

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017 AT 9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, RYAN GOODWIN, AND BRIAN GOSS. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; AND ROD BRAY, ATTORNEY; WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

MILESTONE – *Todd Fawver*

Todd Fawver, Area Manager and Vice President of Milestone Contractors, was present to speak about an issue with last year's paving program. Mr. Fawver stated that there were issues with the completion date of the contract and the job was not done on time. Mr. Fawver apologized for this. They submitted a bid in December, but the bid was rejected due to past performance. Mr. Fawver stated that they would like to be considered for future projects and were present to address any issues. Mr. Fawver presented three recommendations from other counties and asked the Board to reconsider accepting bids from Milestone Contractors and assured them that they would get 100% dedication, commitment, and quality from the work they do. Brian Goss stated that there was hardly any paving done in his district because of this issue and he must answer to the taxpayers for this. Mr. Goss also mentioned two incidents regarding inferior paving. Mr. Goodwin stated that he appreciated Mr. Fawver's willingness to speak to the Board and his commitment to quality going forward.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

City of Martinsville Mayor, Shannon Kohl and City Councilman, Terry Buster were present to discuss ambulance service. Mayor Kohl stated that on February 10th she received a letter from Care Ambulance (dated February 8th) stating that the city needed to increase payment to them by \$80,000 for a total of \$110,000. On February 28th she received a letter dated February 23rd giving the city a 30-day notice, retroactive to February 8th, that they would no longer be providing ambulance service to the City of Martinsville as of March 9th. Mayor Kohl has been working with Commissioner Voyles and Mr. Warren for the county to provide ambulance service in case Care Ambulance withdrew their services on short notice. Mayor Kohl asked if the county would provide a verbal agreement to assist the city with ambulance service beginning March 9th, until the city and county attorney could get together to draw up an interlocal agreement between the two entities.

Norman Voyles stated that he believed it to be the county's intent to cooperate with the city as much as possible under the circumstances. Mark Tumey, Deputy EMA Director, stated that they are currently running one BLS ambulance; adding additional services would make it pretty tight. Staffing an additional ambulance would require hiring employees, which includes running background checks, drug screens, and training, and they would not be able to run until early April. Brian Goss made a motion to move forward on staffing an additional ambulance. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Diane Jennings, a Martinsville resident, stated that ambulance issues have been an ongoing issue for 25 years; private companies are only in it for the money.

RESOLUTION - VOTE CENTERS

Stephanie Elliott, Morgan County Clerk, was present to ask that the Board support a resolution designating Morgan County as a vote center county. The Election Board has been working to consolidate precincts. The first step is to gain approval from the Commissioners and Council. The next step is to appoint a study committee and develop a plan. There must be one vote center for every 10,000 voters. There are a little over 50,000 registered voters in Morgan County. Ms. Elliott stated that there would probably be between 8 and 12 centers. On Election Day, a voter would be able to vote anywhere they wanted. This will also reduce the number of poll workers needed, from 140 to 60 or 80. Ryan Goodwin asked if there will be additional capital outlay expenses. Ms. Elliott stated that there shouldn't be additional expenses except for advertising costs. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Designation of Morgan County as a Vote Center County. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

BICENTENNIAL TORCH

Norman Voyles stated that they are waiting on a quote for a display case for the Bicentennial Torch.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Norman Voyles stated that the Lions Club submitted a request to use the east half of the south side of the Courthouse Square on June 2nd and 3rd. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the request and to require a certificate of insurance. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

COMPENSATION ISSUE

Rod Bray stated that the Salary Ordinance allows extra compensation in the Commissioner's salary for office hours and for highway duties. The State Board of Accounts issued an email that indicated they did not feel this is appropriate and recommended that the salary be increased to the level of the highest Commissioner salary. The Council would then need to amend the Salary Ordinance. Ryan Goodwin asked if it would be possible to lower the salary to the base level. Mr. Bray stated that the compensation of an elected official may not be changed in the year in which it is fixed, except the county fiscal body may at any time change the compensation for the year if the majority of the county executive body requests that change. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to recommend to the county fiscal body that the pay for all three Commissioners be the same and fixed at the regular base rate of pay for the Commissioners. Mr. Goodwin stated that it is not his intention to take away compensation, but he did not take this office to then vote for a pay raise two months later. Brian Goss seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. Norman Voyles was opposed.

APPOINTMENTS – *Interview/Hiring Committee*

Norman Voyles stated that they have received several applications for the EMS director position and they need to make appointments for the interview/hiring committee. Mr. Voyles stated that Donnie Warren, EMA Director, recommended the following: Dr. Robert Austgen, Medical Director; Donnie Warren, EMA Director; three Commissioners; Bryan Collier, firefighter, EMT, and Council President; Mike Ellis; and an alternate, Brent Worth. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the appointments as listed above. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Ryan Goodwin stated that the county fiscal body is under represented and he would be more inclined to appoint the committee by position rather than name. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed.

MINUTES – 2/20/17

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the March 20, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIMS

Brian Goss made a motion to refer the Hatton and Crawley tort claims to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the February 3rd \$36,300 uniform claim, February 10th \$460,404.60 payroll claim, and February 24th \$456,404.19 payroll claim. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the February 3rd \$1,545.60, February 10th \$39,579.37, and February 24th \$39,342.08 PERF claims. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the February 3rd \$2,776.99, February 10th \$33,283.70, and February 24th \$32,965.41 FICA claims. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the monthly claims of \$1,528,537.73. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Dispatch Director, reported that there have been 20,040 calls so far this year. There have been 3,647 911 calls and 16,393 were non-emergency calls. There have been 5,842 CAD calls.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Jail Commander Dave Rogers stated that the inmate population at the jail is 347, this includes 277 males and 70 females. There is 1 DOC inmate, 13 inmates on the work release program, and 25 jail corrections workers. There have been 1,818 law enforcement calls so far this year.

The state jail inspection was last week and went very well. There was a recommendation to do a staffing analysis since this hasn't been done since 2010.

DLZ has shown interest in doing a feasibility study and cost analysis over the life cycle of the jail. The cost for this is \$5,000 and will be paid for out of the Commissary Fund if it is approved by the Board of Commissioners. Major Rogers recommended that the study be done as it will review the

operations of the jail and Sheriff's Office, as well as Community Corrections, probation, and court system to see how it is affecting the jail population. The jail population averages 80% or above and this study will analyze any future expansion needs. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to enter into the proposal with DLZ regarding the Sheriff's Office and jail feasibility study and life cycle cost analysis in the amount of \$5,000 to be paid by the Commissary Fund. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Brian Goss stated that crews are ditching, cutting trees, and patching potholes.

Norman Voyles stated that they need to do something with the vacant superintendent position. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to engage in a diligent and wide-reaching search giving that the highway department is a crucial leadership role within the county and one of the most crucial services that the county provides. They owe it to the taxpayers to look far and wide for the next leader. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to put out a job description and advertise the position in as many places as they can and start the search process. Brian Goss asked if they should look outside the county. Mr. Goodwin stated that they advertised in the local paper and there are trade association publications that could also be used. Motion died for lack of a second.

Brian Goss made a motion to interview the applicants that have already submitted applications. Mr. Goss stated that several years ago they hired a superintendent that did not live in the county and there were many issues; he is not in favor of hiring outside the county for this position. Mr. Goodwin stated that advertising outside the county is making sure the Board has done their due diligence to the taxpayers in making sure that they have an ample amount of quality applicants to choose from. If this person happens to be local, he would be pleased with that.

Ron Burnett, a rural county resident, lived 35 years outside the county and has spent a lot of time driving around rural Indiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. He was a township trustee and managed a family farm that has land in Ray, Jefferson, and Baker Townships. He is not an expert on county roads, but visits friends in Owen and Putnam Counties and they have terrible roads. The roads in Morgan County are particularly good. The highway department has had a long-term superintendent that resigned because of concerns over the retirement program and has submitted an application for re-hire. If the Board wants the county to run efficiently and properly, then it seems a shame to waste money trying to find someone outside when the system is working. Mr. Goodwin stated that when they have an opening in any position of county leadership, they need to put forth their best effort to have as many qualified applicants as possible. Once the applicants come in, they need to talk to everyone who is qualified.

Cecila Kreps, a county resident, stated that Ed Kominowski, the Executive Director of the Community Foundation, was far from Martinsville when he learned of the opening, came to Martinsville, and does an excellent job.

Norman Voyles reviewed the motion on the floor, to interview the candidates that have submitted applications, and seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin opposed.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, requested approval of an application for a Gradall lease through TCF Equipment Finance Credit Association. Mr. Smith stated that the purchase price is \$353,605 with slightly over 3% interest for an XL 3100 Gradall. This purchase is through a federal government QPA program. Rod Bray stated that he has not reviewed the lease. Norman Voyles asked that Mr. Bray and Mr. Bastin review the lease.

Mr. Smith stated that paving on Godsey Road was bid at 19-1/2 feet and the roadway varies from 19-1/2 to 17 feet. The road will need to be widened in the narrow places. He obtained an estimate of \$80,000 from a contractor for this work. Wallace was awarded the paving bid and stated that they could widen these areas when they pave. Mr. Smith would like to add a change order of \$45,480.85 to the project for this work. Mr. Smith stated that with the changes the interstate has caused, this road will have more traffic. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the change order as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that the bridge over White Lick Creek on Centerton Road has six foot shoulders there is a one inch drop-off on the existing shoulder. Adding an additional inch and a half of pavement will make a bigger drop-off and this will have to be addressed. Wallace can address this during paving by adding additional material (3,436 sq. yards) in this area at a cost of \$29,225.75. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the change order. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

There was some damage to Jenson Road and Mr. Smith has been working with the county attorney on this. Mr. Smith obtained a quote of \$16,000 from Wallace for the repairs. Mr. Bray asked that Mr. Smith forward the quote to the party that damaged the road.

The state will close SR 42 for a construction project and want to make Little Point Road from SR 42 to the interstate an official detour. The state will make any necessary repairs immediately following construction. Construction is expected to begin April 3, 2017. Brian Goss stated that this road was paved last year or the year before and asked that Mr. Smith make a video of the road before construction begins so any damage can be documented. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the official detour as long as documentation of the road condition was done before April 3rd and the state reimburses the county for any damages. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that crews will be replacing a small structure, Bridge #68 on Ballinger Road and will reroute the road approach. Mr. Smith received a proposal from BS Engineering for the road design adjacent to the structure. The scope of services includes surveying, right of way engineering, geo tech, utility coordination, hydraulic modeling, permits, erosion control, roadway design, alignment, small structure sizing, wing layouts, and foundation design for a cost of \$93,800. Mr. Smith asked for approval of the roadway realignment design work for Bridge #68 replacement on Ballinger Road. Ryan Goodwin stated that he would be more comfortable with an additional quote from another firm. Brian Goss asked Mr. Smith to obtain an additional quote from another engineering firm.

Crews should have the footings finished on Bridge #24 early this week and will start on the superstructure installation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Ryan Goodwin

Attest:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Brian Goss