

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 AT 9:30 A.M.

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

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

BID OPENING – *Small Structure #1225*

Dan Bastin opened bids for the replacement of Small Structure #1225 on Hickey Road as follows: CLR \$246,615 with piling costs of \$18,900 and \$42 per linear foot for additional pilings; Keith E. Henderson \$254,268 with piling costs of \$40,200 and \$89 per linear foot for additional pilings. Norman Voyles asked Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, to review the bids and report back later during the meeting.

TAKE HOME VEHICLE POLICY DISCUSSION

Norman Voyles stated that Dan Bastin submitted a letter requesting a policy on take home vehicles. Deb Verley provided policies and applications from other counties, Purdue, Homeland Security, and the State of Indiana for review. Mr. Bastin stated that he and nine other county officials submitted the letter asking for the policy and that at a minimum, the policy should state that a taxpayer owned take home vehicle is assigned to a county office holder or employee only when it is in the best interest of Morgan County taxpayers and citizens. The policy should include a written application (from the office holder or employee) requesting a take home vehicle, that the application be reviewed in public by the Board, or by a board appointed by the Board of Commissioners, and that the Board establish written criteria that will be used in the application review and assignment approval process. Mr. Bastin stated that there are 17 non-law enforcement take home vehicles. They are not addressing law enforcement vehicles, it is clear that law enforcement vehicles serve a public safety purpose and benefit the citizens and taxpayers. They do not see that with the other vehicles assigned and would like a process where as citizens, they can clearly see the benefit. The policy for on the job vehicles, such as the Assessor's Office and Surveyor's Office, is already in place. Most of the 17 employees that have take home vehicles need a vehicle to do their job, but the officials that submitted the letter do not see the need for taxpayers to pay for them to have a take home vehicle.

Ryan Goodwin stated that there was a committee formed several years ago to address some of these issues, but it did not get a lot of support or traction. Mr. Goodwin asked how Mr. Bastin proposed that the Board of Commissioners take into consideration not only what other counties have done, but what they need to do in Morgan County for the taxpayers to have the services they need; would there be a committee, the Board of Commissioners, or none of the above. Mr. Bastin stated that his initial thought was that the Board of Commissioners would come up with the criteria. Mr. Bastin thought the first step would be to determine what factors are present that benefit the taxpayer, such as being able to respond to an emergency or ability to respond quickly. The policy should not take into consideration how it benefits the individual, as this becomes compensation to the individual. Mr. Bastin stated that he is concerned that there is nothing in writing as to how the employee would use the take home vehicle.

Norman Voyles suggested the following language be included in a policy: Employees having take home use of county vehicles shall be limited to such employees who are designated as available "24 hour" on call or hold public safety positions. These being subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Personal use of take home vehicles will not be permitted. Police vehicles are considered non-personal use vehicles. Police officers are required to use the vehicle for commuting and personal use is incidental to use for law-enforcement purposes. The Internal Revenue Code requires that the taxable value for the use of county provided vehicles be reported as additional compensation to employees. The county and employee must timely report personal use as a wage. Such reports are processed by the Auditor's Office.

Mr. Bastin stated that there should also be language addressing the application and review of the application. Mr. Voyles stated that this could be added.

Mr. Goodwin commended Mr. Voyles for putting language together and suggested taking the provided information under advisement to work toward presenting a policy in the next few weeks.

ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

Ryan Goodwin stated that Enterprise Fleet Management was referred to him by a Hendricks County Commissioner. Aaron Stoner, Enterprise Fleet Management, stated that the company does more than rent vehicles, they determine the most cost effective ways to operate vehicles. Typically, the lives of the vehicles are being extended and maintenance costs are increasing and cities and counties end up paying for the vehicle twice over in operating costs rather than selling the vehicle when it is most cost effective. Enterprise has the ability to buy vehicles in an extremely cost effective way. Mr. Stoner handed out an analysis that was prepared for another county. Enterprise would be able to monitor what the vehicles cost through their life cycle and pick the right time to sell the vehicles in order to maximize the resale market. After obtaining a fleet list, Enterprise would determine if there are under-utilized vehicles that the county is paying to insure, but aren't necessary, and prepare an analysis with leasing costs for a ten-year period. Enterprise would be able to supply anything from an F750 on down to compact cars. There would be no cost to the county for the analysis. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Stoner to collect the information he needed in order to conduct the analysis.

GRANT APPLICATION - EMA

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, requested approval of a \$23,282.21 Department of Homeland Security grant application for a partial reimbursement of salaries for the director, deputy director, and administrative assistant. Mr. Tumey stated that there are some significant changes to the grant process in order to meet FEMA standards.

During a recent snowstorm, the Town of Mooresville was not able to get their snow equipment out and requested a travel warning. Mr. Tumey was able to contact Commissioner Goodwin and they issued a warning. This was later reduced to a watch and then removed. Mr. Tumey asked that the Board sign the warning level and the watch level declaration. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve signing the two emergency declarations. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the grant application for the 2017 salary reimbursement. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

GRANT APPLICATION – Prosecutor

Steve Sonnega, Morgan County Prosecutor, was present to request approval of a \$103,188 VOCA grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice System. This is a two-year grant that covers the victim's advocate office. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

WENS AGREEMENT

Rod Bray stated that this agreement was discussed at the previous meeting and there were two items in the WENS agreement (emergency notification system) that he had concerns about, 6.2(C) regarding remedies, and 8.4 stating that legal proceedings must take place in Ohio. The language for both items have been modified to address his concerns. Ryan Goodwin noted that Schedule A had not been changed to reflect an annual payment over three years. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the agreement and noted that it is the county's intent to make three annual payments in three successive years (2018, 2019, 2020). Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

SCENIC BYWAY

Daniel Elliott was present to request approval of a resolution to designate certain roads from Highway 40 to Highway 50 as a scenic byway. The Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway would begin at the intersection of State Road 39 and State Road 40 in Hendricks County, then south along State Road 39 to Monrovia, State Road 42 east to Mooresville, State Road 67 south to Centerton Road, east to Blue Bluff Road, Main Street, Morgan Street to Hospital Drive, State Road 252 to State Road 135, south to the Brown County line. The idea behind the byway is to encourage motorists to stop at Mooresville, Martinsville, Monrovia, Morgantown, and to enjoy the scenic areas and designations along the way. In order for INDOT to approve the byway, they would need Morgan County's approval. Brown County has already approved their section of the byway. The Convention, Visitors, and Tourism Bureau would be the lead contact. Norman Voyles noted that signs for the county road portion of the byway were approved in September of 2017. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the Hoosier Hills State Scenic Byway as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Director, was present on behalf of Vaughn Wamsley, dba Raindrop LLC, the developer of Westpoint Business Park. Mr. Wamsley purchased the property, located partially in Hendricks County and partially in Morgan

County from Lauth approximately 10 years ago and would like to develop a greenspace concept around the waterways. The letter supports the concept on the basis of providing a healthier lifestyle and work environment for the workforce that will be there in the future. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the letter of support. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES – 3/19/18

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the March 19, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the March 9 and March 23, 2018 payroll claims of \$563,650.74 and \$556,900.34. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the March 9 and March 23, 2018 PERF claims of \$47,716.68 and \$46,698.83. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the March 9 and March 23, 2018 FICA claims of \$40,962.88 and \$40,442.85. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the monthly claims totaling \$1,151,672.35 with the following holds: \$26.75 pending Council transfer, \$3,159 and \$345.47 pending documentation. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Norman Voyles stated that the Morgan County Child Abuse Prevention Chapter would like to set up a table on the Courthouse lawn on April 26th for an appreciation event for the courts and probation. They will be passing out cookies and lemonade. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Cari Camic sent a letter requesting temporary road closure of Gordon Road and Union Road for the 4th Annual Jim's Journey 5k Run/Walk on Saturday, September 29th. The race will begin at 9am and end at approximately 12 pm at the Monrovia High School. Ms. Camic has already gotten approval from the Morgan County Sheriff's Department. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to submit the Thornhill tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS UPDATE

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that they now have a full time staff. They had \$92,000 in reimbursements for March. Dan Bastin stated that they need to form a written policy and guidelines for the billing service on discounts and pursuing delinquent collections. Mr. Bastin will circulate a policy he obtained from Henry County. Ryan Goodwin mentioned the possibility of adding this to the fee ordinance.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER UPDATE

Rick Baum, Morgan County Veteran's Service Officer, reported that there were 17 claims filed for March, 52 interviews, and 329 phone calls. He attended an event at the American Legion in Mooresville. Mr. Baum ordered memorial flags that saved approximately \$354 over last year. Mr. Baum shared a letter he received regarding the USS Indiana.

Mr. Baum talked with a person who would be interested in volunteering in his office two days a week as a receptionist while he works with the veterans and spouses.

The Marine Corp League in Martinsville will be opening an account for donations for the veterans' van. The DAV stated that they would provide matching funds if \$18,300 is collected. Three volunteer drivers would be needed for the van.

March 29th was National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 5214 911 calls, including 417 abandoned calls, 21,918 administrative calls, and 8,274 CAD calls. Mr. Hamilton provided a report showing that 99.87% of the calls are answered within 10 seconds.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey reported that there are 310 inmates, 2 DOC inmates, 7 on work release, 24 on the jail corrections program, and 2,800 law enforcement calls for service.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Marvin "Sport" Whaley stated that having several employees off and the unexpected snow ate into their emergency funding. Mr. Whaley asked that situations like this be taken into consideration regarding take-home vehicles.

Crews have been busy patching potholes.

Mr. Whaley stated that part of the Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway, Blue Bluff Road, can sometimes be closed due to flooding.

BID INFORMATION

Larry Smith reported that the apparent low bidder for Small Structure #1225 was CLR Construction for \$246,615 and he recommended that they be awarded the project. The construction would start after June 4th and would be complete by September 7th. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to accept CLR on Structure #1225 bridge replacement. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith stated that there is a driveway permit application for a property on Paddock Road. There is an existing access point, but they would have to cross a waterway. The application is for an area that has bad sight distance. Mr. Smith did not approve the permit and included a statement in the denial that a hold harmless agreement would be needed in order to place a driveway in the requested location. Rod Bray recommended that the property owner grant an easement on the existing drive. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to affirm the decision of the Highway Engineer to deny the driveway permit based on the line of sight issue. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that the Morgan County Surveyor, Terry Brock, obtained quotes from surveyors to survey a parcel of land the Highway Department needs in order to relocate a road between Arthur and Shuler Roads. Terry Brock stated that they received four quotes as follows: Hahn Surveying \$5,000 to \$6,000; Sheppard Surveying \$775; Drapalik Surveying & Engineering \$1,325; and Holloway Engineering \$2,700. Mr. Brock recommended the low bidder, Sheppard Surveying at \$775. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the bid from Sheppard Surveying for the right of way project along Baseline Road. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that the contractor is continuing work on the Briarhopper Road bridge.

Dan Bastin reported that he, along with Joyce Briant, and Karen Saucerman, went to a State Board of Accounts presentation on the new County Highway Operational Report. The documentation of the highway funds will include allowing ditch work, drainage work, and right of way work to be included in the report for preservation of roads. The current daily work report will need to be reformatted, but once this is done, he will meet with crews to go over how to complete the reports so data can be collected. He is feeling better about meeting the 50% of expenses requirement set by the legislature.

COMMENT

Dallas Rose, a Morgan County resident, told of an issue regarding Bottom Road. Mr. Rose asked how much easement the county had along the road. Last year, while chip sealing, the crew moved onto his property and moved the road. Mr. Rose asked that the road be put back like it has been for the past 50 plus years. Rod Bray stated that he has talked with Mr. Rose and this is an old county road that is not platted and the paved area of the road and the established drainage is what the county has. There is no record they can find on the books. Mr. Rose stated that he has his abstract and it describes a stake in the center of the road, but the road has been moved since then. Mr. Rose stated that obstacles have been put in the road and the road now curves onto his property in order to avoid the obstacles. Ryan Goodwin stated that there is no recorded right of way for this road and the right of way ends at the bed of the roadway. The Board does not have the jurisdiction to tell the property owner to move the items because they don't have a right of way. After further discussion, it was determined that the Board of Commissioners would request that the County Surveyor work with Mr. Rose to investigate the issue and try and find the stake mentioned in the abstract.

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

Attest:

Brian Goss

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Ryan Goodwin