

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*).

CLAIMS

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the October 2, 16 and 30, 2020 Payroll claims of \$634,633.28, \$627,575.40 and \$644,474.55; PERF \$56,259.19, \$55,422.83 and \$57,856.80; FICA \$45,910.46, \$45,367.28 and \$48,970.96; and monthly claims of \$2,408,435.85 with no holds. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – Court Services

Candice Carter, Morgan County CASA Coordinator, was present to request approval of a \$37,025.00 matching grant and \$15,871.00 Capacity Building grant through the Indiana State GAL/CASA Office for 2021. The matching grant provides with everyday operating expenses for the program. The match is met by the CASA Coordinator salary and fringe benefits. The Capacity Building grant is to assist in eliminating the waiting list. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve both grant applications. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION - EMA

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, stated that he and Barb Howe, Morgan County Substance Abuse Council, have been working together on a \$70,000 2121 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Criminal Justice Institute for expenses to make a video for youth, supplies, flyers, overdose education, and naloxone. This is also in collaboration with Morgan County EMS and Morgan County Jail. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that this agreement is an annual renewal for the copier in the Public Health Preparedness Coordinator office. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PURDUE AGREEMENT

Rena Sheldon, Purdue Extension, was present to request approval of the annual agreement that runs from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 for \$49,280. Ms. Sheldon stated that this pays a partial salary for the extension agents. Ms. Sheldon stated that the agreement is unchanged from last year. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the annual agreement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS GRANT

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, submitted a list of roads to submit for the 2020-2 Community Crossings Grant. This list has been submitted to INDOT.

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

No action taken.

TITLE IV IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that she is also the Title VI ADA Coordinator for the county. The previous plan needed to be updated as of August 21st. She reviewed plans from several other cities and counties and was able to add several components to the plan. The county is required to collect data so there will be a form at all public meetings and people will be able to mail or email the completed form. There is also a complaint form that may be submitted if needed. Ryan Goodwin stated that prior to having an HR director, the county did not have a position to take this on and thanked Ms. Fry for improving the plan. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the plan. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGE ORDER - CORONER'S OFFICE

Josh Messmer stated that the initial plan was for the Highway Department to pour the concrete pads for the HVAC equipment at the Coroner's Office, but they will not be able to do that. The city has also asked that the equipment be screened in with fencing. Mr. Messmer provided a change order for the two items. Ryan Goodwin asked if this additional work would also qualify for reimbursement through the CARES Act. Mr. Messmer stated that it would. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Change Order with Livewire Consulting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

GOLF CART ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading

Ryan Goodwin stated that the ordinance reflects the changes that were made at the last meeting. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Ordinance Authorizing and Regulating the Operation of Golf Carts on the Roadways and Highways of Morgan County on second reading. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MOU - JOHNSON COUNTY

This item is still pending.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the October 5 joint meeting and October 19, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD NAMES

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve road names as follows:

- new private road - Yellowwood Lane off of Lenoil Rd. in Washington Township
- existing private road - Oro Lane off of Twin Branch Rd in Washington Township
- existing county road – Jacob Lane off of Huggin Hollow Rd in Harrison Township
- existing county road – Knobstone Lane off of Waverly Rd in Harrison Township
- existing county road – Bradford Road off of Egbert Rd in Green Township
- existing county road – Tunnel Lane off of Waverly Park Rd in Harrison Township

Ryan Goodwin stated that the recommendation for the road names came from the Road Naming Committee. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Josh Messmer stated that last year the Board mentioned looking into getting the lights on the Courthouse switched over to LEDs. Mr. Messmer presented a quote of \$19,945.54 to change the lights to LED. They would not be able to change color. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the quote. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

COURTHOUSE SQUARE GAZEBO

Ryan Goodwin stated that the gazebo on the Courthouse Square has been talked about for several years regarding cleaning up, curfew, restricted hours, etc. It came to light again when Indian Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch used the gazebo last week for a presentation and there were some challenges upon their arrival. Kenny Hale stated that there is a problem with syringes being found in the gazebo and homeless utilizing it. This is not the image the county wants to portray and it needs to come down. Mr. Hale stated that he talked with the judges and they are in favor of this.

Daniel Elliott stated that his office building looks over that area and it has gotten worse over the last year or two. The LT. Governor's staff had to ask that the people there remove their carpets and other items, but they came back as soon as the event was over. Mr. Elliott noted that families stay away from the area and there are other resources to help with the homeless population and this situation creates an unsightly appearance.

Sheriff Myers stated that the Board could consider a nice pop-up tent with the county logo on it for events if they take down the gazebo.

Donnie Warren, EMS Director, stated that they make several EMS runs to the gazebo.

Mr. Goodwin stated that it is nice to have an area to meet or for events, but it is obvious that it gets used for more than that and has caused problems over the years. There have been issues with harassment, people falling asleep with lit cigarettes, etc. There has been a history of more trouble than positive and Mr. Goodwin stated that he is in favor of removing it. Mr. Goodwin suggested referring to the Maintenance Department as to taking it down in house or obtaining quotes.

Norman Voyles stated that it looks like the city wants to get a head start on the \$4 million project. Mr. Goodwin stated that the timing might make it seem that way, be it was on the agenda simply because of the feedback from the Lt. Governor's staff and because it has been discussed in the past.

Kenny made a motion to remove the gazebo in house, with help from Community Corrections and/or Highway Department if possible. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

EMS

Donnie Warren introduced Keenan Blair, a new member of the EMS command staff.

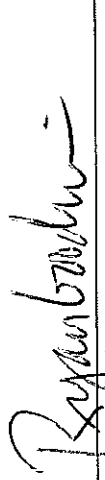
MORGAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Director, was present to give an update on activities. Mr. Dellinger stated that they have been busy despite COVID. They need more building space; there are several local companies looking to expand. The Nice Pak project is moving forward with more developments to come. A Morgan County resident inquired about vertical farming and they are looking into a location for this. Mr. Goodwin noted that Mr. Dellinger lent his time to the small business grant program using OCRA grant proceeds.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners


Ryan Goodwin


Kenny Hale


Norman Voyles

Attest:


Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor