

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PRAYER (*Ryan Goodwin*).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ryan Goodwin stated that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to discuss a possible real estate purchase. No action taken.

TEMPLIN LANE – *Shawn Cook*

Shawn Cook, Patton Park, Inc., was present to inquire about the maintenance on Templin Lane and Templin Road. Mr. Cook stated that the county maintained the road until 2000 and quit maintaining it past the school bus turnaround. Mr. Cook stated that it was his understanding that the county used to maintain Templin Lane, but the Highway Department states that it does not. Mr. Cook is requesting that the county maintain both the lane and the road. Mr. Cook handed in a petition for the maintenance. Ryan Goodwin asked if he had talked to the Highway Department regarding the maintenance. Mr. Cook stated that he had not; as far as he knew, they were dedicated to the public. Mr. Goodwin stated that there is a difference between dedicated to the public and county maintenance. The process to take a road into county maintenance can be a cumbersome process; the road would need to meet county standards before acceptance. If Templin Lane is not in the road inventory, then the county is not being compensated by the state for vehicle taxes to maintain it. Mr. Goodwin stated that they would investigate it further and contact him with the results.

REZONE REQUEST – *Old SR 144*

Ryan Goodwin stated that this rezone request involves a collection of properties along Old State Road 144. Jinnifer Plummer, Holloway Engineering, stated that this request was given a favorable recommendation to rezone 25 acres into 4 residential lots and rezone the property from Ag to R1. Kenny Hale made a motion to rezone the proposed Stewart Odell Minor Plat from Ag to R1. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REZONE REQUEST – *Kitchen Road*

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that this request was originated by the Plan Commission itself. There are 11 properties along Kitchen Road that are zoned “Industrial”. All the properties are residential with the exception of one that is zoned B-3, but this is also a residential property. This would not create any non-conforming uses and would eliminate the risk for adjoining property owners to have any potential business or industrial uses developed there in the future. Some residents have had issues refinancing or selling homes because of the zoning conflict. Ms. Parker requested a rezone from I-1 and B-3 to R1. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request as shown on exhibit “B”. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MORGAN COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNCIL GRANTS

Barbara Howe, Morgan County Substance Abuse Council, was present to request approval of the distribution of funds received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Grants are as follows: Prevention: \$3,800.57 Haven Youth Center; \$5,000 Martinsville Youth Development Center; \$4,500 Morgan County Boys & Girls Club. Treatment: \$3,357 Stability First; \$5,000 Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle; \$5,000 Wellspring. Criminal Justice: \$13,357.00 Proactive Criminal Enforcement Unit (PACE) for total distribution of \$57,397.89 including administrative costs of \$13,308.89 and \$4,000 for supplies. The remaining balance is \$11,856.00 to be awarded at a later date. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the grants. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

EMA GRANT UPDATE

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, thanked Kenny Hale for his assistance in working with IPL to remove the low head dam on White River this winter.

Mr. Tumey stated that they were just awarded another grant that brings their total since 2018 to \$538,542.44. These grants are being used to purchase items for fire departments, Sheriff’s Department, and police departments. The two most recent grants were for cyber security software

for the county and a video surveillance system that will tie the county buildings together. Tow grants have not been awarded yet; one for a traffic flow study and one for throw bags and life preservers and portable breathalyzers.

EMS LETTER OF PROPOSAL

Josh Messmer stated that this letter is related to the feasibility study for EMS locations. The letter regards a change order to investigate response time if there were a location in Clay Township. EMS Director Donnie Warren stated that it is reasonably priced at \$1,000. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the addendum. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

2021-2022 LIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Ryan Goodwin stated that the CIP is required and must be updated every two years. Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, (via a remote connection) stated that this follows the 10-year plan he submitted earlier. Norman Voyles made a motion to adopt the plan. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

FARM LEASE PROPERTIES

Josh Messmer stated that the leases for the farm lease properties will expire at the end of the year. Jim Wisco is reviewing the documents to make sure requirements are met and update as needed. Mr. Messmer asked if there were any changes the Board wished to make. Norman Voyles made a motion to advertise the properties and notify the current leasees or other interested entities. Mr. Voyles proposed a deadline of October 19th, which is the second meeting in October. Motion died for lack of a second. Ryan Goodwin stated that he didn't think that would be enough time. Kenny Hale stated that FEMA questions it if the same person gets it multiple times. Jim Wisco stated that the leases would require legal notice. Mr. Voyles asked if the November 2nd meeting would be better. Mr. Hale and Mr. Goodwin stated that it would be more manageable. Norman Voyles amended his motion to make November 2nd the deadline to receive bids. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0. In the meantime, Mr. Wisco will work with the Board in making sure all requirements are met.

MILITARY LEAVE

Ryan Goodwin stated that the reason why Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, is calling in by phone, is that he is a member of the National Guard and he has been deployed and will be serving in Kuwait for several months. He will have a few hours per day (15 to 20 per week) to work with the county and the Board will need to give approval for work in a part time capacity. The State of Indiana will continue to provide a stipend since he is a qualified engineer. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the current hourly rate of pay for part time work. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-0. (Kenny Hale stepped out of the room.)

ENGINEERING CONTRACTS

United Consulting presented a contract for engineering assessment for Bridge #29 on Mahalaville Road over Trace Creek. SJCA presented a contract for replacement of Bridge #97 on Ferguson Road over Lake Ditch. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the two contracts. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Beam Longest & Neff presented a contract for assessment of Bridge #104. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the contract. Ryan Goodwin noted that the bid for this project was awarded at a previous meeting and they are just executing the contract. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Ryan Goodwin noted that they are awaiting documentation for further discussion regarding the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance, EMS Fee Schedule, MedBill Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding with Johnson County, and Mass Gathering Ordinance. Kenny Hale made a motion to table the items listed above until the October 5th meeting. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

I-69 SECTION 6 TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Josh Messmer stated that the transfer agreement for Section 6 was built from the agreement for Section 5. The biggest concern regards taking in roads that are not yet built or complete. They have worked with INDOT and believe these concerns have been addressed. Should alignments or pipe sizes change, the county has the ability to reject the changes or can be addressed. Tony Hinkle has reviewed the updated Exhibit H and is comfortable with taking action. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the Transfer Agreement. Norman Voyles noted that the agenda states this item was tabled until October 5th. Ryan Goodwin stated that was to give legal counsel and the engineer enough time to review it and they are both ready to take action. Mr. Voyles stated that he had not seen the paperwork. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 2-1. Norman

Voyles was opposed.

MINUTES

Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the August 17, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Kenny Hale made a motion to send the Strader tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUESTS TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Jim Wisco stated that Wellspring has had an event for the last few years for National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and would invite anyone who wants to join them to sleep out on the Courthouse lawn on November 20 – 21. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request to use the Courthouse lawn. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Bethaney Latham was present to request the use of the Courthouse Square for the Bobby Helms Jungle Bell Rock Spectacular and 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 6th with set-up on December 4 – 5. They would also like to use the evergreen tree that is on the west side of the square and keep it lit until January 1. City of Martinsville, Porch Time, and Rediscover Martinsville are all part of the event and Rediscover Martinsville will provide liability insurance for the event. They would also like to use the square in conjunction with the Cookie Stroll the next weekend and have a portable stage for school groups to perform, but would present that request at another time. Ryan Goodwin noted that the events would need to follow all state and local guidelines regarding COVID-19. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request for December 4 – 6 with the condition that their preparedness plan is approved by Steve Lyday. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Kenny Hale stated that his concern with using the tree would be the use of volunteers and if they would be using a lift. Ms. Latham stated that they would be using a lift and Parks Outdoor Maintenance might be providing that. Mr. Helms stated that the City of Martinsville might also help with this. Mr. Hale stated that they might want to check with REMC. Mr. Hale stated that he would feel more comfortable using a professional and not damaging the tree or having a volunteer injured. Mr. Hale asked if they would provide a plan for this in conjunction with the Cookie Stroll request.

Pastor Roxie McNelly, First Christian Church, was present to request the use of county parking lots for a music program on October 10 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. The band would be in the church parking lot and people could park in county lots for the event. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0. Ryan Goodwin noted that the Certificate of Insurance has been provided.

SJCA AGREEMENT

Tony Hinkle stated that he just emailed a contract for approval that amends a current contract with SJCA for an LPA project – Bridge #75 on Bowman Road. The contract adds a cost of \$2,922 for a Rule 5 permit that is needed. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the amendment. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

UNITED CONSULTING AGREEMENT

Tony Hinkle stated that there should have been two contracts with United Consulting; one for Bridge 29 and one for Teeters Road. Steve Jones, United Consulting, provided the contract for Teeters Road. Norman Voyles made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

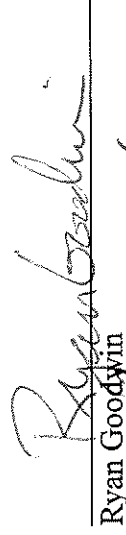
ADJOURNMENT

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

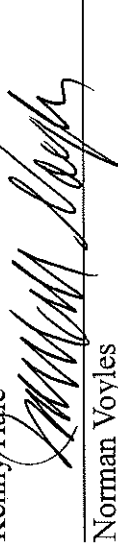
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Attest:


Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor


Ryan Goodwin


Kenny Hale


Norman Voyles