

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS. BRENDA ADAMS, COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

NORMAN VOYLES ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

NORMAN VOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AGREEMENT**

Norman Voyles stated that this agreement, between Morgan County and the Soil & Water Conservation District, addresses the services the district will provide to the county and the citizens of the county and in turn, the county will make an annual payment to the district. For 2012, this amount is \$4,236. Don Adams made a motion to approve agreement. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENT – Hospital Board Nominating Committee**

Norman Voyles stated that with the new bylaws at IU Morgan Health, the Board of Commissioners has the privilege of making an appointment to the nomination committee. The committee consists of the Commissioners appointment and four or five members appointed by IU Health. Don Adams made a motion to appoint Bryan Goss to the nominating committee. Seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0-1. Brian Goss abstained.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – WORK ONE**

Pete Foley stated that the MOU has been approved by Work One. Don Adams asked if there was an expiration date. Mr. Foley stated that he could add language stating that the agreement could be canceled by either party with sufficient notice. Don Adams made a motion to add the additional language and submit it to Work One for approval. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**BETHANY PROPERTY**

Norman Voyles stated that the county acquired property through the tax sale and plans to donate it to the Town of Bethany. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving the Transfer of Real Property to the Town of Bethany and the deed to transfer the property. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**ORDER ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS**

Peggy Mayfield, Morgan County Clerk, stated that she is working with the state on some technical corrections. There will be 54 precincts, up from 49. Pete Foley stated that after the Commissioners approve the Order Establishing Precincts, then it is submitted to the state election division and the precincts are formally adopted. Ms. Mayfield stated that there is a period of time that it is open to objections. If there is an objection, it goes before the state election commission; if there is no objection, it becomes effective without further action. Brian Goss made a motion to sign the order. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT DISCUSSION**

Norman Voyles proposed that District 1 include Washington 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, Clay 2, 3, and Jefferson 3; District 2 include Washington 7, 9, 14, all of Jackson, all of Green, all of Harrison, and Madison 1, 2, 3; District 3 include all of Brown, and Madison 4, 5, 6; District 4 include all of Adams, all of Ashland, all of Baker, all of Gregg, all of Monroe, all of Ray, Jefferson 1, 2, and Clay 1. Jeff Scalf stated that this proposal is against Indiana statute 36-2-3-4(d), would not be approved by the state, and he would personally initiate a lawsuit against the Board and each individual Commissioner. Pete Foley stated that this is a proposal; there is not an order or resolution on the table to adopt the proposal. Mr. Scalf stated that the statute states that it is more important to keep districts whole than to have equal population in each district. Mr. Voyles asked Mr. Foley to research the statute for more discussion at the next meeting.

Susan Johnson asked if other proposals were reviewed. Mr. Voyles stated that he had looked at other proposals and rejected them. Brian Goss stated that he had also looked at the proposals. Ms. Johnson stated that the Board needed to explain why they didn't like the other proposals. Mr. Voyles repeated that discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**ENABLE HOST AGENCY**

Sheriff Robert Downey requested permission to act as a host agency for National Able. National

Able is a non-profit agency that brings together qualified job seekers and employers. They would pay the wages for a part time employee and it would not cost the county anything. Sheriff Downey stated that this person would help with paperwork for the work release center. Peggy Mayfield stated that she has a National Able employee in her office and it is working out great. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Host Agency Agreement. Seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**JAIL UPDATE**

Sheriff Downey stated that this morning there were 294 inmates at the jail; 243 males and 51 females. Ten inmates are on work release and 13 inmates are on the jail corrections crew. There are approximately 10 DOC inmates.

**MINUTES**

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**INCIDENT CLAIM**

Brian Goss made a motion to send the Beauchamp incident claim to the insurance company. Don Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Jimmy Waggoner, Acting Highway Superintendent, stated that crews have been testing salt boxes and are ready for the winter. Crews are also putting shoulders on roads, filling pot holes and working on removing brush.

**ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he met with the consultant, R. W. Armstrong, to discuss the sign replacement project and they will be out with their crews reviewing and inventorying signs.

Mr. Smith submitted information to INDOT regarding the letters of intent for Bridge #144 on Peavine Road.

Mr. Smith stated that United Consulting made the final inspection on Bridge #57 on Blue Bluff. The bridge was found to be satisfactory and all temporary traffic control devices have been removed. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance. Seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that Wallace has repaired paving issues on Keller Hill Road, Mann Road, and will be working on Paddock Road.

There have been a few meetings regarding the road at Lake Edgewood. The grant administrator suggested that there could be some additional grant funds available to help with repairs. Repairs are estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Goss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Adams. Susan Johnson submitted a proposal for the Council districts. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Norman Voyles

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Brian Goss

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Don Adams

Attest:

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Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor