

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014 AT 9:30 A.M.

NOTE: Due to a major winter storm and an emergency declaration, the regular Monday meeting was postponed and moved to Tuesday.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE NORMAN VOYLES, BRIAN GOSS, AND DON ADAMS. BRENDA ADAMS, MORGAN 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.

REORGANIZATION

Don Adams made a motion to nominate Norman Voyles as Chairman. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Don Adams made a motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 2-0-1. Norman Voyles abstained.

Brian Goss made a motion to nominate Don Adams as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Brian Goss made a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 2-0-1. Don Adams abstained.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Jeff Neal, Morgan County EMA, presented two documents for an Emergency Declaration. One document enables the county to apply for reimbursement for equipment repair. The other document is for the warning level that was enacted and restricted travel to emergency vehicles only.

There are currently 121 Duke customers, 1,400 REMC customers, and an unknown number of IPL customers without power, and 35 people still in shelters. Don Adams stated that he would like to schedule a debriefing to discuss what went right and what needed improvement. Brian Goss made a motion to sign the Emergency Declaration. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH

Terry Burnworth, Pyramid Architecture, was present to request approval of the amended agreement and the bid notice. The notice will be in the Martinsville and Mooresville papers this week and documents were available on Thursday. Per the request in the December meeting, Mr. Burnworth changed Article 4.3.4 and Article 5.3 in the Amended Agreement and sent copies of this to the county attorney. Don Adams made a motion to approve the Amended contract with Pyramid, including the Additions and Deletions as of January 3, 2014. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

The next step will be the pre-bid meetings scheduled for January 16th and January 23rd. Bids are due February 6th at 2 pm. There will be a special meeting to open the bids. Mr. Burnworth stated that if there are other bids due on the 6th they might ask to move the opening back a few days or a week so they won't be in competition with the other bids.

VACATION OF CEMETERY ACCESS

Pete Foley stated that he looked at the plat and recommended that the Board request that the landowners grant an easement of record by re-establishing the prior right of way as the easement. This should be done with the help of the trustee. By vacating the right of way, the public rights to the property were vacated, not necessarily any private rights that the cemetery may have. The right to access the cemetery is there by necessity, it can't be landlocked. Mr. Foley suggested working with the Washington Township Trustee and stated that he would contact the trustee.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

Norman Voyles stated that there are several annual contract to approve: Hilldale Cemetery Association, \$1,550; Coordinated Aging Services of Morgan County, \$30,000; Central Indiana Council on Aging, \$4,000; Morgan County Fair, \$75,000; Sycamore Services, \$11,181 for payroll and \$42,000 for lease payments. Don Adams made a motion to approve the contracts as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Pete Foley stated that the legal services contract was the same as last year. The base rate is

\$32,640 and includes all meetings of the Board of Commissioners, Council, and Drainage Board and includes the tax sale; the hourly rate is \$150. Don Adams made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

IDEM AGREEMENT– *Warner Landfill*

Pete Foley stated that the agreement with IDEM is part of the settlement with the Warner Trust landfill property. As part of the agreement for the county to purchase the property, the county is obligated to close it properly. The agreement gives the county three years to complete the closure. Norman Voyles stated that the agreement obligates the county to cut down and remove any trees or shrubs that are growing on the surface of the landfill, remove any shrubs or vegetation that would be an impediment to determining the boundaries of the landfill, determine the boundary and place markers delineating the boundary, contour the slope, repair any eroded areas, establish vegetation, and mow annually. Don Adams made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that there are 308 inmates currently housed at the jail, 14 DOC inmates, 14 on work release, and 19 jail corrections workers. There have been 158 law enforcement calls for service, 310 CAD calls, and 528 911 calls.

They lost one vehicle in the last storm when someone ran a red light and crashed into a deputy's vehicle.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Brian Goss stated that water lines are frozen at the highway shop, fuel pumps are frozen, and several trucks are down so the Acting Highway Superintendent, Jimmy Wagoner, was not able to make it to the meeting. Several trucks broke down and others were stuck in the recent snow storm. Mr. Goss stated that Kenny Hale, Morgan County Council Chairman, was out with crews cutting trees and delivering fuel. Larry Smith also helped cut trees. Norman Voyles thanked the Highway Department and Sheriff's Department for all the work they did during the storm. Brian Goss stated that people call in complaining that the road isn't plowed, but they don't realize the extra burden it puts on the rest of the fleet when one truck breaks down. There were also several ambulance calls that took priority and the power companies were requesting help getting to areas.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith, Highway Engineer, stated that he was on vacation last week and didn't have anything to report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Brian Goss

Attest:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams