

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020 AT 9:00 A.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 (*Kenny Hale*).

**CONTACT TRACING CONTRACT – Board of Health**

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Board of Health, was present to request approval of a contract with Foxhire for contact tracing. Ms. LaFary stated that since November 1<sup>st</sup> Morgan County has had another 1,085 COVID-19 cases at an average of 43 per day. This contract would allow for two people, 35 to 40 hours per week, to help the Health Department with contact tracing. Ryan Goodwin noted that contact tracing is a duty imposed upon the Board of Health by the Indiana State Department of Health. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL – Election Office**

Stephanie Elliott, Morgan County Clerk, was present to request approval of a \$48,684.99 grant through the Secretary of State's Office. Ms. Elliott stated that she applied for a grant for the primary election and was awarded \$35,000. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FARM LEASE – Milhon**

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board received a letter from Milhon Farms LLC for the parcel they currently lease next to the highway garage. This is one of the parcels that did not receive a bid. Mr. Goodwin stated that per Mr. Wisco, the board could accept a bid up to 60 days after the original window if it was a parcel that did not receive a bid. The bid was for 30% of the gross revenue for the 13 acres of crop land next to the highway garage. Norman Voyles made a motion to accept the bid. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**MASS GATHERING DISCUSSION**

Norman Voyles stated that he had received several phone calls regarding the noise and mess left after a motocross event in the SR 144 area. Mr. Voyles asked if this type of event could fall under a different ordinance or separate set of rules. Kenny Hale stated that in other counties and states a variance must be obtained. Mr. Hale suggested that this go through the Board of Zoning Appeals so it's made public and the board can make a decision. Mr. Voyles stated that neighbors are not being notified. Ryan Goodwin stated that he would not be opposed to having conversations with Jim Wisco, Plan Commission, etc. to determine how these events should be handled. The Board came to a consensus to continue looking at this issue both through the possibility of a small event ordinance or a variance process.

**GUARDRAIL – Perry/Lincoln**

Norman Voyles stated that he had received several calls regarding the new roadway portion of Perry Road and Lincoln and the drop-off. The Highway Superintendent, Marvin "Sport" Whaley, stated that he understood the complaints as this is an open area and could get icy in the winter. Mr. Whaley asked if they could request that INDOT extend the guardrail. They have posted speed limit signs in the area. Kenny Hale made a motion to work with INDOT to install a guardrail. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale stated that Egbert Road between Henderson Ford and SR 37 has Crider and Crider trucks taking up most of the road to avoid fallen trees next to the road and asked Mr. Whaley to look into it.

**EMS ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE DISCUSSION**

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, was present to request that the department have duty officers/field training officers. They are trying to come up with a compromise that will fund the duty officer function by combining the training officer QA/QI with the positions of director and deputy director. Most of the functions overlap with certain key issues falling under the director and deputy director positions. Mr. Warren stated that a lack of multi-layer supervision is hampering growth, lowering risk tolerance, decreasing clarity and accountability and interfering


with the ability to conduct proper management of the team. The field training officer gives them supervision 24/7. It also gives the opportunity to get certain types of training done on a shift basis. Mr. Warren stated that they find themselves using certain personnel in a great number of manhours in order to order supplies, maintain vehicles, and resolve IT issues. Ambulances are more frequently out of district for supply pickups, and the safety of patients is placed at a risk without 24/7 supervision. Crew and patient safety protocols have not been implemented due to the lack of oversight. Scenes involving several patients are poorly coordinated because the incident command system is not able to be implemented. There is a lack of training in several critical high risk procedures. Consistency and continuity would improve with the addition of the field training officer position. The training QA/QI position would be deleted, the deputy director would be the director of operations and training, certain training responsibilities would fall to the EMS duty field training officers. These job descriptions have been submitted to HR. This change would also require an additional vehicle. Ryan Goodwin stated that he would be in favor of the proposal. EMS is a 24/7/365 operation not unlike the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department has a command structure that provides a good level of quasi-executive level supervision within the shift. It appears that this is lacking on the EMS side. Mr. Goodwin stated that removing a top level position and adding the field officer position gives an additional step. Kenny Hale made a motion to support Mr. Warren in his request to the County Council. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

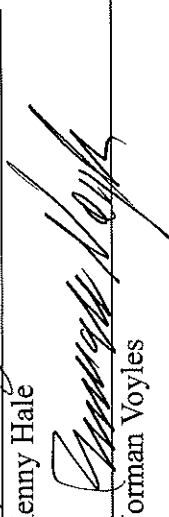
**ADJOURNMENT**

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