

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*).

REZONE REQUESTS – Ag to R1/Ag to Ind/PUD

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that the rezone requests on Gasburg and Pennington Road were given favorable recommendations by the Plan Commission. The property on Gasburg Road is 15 acres from Ag to R1 and the property at the intersection of Pennington and Watson Roads is 15.63 acres from Ag to R1. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both rezone requests. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to table a rezone request for a property on New Harmony Road. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Norman Voyles stated that he thought they should take action on the request. Motion carried 2-1.

Adam Mears, Gradison Land Development, stated that they are developing 148 lots at Heartland Crossing for Ryan Homes. There was to be a senior living center, but this fell through and they have taken over this property and will be adding 102 additional lots to the 148. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request for the PUD amendment for the Enclave at Heartland Crossing. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION

Morgan County Sheriff, Rich Myers, requested approval of a \$13,357 grant application through the Morgan County Substance Abuse Council. Sheriff Myers stated that the PACE grant (Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement) is for overtime for police officers that are part of a team that is dedicated to enforce and intercept drug activity in the county. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Josh Messmer stated that this is a letter that starts the eligibility funding for the CARES Act that reimburses the county for funds expended as a result of COVID-19. Other political subdivisions (townships, libraries, etc.) can request funds through the county. Mr. Messmer requested approval of the acceptance certification. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the certification. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin stated that under the CARES Act, the county was allotted \$2.3 million from the federal government that was distributed to the state based upon population. The county must expend funds and then will be reimbursed if all the requirements are met. Payroll is reimbursed only if the payroll requirement would not have occurred had it not been for the virus. Dan Bastin stated that the county would need to require the same documentation for the subgrantees that the federal government is requiring of the county. Mr. Bastin suggested that the attorney draft an application and agreements that outline the requirements. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve allowing other political subdivisions to apply for the grant under the county using the same requirements. Kelly Alcalá, Morgan Council, stated that there are also other sources for grants with differing stipulations. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Hale made a motion to authorize Josh Messmer and Jim Wisco to work together to compose an application. Motion carried 3-0.

PERFECTION GROUP AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that the Council has approved an additional appropriation of \$43,911 for UV units to be used in the ventilation systems in an attempt to kill bacteria and microbes and provide a safer environment in county facilities. The original estimate was over \$100,000, but Perfection Group worked to identify units that have common air spaces so the equipment is not required in all systems. Doctor Broderick, Morgan County Health Officer, believes this would be beneficial. The life span is 4 to 5 years. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the project. Motion

seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Messmer stated that the coroner inquired about a HEPA filter for the morgue, and they found out that the current HVAC system in that building does not meet code. The coroner is currently renting air scrubbers at \$2,700 per month. Mr. Messmer asked if the Board would like to authorize Perfection Group to move forward in designing a system that would meet code. Norman Voyles made a motion that they work toward becoming compliant in the coroner's building. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

NIMBO IP CONTRACT

Josh Messmer stated that this contract regards the phone system at the former Reporter Times building. Jim Wisco stated that he had reviewed the contract. Mr. Messmer stated that the only correction was from Marion County to Monroe County if there would be a dispute. The contract for the dispatch center is 36 months and Mr. Messmer asked if this would be the same. The monthly expense is \$414 per month and there are one-time costs.

Scott Hamilton stated that they had some delays due to COVID, but they have been easy to work with. The sound quality has been excellent and he is able to receive calls on his cell phone through their app. He can also make calls and it uses the dispatch number and not the cell phone number. He is very happy with the system. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement with a 36-month term. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

VACATION POLICY ORDINANCE – 2nd Reading

Ryan Goodwin stated that this is a one-time ordinance that recognizes that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and changes and cancellations that have occurred, they did not want employees to be penalized for losing accrued vacation time. This ordinance grants a one-time grace period in 2021 for carry over of that earned time. This allowance would expire at the end of 2021. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

CORONER VEHICLE LEASE

Josh Messmer stated that Annette Butcher, Morgan County Coroner, has requested an additional appropriation for a vehicle and the Council has approved her request. She has worked with Enterprise to obtain a truck that meets the needs of the department. Mr. Messmer requested approval of the contract with Enterprise. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

RAINY DAY FUND ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Josh Messmer stated that the proposed change to the language of the current ordinance adds Section 3 that allows reimbursements from grant proceeds for monies appropriated and spent from the Rainy Day Fund in accordance with proper approvals from the fiscal body of the county. Dan Bastin stated that most, if not all if the expenses related to COVID-19 would be expended from the Rainy Day Fund, the general rule is to receipt reimbursements into the fund they were paid from. The current language in the ordinance does not specify that reimbursements can be receipted into this fund. Jim Wisco stated that he could draft an ordinance to include this language. Norman Voyles made a motion to move forward in drafting an ordinance for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PROPERTY SALE DISCUSSION

Norman Voyles stated he received a phone call regarding selling property at Lake Hart. The property has a structure on it that is not being used by the county. Kenny Hale stated that he would have to think about selling it, but was not inclined to do so at the present time. Norman Voyles stated that there would be expenses for the appraisal process and made a motion not to sell the property. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin stated that if they were going to consider selling property, they should do it on a more comprehensive basis. Kenny Hale stated that they should consider a more comprehensive sale at a later date. Motion carried 3-0.

LOCUTION SYSTEMS AGREEMENT

Scott Hamilton, 911 Dispatch Director, stated that the funds for the locution system have been appropriated by the Council and the cost will be lower because the county will be able to use the Johnson County server rather than purchasing a new server. They will need an interlocal agreement for this. This system should eliminate the need for additional staffing. Mr. Hamilton stated that they would need to establish a C.A.D-to-C.A.D interface for Johnson County and would like to purchase this in exchange for the use of the server. This will automatically dispatch equipment from Johnson County if it is available. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the Locution Systems agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to allow Mr. Hamilton to proceed in obtaining a CAD-to-CAD interface for Johnson County. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS SOG REVISIONS

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, requested revisions of an SOG regarding vacations, performance improvement plan, and hiring and on-boarding. Ryan Goodwin stated that while the director works for the Board of Commissioners, they do not pretend to understand how to best run the organization. They do not want any policies and procedures to conflict with personnel policies or cause concern with HR on administering them. Mr. Warren stated that HR has reviewed them and approved. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the SOGs. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ULTIMATE TECHNOLOGIES AGREEMENT

Ryan Goodwin stated that the funds for this agreement have been appropriated by the Council. Josh Messmer stated that in order to provide an open and transparent government during COVID-19, this agreement is to provide two cameras, an upgraded mixer and audio that would allow meetings to be streamed online. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 4/27/20 Johnson County Joint Meeting

Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the April 27 minutes of the Joint Meeting between Morgan County and Johnson County. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

JUSTICE CENTER EXPENSE TRACKING / CHANGE ORDERS

Josh Messmer stated that construction is to be complete by July 1st. They are anticipating moving offices at the end of July or first part of August. There are two Change Orders, one for \$234 for ethernet cables for security cameras and \$3,600 for stucco on the front of the building. Kenny Hale stated that there would be one more. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Change Orders. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUESTS TO USE SPACE OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Fall Foliage Board of Directors submitted a request to use the Courthouse Square from September 29th at 5 pm to October 4th. They will provide a Certificate of Insurance before the event.

A second request is for the gazebo at the Courthouse by Rediscover Historic Martinsville on the third Thursday of the month throughout the summer for musicians to play in the evenings. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve both requests. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

INCIDENT CLAIM

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Sprinkle Incident Claim was denied by insurance. Josh Messmer stated that he called the Highway Department to obtain more information. The area mentioned in the claim was 1-1/2” deep and signs were posted to drive slow. Norman Voyles stated that he was told it was 3” deep and made a motion to investigate further. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed.

MINUTES – 5/18/20, 6/1/20

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the May 18 and June 1, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

PARK BOARD LETTER

The Indiana Astrological Society was issued a letter several years ago by the Park Board that gave them permission to set up telescopes at Burkhardt Creek Park after dark. Since then, the Park Board has been rescinded and the persons mentioned in the letter are no longer affiliated with the Astrological Society or the Park Board. The letter updates the names and positions. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the letter. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

FEMA LETTER

Kenny Hale stated that FEMA sent a request for additional information regarding an 44CFR80.19B. Mr. Hale stated that he is not willing to transfer any of the property because they lose control of the deed restrictions that were put on the property when the county used FEMA funds to purchase it. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve a letter to Homeland Security stating that the county has no intention of transferring the property. Homeland Security would forward the letter to FEMA. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

BDS – Highway Department

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, requested approval of a bid proposal for 4.6 miles of work on Cramertown, Voyles, and Townsend Roads. Mr. Hinkle stated that the bid opening would be on July 20 with the award to follow. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the advertisement for bids. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

VAC TRUCK

Mr. Hinkle stated that a supplier has a vac truck available at \$46,000. They obtained quotes earlier at \$70,000. Mr. Hinkle would like to move forward with the purchase pending approval of funding by the Council. Mr. Hinkle stated that this is a much better price and delivery date than originally planned. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the quote. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

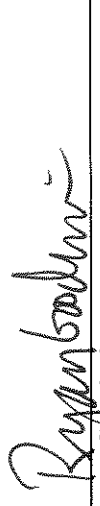
I-69 – Egbert Road

Mr. Hinkle stated that INDOT would like to have temporary access at Egbert Road that crosses the FEMA property. Mr. Hinkle stated that he believed the process would be that INDOT would need to contact FEMA to request this.


ADJOURNMENT

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

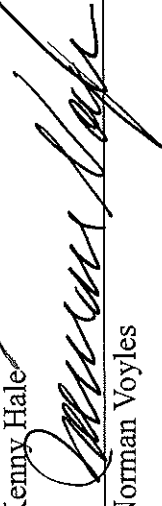
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Ryan Goodwin



Kenny Hale



Norman Voyles

Attest:



Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor