

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES AND RYAN GOODWIN. DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY; WERE ALSO PRESENT. BRIAN GOSS AND DAN BASTIN (MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR) WERE ABSENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**FAIRGROUNDS LEASE**

Richard Bray, attorney for the Fair Board, stated that on November 7, 1949, Morgan County and the Fair Board entered into a 99-year lease for a portion of ground containing 2.948 acres (Commissioner Record 31, Pages 81-83 and modified in Book 33 Page 485). Mr. Bray stated that there have been very few changes since 1949. At this time, the Morgan County Fair Board would like to introduce the possibility of extending the lease. Fair Board President Troy Sprinkle, stated that the Fair Board appreciates the funds the Board of Commissioners contributes to the fair each year and the Fair Board is committed to using those funds wisely to ensure that the fairgrounds continues to provide services as it has for more than 70 years. Mr. Sprinkle asked that the Board of Commissioners consider extending the current lease for another 50 years to 2099 not only to show support for what the Fair Board does, but for the Fair Board to show their commitment to the county that they intend to provide the service and venue for many more years to come. Mr. Sprinkle stated that they would like to continue to make improvements in the infrastructure and are committed to taking care of the property for the next 50 years. Ryan Goodwin stated that he could understand the desire to have certainty in making capital improvements and expenditures and is in favor of supporting the fairgrounds. Norman Voyles asked that the Fair Board attorney draft an extension agreement that the Board of Commissioners could review at the October 15<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting.

**RIGHT OF WAY ENCROACHMENT LETTER**

Ryan Goodwin stated that he had received a few complaints about the possibility of landscaping boulders, or other types of large landscaping items that could be within the county right of way, presenting a safety hazard. In discussing this with Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, it was determined that a form letter, drafted by the county attorney, could be a standard process by which to notify the offending party. Mr. Smith stated that they would not be able to use the letter in every instance, because not all right of way is documented. Dale Coffey stated that they will be able to use the letter on a case by case basis; once the right of way area is documented, a letter could be sent. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Encroachment within County Road Right-of-Way letter as presented and stipulated that the letter is only to be used when legal right of way has been established and it is only to be used by the Highway Engineer or Highway Superintendent. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

**STOP SIGN ORDINANCE** – *First Reading*

Norman Voyles stated that Brian Goss submitted a request for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Arthur Road and Baseline Road in Ray Township. Larry Smith stated that the road realignment project in this area makes the stop signs necessary. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing Four-Way Stop at Intersection of Arthur Road and Baseline Road in Ray Township, Morgan County, Indiana. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0. Norman Voyles noted that there will be another reading of the ordinance at the next meeting.

**REPAIR PROPOSAL**

Norman Voyles stated that during the sprinkler system inspection, it was noted that there are some outdated sprinkler system gauges and a defective water flow switch in the maintenance room that need replaced. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the replacement of the equipment as quoted by Koorsen Fire & Security for \$1,300.25. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

**REPAIR WORK ORDER**

Norman Voyles stated that when the Courthouse elevator was down a few weeks ago, Thyssenkrupp Elevator observed that the pump is obsolete and they are unable to obtain repair parts. A replacement pump will take four to six weeks to order, three days for the installation, and two days for an inspection. The quote to replace the pump is \$33,699 with 50% down upon

placement of the order. If the elevator pump fails, the elevator will be down for over a month but planning this installation could prevent losing the use of the elevator. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the work order with Thyssenkrupp in the amount of \$33,699. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION LETTER**

Norman Voyles stated that this letter is to the Council requesting \$33,699 for the elevator pump. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the additional appropriation letter. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

### **COUTHOUSE SQUARE**

Ryan Goodwin stated that he was approached by Bruce McKee, Taps on the Square, regarding a re-dedication of the memorial on the Courthouse Square on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Some of the memorial items were stolen earlier in the year and the community contributed funds to have the items replaced. Mr. McKee asked that the area be covered before the ceremony. Norman Voyles stated that he was fine with the request. Mr. Goodwin stated that he would inform Mr. McKee.

### **MINUTES – 8/20/18, 8/31/18**

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the August 2 and August 31, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

### **2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the 2019 Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

### **TORT CLAIM**

Ryan Goodwin made a motion to submit the Lamb tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

### **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER UPDATE**

Rick Baum, Veterans Service Officer, submitted a report showing 64 interviews and 19 claims filed in August. September is suicide prevention month; there are 20 to 22 veterans of all ages committing suicide every day and double that number in attempted suicides. Mr. Baum handed out a proclamation from Governor Holcomb proclaiming September 21<sup>st</sup> as POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Mr. Baum stated that Tabitha Ingram, Veterans Health Transportation System Services, called to let Mr. Baum know that they located a temporary van, they just need a coordinator and a telephone number. The deadline to collect \$18,600 in contributions for the new van is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **EMS UPDATE**

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that Tuesday commemorated one year of service for EMS. They have had over 3,000 calls for service and expect over \$1 million in revenue for 2018. Mr. Warren stated that he appreciated the foresight of the Council and Commissioners in pushing forward with EMS. Mr. Warren thanked the Commissioners and presented a plaque in appreciation.

### **DISPATCH UPDATE**

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Dispatch Director, stated that there have been 16,256 911 calls since January 1<sup>st</sup>. There have been 63,022 administrative calls and 25,744 CAD calls.

Mr. Hamilton stated that State Congressman Trey Hollingsworth visited the center earlier in the week.

Mr. Hamilton submitted a policy for an employee assistance program (EAP). This is the same program that EMS uses. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve SOP Section 232. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

### **SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE**

Robert Downey, Morgan County Sheriff, reported that there are currently 330 inmates, 1 DOC inmate, 11 on work release, and 25 on the jail corrections program. There have been 8,475 law enforcement calls for service.

### **ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith stated that the Community Crossings \$2 million matching grant requires a financial commitment letter. There are 14 projects that have been bid and awarded. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the letter and name Norman Voyles as signatory. Motion seconded by Norman

Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Smith requested quotes for striping roads. Two vendors stated that they would not provide a quote this time of the year; Indiana Sign & Barricade provided a total quote of \$70,903.23 and the price varied from 8 cents to 11 cents per foot with thermal on Hadley Road at 42 cents per lineal foot. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to accept the quote from Indiana Sign & Barricade to do line striping of various roads in various locations in Morgan County. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Smith noted that the Hickey Road Bridge is open. Wallace has completed the paving on several roads; E&B will begin paving next week.

**PARK & RECREATION BOARD UPDATE**

Michael Fellow, Morgan County Park & Recreation, stated that the state has approved a new sign along State Road 67 for Burkhart Creek Park at no expense to the county. Old Town Waverly Park Festival will be this Saturday from 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday from 9am to 4 pm. The White River Greenway Trail is open after the recent flooding.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE**

Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Director, stated that he is working with a small industry that needs two or three acres, he met with a company in Mooresville that will be expanding soon, and they are working on infrastructure development to the south of Mooresville.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Norman Voyles

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Brian Goss

Attest:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Ryan Goodwin