

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER *(Ryan Goodwin)*.

FARM LEASE BIDS

Dan Bastin opened bids as follows:

Tony Derringer	7609 and 7805 SR 44	\$550
Voyles Farm Inc.	Leonard Rd	40% of harvest
Voyles Bros Grain	Leonard Rd	35% of harvest
Ian Goss	2776 Dillman Rd	\$350
Ian Goss	7609 and 7805 SR 44	\$450
Randy Pruitt	2920 Lower Patton Pk	\$120
Cragen Farms	3823 S Lingle	\$320
Cragen Farms	3695 S Lingle	\$400
Cragen Farms	3641 S Lingle	\$375
Cragen Farms	4005 S Lingle	\$80
JD Fletcher Farms	7609 and 7805 SR 44	\$560

Ryan Goodwin noted that all bids were for a three-year term except for the bid from Tony Derringer. Kenny Hale noted that no bids were received for 5400 Blue Bluff Road and 4244 S Lingle Road. Norman Voyles noted that there were three bids for 7609 and 7805 SR 44 and the high bid was JD Fletcher Farms. Kenny Hale made a motion to award the bid to JD Fletcher for 7609 and 7805 SR 44 and to award the remaining bids as noted above. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles stated that the Voyles Farm and Voyles Bros Grain are family, although he did not have a financial interest, and abstained from that portion of the vote. Mr. Voyles voted in favor of the remaining awards.

BANNING ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that this agreement between Banning Engineering and the Highway Department regards road inventory, mapping, and GIS. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Kenny Hale was opposed.

SCHNEIDER AGREEMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that this agreement is a continuation of a professional services agreement that the county has had in place for some time. Jim Wisco stated that he has reviewed it and a few changes were made. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

SOP AMENDMENT

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Dispatch Director, stated that this SOP amendment regards access to public records and it has also been reviewed by the Indiana Public Access Counselor. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the amendment to SOP Section 276. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

TEETERS ROAD RECLASSIFICATION

Josh Messmer stated that the county applied for federal funding for work on Teeters Road, but in order to be awarded the funding, the road must be reclassified to reflect the new traffic patterns that will occur as a result of I-69. Steve Jones, United Consulting, stated that they are prepared to make the submittal in December and the road will be reclassified from a local road to a rural minor collector. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the reclassification. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that the EMA Advisory Council met last week. Norman Voyles stated that seven out of the ten members were present to express their approval of Mr. Turney's performance

over the past two years and unanimously recommended reappointment for another two years. Mr. Voyles made a motion to reappointment Mark Turney for a two-year term. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION - CARES ACT PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that previously, the US Treasury and Indiana Finance Authority only allowed reimbursement for public health and public safety overtime through the CARES Act. They have changed their guidance to all public health and public safety. Josh Messmer stated that in order to use this money, the Board of Commissioners must pass a resolution stating that they accept it and the Council will need to act on it as well. The money should be received today. Mr. Goodwin stated that it is \$2.3 million. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Joint Resolution to Provide for Reimbursement of Public Health and Public Safety Payroll Costs with Funding from the CARES Act. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

BRIDGE #75 RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASE

Josh Messmer stated that Bridge #75 is an LPA project and there are four parcels to acquire. Mr. Messmer provided the statement of just compensation and asked for approval. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the statement for just compensation for the four parcels and authorize the Chairman to sign the acceptance documents. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 11/2/20

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the November 2, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TRANSFER LETTERS

Ryan Goodwin stated that there are two transfer letters for approval; one for \$48.67 for postage and one for varying amounts to resolve negative amounts. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both transfer letters as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE

Ryan Goodwin noted that this ordinance was passed at a previous meeting and is in effect, it just needs signatures.

COURTHOUSE SQUARE GAZEBO UPDATE

Kenny Hale stated that they have started the process of removing the gazebo. The lattice and benches have been removed, the power is terminated, and the remainder of the gazebo will be relocated to the Wilbur Community School the week before Thanksgiving.

COVID-19

Ryan Goodwin stated that with the increase of positive cases of COVID-19, the Board might have to call a special meeting. Kenny Hale stated that he would not have a problem closing the Administration Building to the public and allowing appointments in order to protect the public and staff. Mr. Hale did have concerns about employees working remotely.

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that they are better prepared now than they were several months ago thanks to the Commissioners and Council being proactive and making sure they had the PPE in order to respond. Mr. Warren stated that the numbers are rising and after the first round come through, several people tested positive for antibodies, which shows that they were asymptomatic and it was more prevalent than thought. Mr. Warren suggested that the Board plan for sooner rather than later. Mr. Warren stated that departments would need to go through EMA in order to get anything from the state and it is intentionally set up that way.

Mr. Hale stated that they need to protect the employees from the day-to-day contact, but the employees should also be available to the public.

Ryan Goodwin stated that it is difficult to predict how much is too much but efforts to protect employees and public are worth taking. The Executive Order passed on March 19, which regarded public access to county facilities, limited access to the Administration Building and encouraged the public to contact departments by phone, fax or mail, or coordinate an appointment. The Courthouse was operating under order of the Indiana Supreme Court and is under that action yet again.

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that they could keep security at the Courthouse, but they would not be able to handle the other buildings at this time.

Kenny Hale made a motion to limit access to county buildings as of Wednesday, November 18th

(this includes the Prosecutor's Office, Court Services, and the Administration Building) and to work with EMA and EMS to conduct screenings for any public that would be admitted for appointments. This order would be in effect indefinitely. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Jim Wisco stated that he would put this into an order.

ADJOURNMENT

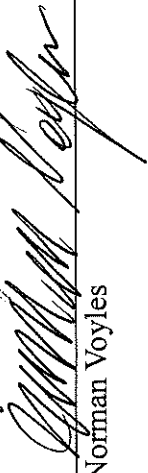
Kenny Hale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

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Ryan Goodwin



Kenny Hale



Norman Voyles

Attest:



Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor