

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017 AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES AND RYAN GOODWIN. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; AND ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY WERE ALSO PRESENT. BRIAN GOSS WAS ABSENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

RESOLUTION – *Tax Certificate Sale*

Rod Bray stated that each year, the county has a tax sale to sell properties that are delinquent in their property taxes. There are some properties that don't sell and reoccur each year. The tax certificate sale is intended to get these reoccurring parcels off the books. The sale will be in February and rather than paying the delinquent taxes, there is a minimum bid of \$50. Dan Bastin stated that there are 43 properties that are listed for this sale. This is a method of getting the property back on the tax rolls and into the hands of owners that will keep the taxes current. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing the Intent to Conduct a Commissioners' Sale to Sell Tax Sale Certificates for Properties that are Severely Delinquent in Payment of Property Taxes. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

OFFICE 365 – *Telemagen Contract*

Daniel Elliott, Morgan County Council, stated that he was present to answer any questions the Board might have regarding the need to upgrade to a more secure email system. Mr. Elliott stated that the Data Board did a lot of research and study on the issue. Norman Voyles asked if Mr. Bray reviewed the contract. Mr. Bray stated that he had, and he did not have any concerns. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to enter into an agreement with Telemagen, including the attached scope of work, for the migration of the county email system. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

SOCIETY OF GENERAL MORGAN

Norman Voyles stated that during his first term as Commissioner, the Board wanted a way to honor certain individuals for their service and devotion to Morgan County. Morgan County's version of the Governor's "Sagamore of the Wabash" award is the Society of General Morgan. The award reads as follows:

Early Indiana leaders found great inspiration in the life and deeds of General Daniel Morgan, who volunteered to serve his country repeatedly in the Revolutionary War believing that he could contribute to the successful pursuit of principles.

General Morgan has served as an appropriate inspiration for Morgan County's name and for its citizens down through this day.

He was an effective leader who inspired his men and led them to success in the pursuit of difficult goals.

General Morgan suffered injury, yet returned to battle even when his health was poor.

General Morgan was a hard and tireless worker, and one of the best field commanders in American history.

He followed his record of war success by turning to participation in the newly established democracy of his nation and was elected to serve a term in the House of Representatives.

His record is heroic, and those who have come to live in the communities of his Namesake County have inherited his heroism.

Morgan County has been blessed with many people who have been leaders and servants and heroes in helping their fellow citizens, frequently toiling in quiet humility motivated only to improve the lot of their communities and fellow citizens.

The Morgan County Board of Commissioners recognize these great leaders for their good works and desire to recognize and call upon them as a valuable resource in the County.

Accordingly, the Board of Commissioners, having established The Society of General Morgan, whose members are the best in the County who do the best for the County named Frans Hollanders as a member of the Society of General Morgan.

PARK AND TRAIL RULES

Joe Tutterrow, Morgan County Park and Recreation Board President, stated that the Park Board has been working on rules, regulations, and fees for the last year and wanted to present them to the Board of Commissioners. There is a separate fee structure to rent facilities at Burkhart Creek and Old Town Waverly Park that will be presented to the Council. Norman Voyles suggested changing the wording regarding the rental of comfort stations as follows: “will be available for rent if needed.” Ryan Goodwin asked if a separate ordinance would need to be passed in order to approve the park regulations. Rod Bray stated that it would not take a separate ordinance, but the regulations should be read twice, like an ordinances. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adopt the Morgan County Parks and Trail Rules as presented. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Norman Voyles stated that the Board approved making the veteran’s service officer position a full time position. If this change is also approved by the Council, it would require \$12,848 in additional funding. Ryan Goodwin stated that he supports the position being full time, but the additional funds would not be needed until later in 2018. Dan Bastin stated that changing this position from part time to full time is on the Council’s January agenda; they won’t know if there is a need for the additional funds unless the Council approves the change. Mr. Goodwin made a motion to table the request until the full time status of the VSO was determined. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

LEASED PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Norman Voyles stated that in August of 2015, the Board agreed to lease the lot next to the old jail building for parking for a development. The agreement does not address any structures or curbs built on the property. Mr. Voyles stated that a structure built to house a dumpster and the curbs that were constructed, prevent access to the county building on the north side of the lot. Mr. Voyles talked to Julie Collier, Flaherty and Collins, and she suggested moving the dumpster further east and removing the curbs after the first of the year. Ryan Goodwin stated that on general principal, he thought these types of decisions should be made as a board. The developer is investing significant private funds at this location and two other locations and could invest in future properties. Mr. Goodwin stated that the construction has been occurring for the past six weeks and this should have been dealt with before the construction was completed. Mr. Goodwin stated that the curbs make access to the garage tight and felt that some sort of compromise was in order. Mr. Voyles stated that he was not aware until just recently that the construction was causing an issue and said something in an effort to stop the pouring of any additional concrete, before the dumpster wall was built. Mr. Goodwin stated that he appreciated that, and now they need to make a decision as a board. Mr. Goodwin did not think it to be in the best interest of the county or the developer to remove everything. Mr. Voyles stated that the curbs and dumpster are in the way of trying to back the trailer into the garage.

A gentleman from the public introduced himself as Todd, the superintendent of the project, and stated that plans for the project were submitted in November of 2015. The curbing and length was not ideal and it is not easy to get around, so he had it shortened. He discussed the plans with another property owner, came to a compromise, and moved the curbing to allow access to the owner’s garage. Todd stated that they didn’t have anyone to consult with the county when making the changes. Mr. Goodwin stated that objections should have been raised when the plans were first submitted. Mr. Voyles suggested meeting after the first of the year when Ms. Collier could be available. Mr. Goodwin stated that this type of situation is very frustrating.

MINUTES – 12/4/17

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the December 4, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

CLAIMS

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the December 6, December 15, and December 29, 2017 payroll claims of \$318,600.00, \$510,053.95, and \$514,408.01. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the December 6, December 15, and December 29, 2017 PERF claims of \$28,778.40, \$41,072.97, and \$41,658.37. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

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FICA claims of \$24,372.95, \$36,869.49, and \$39,107.47. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the monthly claims of \$952,576.53. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 22,880 911 calls, 1,929 of which were abandoned calls that were disconnected before they were answered. There have been 93,155 administrative calls, and 36,297 CAD calls for a total of 116,035 calls.

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Board for the presentation to Mr. Hollanders and stated that he has been a valuable member of the dispatch department.

A window company tried to fix the issue of the moisture in the windows, but did not succeed. They might have to try a different type of window in order to fix the problem. Rod Bray asked if there was a warranty on the building. Mr. Hamilton stated that they brought it to the attention of the architect and the project engineer the first year and were told that the concrete was still curing and they had too much humidity in the building. They lowered the humidity level to 30 to 35%, but they are still having the same issue. The building was built with a type of concrete that sheds water and Mr. Hamilton wondered if that might be what is causing the problem.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that the inmate population at the jail is at 341. There are 2 DOC inmates, 6 inmates on work release, and 19 on the jail corrections program. There have been 12,010 law enforcement calls compared to 11,333 in 2016.

Sheriff Downey thanked the Board for recognizing Mr. Hollanders' service; not only for the county, but as Martinsville Chief of Police and detective before that.

EMS UPDATE

Donnie Warren, EMS Director, stated that things are going well and the deputy director and supply officer stepped up in his absence.

Mr. Warren thanked everyone for their support after suffering the loss of his son.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ryan Goodwin and Norman Voyles congratulated Rod Bray for his appointment as Majority Floor Leader in the Indiana Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Brian Goss