

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013 AT 6:30 P.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.

RFP – ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT

Norman Voyles opened the RFP from Perfection Group and stated that it was the only RFP that was submitted. Mr. Voyles stated that there was quite a bit of information to review in the 3” binder. Don Adams made a motion to take the RFP under advisement and report back at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH UPDATE

Frans Hollanders stated that he and Terry Burnworth would like to update the Board and answer any questions they might have. Mr. Burnworth stated that on March 19th a presentation was made to the Town of Mooresville concerning the dispatch unification and the Public Safety Dispatch Board has had many discussions with the City of Martinsville. Mr. Burnworth stated that above the state mandate, the unification of the dispatch system saves lives. It was brought up during the Public Safety Dispatch Board meeting that through the unification, over 10 years the county will save approximately 21% on what it usually spends (\$1.39 million), Martinsville will save 31% (\$1.35 million), and Mooresville will save 34% (1.3 million). Having one PSAP instead of two would save \$1.1 million the first year. Over a ten-year period the savings would be \$6.1 million. The costs are reduced because of the equipment, phone system, license fees, personnel, and operation costs. Don Adams asked why they hadn’t looked into a virtual EOC (Emergency Operations Center). Mr. Burnworth stated that Marion County has a virtual EOC, but his recommendation is to make the facility survivable so that it does not have the possibility of being compromised during an event such as a blizzard or tornado. Mr. Adams stated that he was concerned with the finances and asked if Mr. Burnworth had a budget put together for the operation. Mr. Burnworth stated that he had a budget for the human resources portion, not the building or operation. Mr. Adams stated that he would like to see a comparison of costs for the operation of a unified dispatch with Martinsville and the county. Mr. Burnworth stated that in the first year, the county would spend \$1.1 million more than what is being spent currently. Mr. Burnworth stated that the Mooresville electrical system would need to be R56 compliant and this is a substantial cost; Huntington County is spending \$926,000. Mr. Burnworth stated that if the three entities come together and share resources it cuts down on the cost. Brian Goss stated that when a 911 call comes in and the panicked caller answers questions about their situation, they must then be transferred to another dispatcher and they risk dropping the call. This also takes up time. Mr. Adams stated that being able to call someone doesn’t do any good if they don’t have anything to send them to save lives. Mr. Burnworth stated that the unified system saves money and that money can then be invested in the resources that need it. Mr. Adams stated that there won’t be any savings to invest if the savings go toward building a new dispatch center. Mr. Adams stated that it would be helpful to have a before and after financial statement for the counties that have implemented the unified system. Mr. Burnworth stated that he could do an analysis; but this is where the interlocal agreements with the other entities come into play. Mr. Burnworth stated that in the future, there will be one PSAP in each county. Norman Voyles asked if the Dispatch Board had come to a decision on making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners as to one or two PSAPs. Mr. Burnworth stated that the Public Safety Dispatch Board voted on a recommendation in December, but have not presented that recommendation to the Board of Commissioners; they need to make a decision soon because the state’s deadline is approaching. Mr. Voyles asked if the Public Safety Dispatch Board would be ready to present their recommendation at the next meeting or if they needed thirty days. Mr. Burnworth stated that they need to have a budget for the dispatch center and he could present a budget for running the facility that would begin for the second half of next year. Mr. Adams asked if the financing for this would be done through the interlocal agreements. Mr. Burnworth stated that it would. Mr. Adams asked what would happen if they don’t have interlocal agreements. Mr. Burnworth stated that the County Council has authority over how to spend the 911 funds. Mr. Voyles asked if the board could set a deadline of May 20th for the interlocal agreements. Pete Foley stated that drafts of the interlocal agreements have been distributed to the other entities, but there has not been a response. The state 911 board makes the distribution to the county, the thought would be that the county has the appropriation authority and power over those monies, Mr. Foley stated that he does not know

if the county has the authority to withhold the funds from one or more of the entities. The statute has not been tested in this manner and there has not been any case law in this situation. The statute does mandate that by December 31, 2014, if a county is not down to two PSAPs or less by this time, the operating PSAPs shall enter into a local agreement. Norman Voyles stated that a decision will be made at the May 20th meeting and suggested that the board seek answers for any remaining questions they may have.

WALK-IN FREEZER - Jail

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that the walk-in freezer went out and it will cost \$7,000 for the parts to fix it. They have rented a freezer truck until the issue is resolved. Mr. Rogers stated that he met with the cook, Martina Burks, and the maintenance person, Lewis Burkett, (who were present) and discussed other concerns regarding the freezer, such as being too small, and maintenance problems. Mr. Rogers stated that they discussed obtaining a larger unit that could be placed outside the kitchen. The refrigerator unit was replaced two years ago and it is capable of cooling the current freezer unit if they cut out the wall between the two units. This could result in long-term savings. It is a pressing issue because they are renting the freezer truck at \$3,000 per month. Mr. Rogers has received one quote from International Cold Storage for \$26,168 for a 10' x 20' freezer. He has requested other quotes but they were not submitted in time for the meeting. It will take approximately three weeks to build the new freezer. Brian Goss stated that this is an emergency situation and made a motion to receive the remaining quotes and authorize Norman Voyles to choose the most responsive and responsible quote. Don Adams seconded the motion. Brenda Adams stated that they would also need an additional appropriation. Motion carried 3-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Credentialing

Norman Voyles stated that this issue regards the Health Department immunization program. The forms must be filled out and turned into the Health Department. Don Adams stated that the Health Department was very active at the Senior Health Expo and he appreciated their participation. Don Adams made a motion to send a thank you letter to the Health Department. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

SPEED LIMIT ORDINANCE – Lenoil Road

Norman Voyles stated that residents on Lenoil Road voiced concerns about the speed limit and hidden drives. Mr. Voyles proposed lowering the speed limit to 35 MPH for the entire length of the road. Brian Goss made a motion to approve reducing the speed limit to 35 MPH for the entire road on first reading. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

Norman Voyles stated that there were some resignations on the Community Corrections Board. The board found replacements for these positions and they need to be confirmed by the Board of Commissioners. The two appointments are Shauna Moore and Glenn Koch. Don Adams made a motion to approve the appointments. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Voyles stated the on the Board of Health Richard Heald resigned and they need to find a replacement that is not a republican. Mr. Voyles made a few phone calls and Clarence Weber stated that he would be interested in the appointment. Don Adams made a motion to appoint Clarence Weber to the Board of Health. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

TORT CLAIM

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

ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT – Highway Department

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, was present to answer any questions regarding the Annual Operational Report for the Highway Department. Norman Voyles stated that the total of all the funds for the beginning of 2012 was \$4.9 million, revenue was \$4.02 million, they spent \$4.8 million, and \$1.7 million was encumbered for 2013. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the Annual Operational Report. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

Norman Voyles handed out information regarding a new paving process using swine manure. Mr. Voyles suggested trying out the process in District 3. Mr. Goss jokingly stated that he would second that motion. More information on this process may be found here:

http://www.farmandlivestockdirectory.com/index.cfm/39502/7007/professor_pioneers_groundbreaking_sustainable_pig_poop_asphalt

ENGINEER UPDATE

Mr. Smith stated that there is a push in the legislature to get more money to local agencies for paving. There are two different bills, one that has passed the house but hasn't gone to the senate yet and one that passed the senate and hasn't gone to the house. Under the house bill, the county would receive an additional \$700,000 to \$800,000 per year for the next few years. The senate bill bases the distribution on the Wheel Tax percentage in the county; if the tax is 0 to 50% the county wouldn't receive any additional funds. The Wheel Tax for Morgan County is 40%. Mr. Voyles stated that they need to encourage the Council to increase the Wheel Tax. Mr. Smith stated that he thought that the tax had to be implemented by the 1st, 15th, or 30th of April of a given year.

Mr. Smith stated that someone hit the guardrail on Stiles Road and it will cost \$2,200 to fix it. Mr. Smith will check with the Sheriff to see if there were any accidents in the area recently.

JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that there are 327 inmates in the jail, 23 are DOC inmates. There are 9 inmates in the work release center, and 20 on the jail corrections program. They are trying to increase the number of inmates in the jail corrections program to 30 for the summer since there are several agencies requesting help. There were 2,383 law enforcement calls for the year, 4,269 CAD calls, and 6,629 911 calls.

Sheriff Downey stated that they are putting a barrier around a portion of the Sheriff's Office, anyplace where it would be possible for a car to drive into the building or a gas line.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Jimmy Waggoner, Acting Highway Superintendent, stated that he has been driving the roads this week and there are not as bad as he thought they would be after the winter. Crews are patching, cutting trees and brush, and ditching.

Brian Goss stated that the back wall is blown out on the salt barn and they will need to do something with it after they finish the maintenance building.

MINUTES

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

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