

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, RYAN GOODWIN, AND BRIAN GOSS. DAN BASTIN, AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE 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.

APPOINTMENT – *Board of Health*

Amanda Lopossa, Morgan County Health Department, stated that a board member, Marvin Burris, passed away recently and there is an open seat on the Board of Health. The board obtained two resumes, one from Tom Wallace and one from Diana Catt. Norman Voyles stated that the county used the services of Ms. Catt for mold issues at the Courthouse and she did a fine job. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to appoint Diana Catt to the Morgan County Board of Health. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENT – *WorkOne*

Ryan Goodwin stated that he talked with Lance Ratliff, Region 5 WorkOne Director, and this is not a direct appointment of the Board of Commissioners. They would, however, like the Board's involvement in nominating candidates and confirmation that any reappointments are acceptable. The Board agreed to the reappoint of Tonda Capps. Mr. Goodwin stated that he did not yet have any candidates for the vacant position. This item will be reintroduced at a later meeting.

SPEED LIMIT – *Ballinger Road*

Tom Arthur, a resident on Ballinger Road submitted a petition with 25 signatures requesting that the speed limit on Ballinger Road be reduced from 40 MPH to 30 MPH. Brian Goss stated that if the speed limit isn't enforced, the limit doesn't make any difference. Mr. Arthur stated that as he gathered signatures, he was told of several instances of vehicles going too fast and cutting into driveways. Mr. Goss stated that it is a curvy road, but vehicles don't seem to slow down unless the Sheriff's Department is out writing tickets. Mr. Arthur stated that maybe they would only go 40 if it's marked 30. Brian Goss made a motion to approve changing the limit from 40 to 30. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Ryan Goodwin asked if a traffic study needed to be conducted. Rod Bray stated that the statute discusses having a traffic study done, whether it's the county engineer or a more formal process to see if it is justified. Mr. Goodwin stated that it is his position to have that type of evidence before arbitrarily picking speed limits. Motion carried 2-1. Ryan Goodwin was opposed. Rod Bray stated that he would have the ordinance prepared for the next meeting.

EMA GRANT

Mark Tumey was present to request approval of a \$12,000 Homeland Security Grant to be used to develop a Threat Hazard and Risk Assessment (THIRA) as well as a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA). This grant will also be used to conduct a functional exercise to test the THIRA and HIRA. Mr. Tumey stated that these are the last two documents needed to satisfy state requirements. They have completed the Comprehensive Emergency Plan, the Multi-hazard Plan, Debris Management Plan, and Hazard Analysis. There is \$50,000 available for each county, but the state has made it clear that funding for anything other than these projects will not be approved. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

REAL ESTATE

Norman Voyles stated that the county recently acquired property at the corner of West Morgan Street and Park Avenue. The tenant in one of the buildings sent a letter requesting that he be allowed to lease the building from the county. Matthew Hobbs stated that he has had his bail bond business in this location for 10 years and would like to stay in this location. Mr. Hobbs handed out pictures of the building and proposed paying the same monthly lease amount of \$600 that he has been paying. The flea market building was attached to the main building and could be easily detached. If the plans are to demolish the building, Mr. Hobbs asked for a 60 day notice so that he could find another location. Rod Bray stated that the county is allowed to lease property; however, the board would have to obtain two independent appraisals to determine a fair market rate for the rental of the office and would have to let it out for bid. It is a possibility, but it is a cumbersome process. He has been asked if the county can lease to a bail bond type business, and it can, although there is a restriction on hanging out around the jail. Mr. Bray did not believe that giving Mr. Hobbs a 60-day notice would require that the county obtain appraisals. Ryan Goodwin

stated that he was not unsympathetic to Mr. Hobbs' request, but it was in the best interest of the county to acquire the property when it became available and is in the best interest to clear the land despite the fact that Mr. Hobbs is gainfully using the property. Brian Goss stated that he agreed. After further discussion, the Board agreed not to charge rent for the property while Mr. Hobbs remains. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to grant Mr. Hobbs the right to occupy the property through October 31, 2017. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles asked if the Board wanted to take bids to salvage the building and contents. There are wall partitions, AC units, lighting fixtures, and other items that could be useful. Brian Goss made a motion to receive bids to salvage the building. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Brian Goss noted that it will take some time to sort out gas and electric service as there are several connections. Motion carried 3-0. Norman Voyles stated that the next step is to develop specifications for bidders.

REZONE REQUEST – R4 to B1

John Larrison, Holloway Engineering, stated that he is working with the Town of Brooklyn to rezone Lots 1, 2, and 3 Block 13 Landers Addition in Brooklyn. This site is the existing police station. Currently there is a house on Lot One and a mobile unit on another lot. The Plan Commission approved a vacate and replat at the August 14th meeting. This will turn the three lots into one lot and rezone the property from R4 to B1. The goal is to build a new police facility for the Town of Brooklyn. Ryan Goodwin noted that they have had a public hearing and that it passed with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission and made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Rezoning Land Within the Jurisdiction of Morgan County, Indiana specifically as it relates to the vacation and replat of Lots 1, 2, and 3 in Block 13 of the Franklin Landers New Addition in the Town of Brooklyn. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – Courthouse Brickwork

Norman Voyles stated that \$200,000 was budgeted for the brickwork on the Courthouse and the project cost was actually \$205,599 and the Board would need to request an additional appropriation at the September Council meeting. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to send the additional appropriation request of \$5,599 to the County Council. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

ROAD NAME

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, submitted a road name of Morgantown Drive for an existing private drive off of Morgantown Road. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the road name. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

DISPATCH UPDATE

Scott Hamilton reported that there have been 77,223 calls so far this year. There have been 14,939 911 calls (13,324 of which were wireless) and 62,284 non-emergency calls. There have been 23,612 CAD calls. 90 text messages have been received and 2 911 texts. 773 text messages have been sent, many were to incomplete 911 calls.

Mr. Hamilton has been working with AT&T to end the RAVE early notification contract at no penalty.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that the inmate population at the jail is at 336, there are no DOC inmates as of this morning. There are 8 inmates on work release, and 26 jail corrections. There have been 7,672 law enforcement calls so far this year.

TRIPLE CROWN LANE

Rod Bray stated that Terry Brock has not heard back from the property owner that has the pond and the financing is still a challenge.

HIGHWAYUPDATE

Marvin "Sport" Whaley, Acting Morgan County Highway Superintendent, stated that there were some issues with his truck, so he traded it for a later model vehicle. Ryan Goodwin stated that he appreciated being informed, but as long as it was an approved and budgeted expenditure, and was under the bid threshold, it was not necessary to inform the Board at the meeting.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that the contractor drove the pilings on Bridge #67 on Hurricane Road. They are now forming the cap. Line striping has started at the north end of the county.

Dan Bastin stated that they will need to move more funds into the fund for the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund; there is an overrun of \$37,229.57. They can use the Local Road and Street Fund or the Local Option Income Tax Special Distribution Fund. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to request that Mr. Smith approach the Council for an additional appropriation from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Bridge #26 is scheduled to start this week.

Brian Goss asked if there was money in the equipment rental fund so they could remove a log jam. Mr. Smith stated that he would have to review his records and get back to him.

COMMENT

Gerry McGrath stated that there was a road condition on Conservation Club Road and it was repaired within a few days of notifying the Highway Superintendent.

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