

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013 AT 9:30 A.M.**

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.

**IVY TECH PROCLAMATION**

Norman Voyles stated that it is Ivy Tech's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they asked if the Board of Commissioners would proclaim an Ivy Tech Community College Day. Don Adams made a motion to sign the proclamation making March 18, 2013 Ivy Tech Community College Day in Morgan County. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**AT&T MOBILITY CONTRACT**

Norman Voyles stated that this contract covers the AT&T cell phones in the Highway Department, Sheriff's Department, EMA, etc. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**PETITION TO VACATE ROAD**

Norman Voyles stated that Robert C. Dickerson petitioned the Board to vacate a portion of Huggin Hollow Road. This was discussed at previous meetings (August 1, 2011, September 2, 2011, and April 2, 2012). Pete Foley stated that the area to be vacated is in the 9100 – 9200 block of Huggin Hollow Road where the new road was built. There are two gravel drives that access the new road and private property in between. The owner of the property in the middle has agreed to grant an easement and is represented by Dale Coffey. As part of the petition, he will draft an easement so the other land owners may secure access to their property. The county would then vacate the old road. There will be a public hearing at the next meeting and the Board will be able to approve or disapprove an ordinance vacating the old road. There will be a notice in the newspaper and certified notices will be mailed out to the adjoining landowners. Mr. Voyles stated that he thought the issue started when the previous owner was having problems gaining access to their property. Brian Goss made a motion to schedule the hearing for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

**NACo**

Norman Voyles presented a report from NACo (National Association of Counties) illustrating the savings that have been attained by county residents use of the prescription drug card.

**MINUTES**

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**TORT CLAIM**

Don Adams made a motion to submit the Hirst tort claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE**

Pastor Michael Stewart, Pastor of the Trinity Worship Center, was present to request the use of the gazebo at the Courthouse for the National Day of Prayer on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will meet from 12 to 1 pm. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

**SHERIFF / JAIL UPDATE**

Robert Downey, Morgan County Sheriff, reported that there are 315 inmates at the jail, 257 male and 58 female. There are 30 DOC inmates; 9 inmates are on work release; and 19 inmates on the jail corrections crew. There have been 1,725 law enforcement calls, and 3,039 CAD calls.

**HIGHWAY UPDATE**

Jimmy Waggoner, Morgan County Highway Department, stated that they are ditching, installing culverts, and trimming trees and bushes. Mr. Waggoner stated that some of the roads are in poor shape and another storm is forecast for the weekend. He would prefer to just let it melt, but they have plenty of salt and sand in stock.

**ENGINEER UPDATE**

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, stated that he has been inspecting some of the bridges for scour problems. The bridge report should be finished by the first part of April.

**COMMENTS**

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Planning Commission Director, asked about installing a barrier across the windows in the front of the building. Mr. Voyles stated that it had not come up in a meeting, but because of the recent incident of the car crashing through the window and into the Auditor’s Office, they plan on installing a barrier. Mr. Hale stated that it was a rude awakening for all of them and for the employee’s sake it would be a good idea. Mr. Hale stated that he felt it would be a good idea to install barriers at the Sheriff’s Office too.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Norman Voyles

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Brian Goss

Attest:

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Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Don Adams