the 12th. The lights will be installed by Parks Outdoor Maintenance or by the City of Martinsville. Kenny Hale stated that this addressed his concern. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the use of the Courthouse Square as requested for December 12th. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Latham stated that they would like to have Santa in the gazebo and would like to add lights and decorations. The Board consented to the request.

2020 MEETING SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

Norman Voyles stated that the last meeting for the month of December is the 31st and asked if this was in order to meet an Auditor deadline. Dan Bastin stated that they are changing procedures and will not be paying claims twice in December. The claims will need to be encumbered and approved at the first meeting in January. If the meeting is only for the purpose of approving the claims, then the meeting is not necessary. Mr. Voyles suggested changing the date to the 28th at 9:30 am if they need to have a meeting, and they can cancel it if it's not needed. Norman Voyles made a motion to amend the meeting schedule as discussed. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale.

Motion carried 3-0.

PARK FACILITY RENTAL REQUEST

Ryan Goodwin stated that DNR Division of Forestry has requested the use of Burkhardt Creek Park Shelter House for November 10th with a rain date of November 12th from 8 am to 4 pm for a tree planting event. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Kenny Hale asked to be on the account for the park's accounts at the Community Foundation. Ryan Goodwin noted Josh Messmer and Deb Verley were currently on the accounts. Kenny Hale made a motion to add himself to the park accounts at the Community Foundation. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

JUSTICE CENTER – LEASE/EXPENSE TRACKING

Josh Messmer stated that he doesn't have the final numbers yet, but they are getting close. The remaining balance is \$313,835.03 and they have two options to move forward – they could allow the lease price to increase to capture the capitalization costs (9% annually over the 10 year lease) or they can buy down the debt. If they allow the lease price to rise, they will save over \$31,000 over the life of the lease. The estimated lease payment would be \$118,245.15, which is an increase of \$28,245.15. Ryan Goodwin stated that there were additional expenses incurred because of the design specifications that the prosecutor's office wanted and requirements of Title IV-D. Kenny Hale made a motion to allow the lease amount to increase according to the terms of the lease and based on the cost overrun. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

Kenny Hale stated that because of the delays in getting into the building, he felt like the county should move the lease agreement start date to July 1 rather than August 1 to show goodwill. Dan Bastin stated that the lease agreement states August 1st and the State Board of Accounts would take exception to this.

Josh Messmer stated that the prosecutor's office and Title IV-D staff would like to have an open house for elected officials and delegates from Mooresville and Martinsville sometime in November.

GEO-DISPATCHING

Kenny Hale stated that he has received several phone calls regarding an incident that took place in Clay Township regarding dispatching. Mr. Hale stated that they didn't want to step on any toes as far as agreements townships might have, but there are situations where an ambulance can get there faster through geo-dispatching. Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Dispatch Director, stated that there are a lot of instances where geo-dispatching would be a better service. Mr. Hamilton stated that if this is the direction the Board would like to go, it will step on some toes, but it is his position that the closest, most appropriate is best; people calling 911 in an emergency probably don't care where help is coming from, they just want the help. Mr. Hale stated that that's what 911 is all about. Mike McCool stated that he wants the best care for patients. Mark Harris, Brown Township, stated that he thought geo-dispatching was a great idea. Mr. Hamilton stated that he would work with Mark Harris, Mike McCool, Donnie Warren, and Bill Mitchell to get something worked out.

COURTHOUSE LIGHTING

Kenny Hale stated that he has been working with Live Wire regarding Christmas lights at the Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor


Ryan Goodwin
Kenny Hale
Norman Voyles