

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING – *Vacation of Huggin Hollow Road*

Norman Voyles stated that this item has been tabled since the April 1, 2013 meeting and the attorneys for each party are trying to work out an agreement. The attorneys have asked that the item be tabled until the June 17th meeting. Don Adams made a motion to table the item. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

PETITION TO VACATE

Norman Voyles stated that the Board has received a petition to vacate an alley in Centerton. There will be a public hearing for this petition at the next meeting. Pete Foley stated that the petitioner is Peggy Jo Baldwin and the alley is located in the vicinity of High Street, close to the railroad.

PERFECTION GROUP

Rick Anderson, Perfection Group, stated that he updated the scope of work for the energy savings project and asked if there were any questions. Discussion followed regarding equipment life, priority issues, and guaranteed savings. Mr. Anderson stated that when the Board decides what all needs to be included in the project and signs a contract, Perfection Group is ready to start on the project. Pete Foley mentioned that the project would need to meet the prevailing wage requirements, there must be anti-discrimination clauses in the contract, and he would like to see a performance bond and a payment bond. Mr. Anderson stated that he would make the changes and re-submit them to Mr. Foley for review.

AT&T CONTRACT

Norman Voyles stated that the AT&T contract is for the ISDN Prime PRI lines. The charges have been renegotiated to \$931.00 per month. Steve Powell with AT&T was present to answer any questions but could not say why the contract stated AT&T Ohio instead of Indiana. Don Adams made a motion to approve the contract pending explanation of why it lists Ohio. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

SRI CONTRACT

Norman Voyles stated that SRI is the firm that handles the tax sales for the county. Brian Goss made a motion to approve the contract. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

ODYSSEY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Don Adams stated that he spoke with court employees in Hendricks County and they are delighted with the system. It does not cost anything and the state is going in this direction. It is workable and allows more adaptability to the needs of the court and county residents. Norman Voyles stated that he spoke with Stephanie Elliott, Morgan County Clerk, and she has some reservations about the system. Mr. Voyles asked if the judges, clerk, or someone from Odyssey could appear at a meeting to do a demo or speak about the system. Mr. Adams stated that he would speak with judges Williams and Burnham and gather more information for the next meeting. Don Adams made a motion to table the item until the 17th of June. Brian Goss seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CEMETERY ISSUES

Norman Voyles invited Stacey Foley and Roberta Stephens to speak on issues regarding cemetery maintenance. Ms. Stephens stated that they were doing restoration work at the Williams Bradford Cemetery in Green Township a few months ago and found there were at least 30 headstones dating back to 1963 that were missing. They sent a letter to Darrell Dill, the Green Township Trustee, requesting a probing permit through DNR. Ms. Foley stated that according to a list in the library, there is a civil war veteran whose stone is underground. Ms. Stephens stated that stones that were visible, they dug up and cleaned. Mr. Dill then sent them a letter telling them to desist. They were told that the Board of Commissioners is responsible for the cemetery and requested to discuss the issue with Mr. Voyles. Ms. Stephens stated that they were doing the work on a voluntary basis and are documenting every cemetery where they work. They are now in the process of starting a

business. Ms. Stephens stated that there are 170 cemeteries in Morgan County that need to be cleaned and maintained and they are asking permission from the Board to proceed on a voluntary basis. Don Adams asked if the Historical or Genealogy Society were working with them. Ms. Stephens stated that they are part of their group.

Darrell Dill stated that there needs to be some type of direction from the state and the county in maintaining cemeteries. When cemeteries are abandoned, all the plot information is lost and there is no record to tell where the headstones should be located. Mr. Dill showed pictures of the cemetery and stated that there were several holes left where the headstones were excavated; he could be liable for injuries that arose because of this. Mr. Dill suggested requiring that plots be recorded in the county recorder's office. Norman Voyles asked if Mr. Dill would be in favor of meeting with other township trustees to come up with a plan to maintain the cemeteries. Mr. Dill stated he would be glad to work with any group if it's done correctly, but he does not have the funding to pay someone to maintain it.

Ms. Stephens stated that they map the cemetery as they work on it and put the information on their website.

Pete Foley stated that unless the county owns and maintains a county cemetery, then all authority for abandoned cemeteries or cemeteries not cared for by private entities are the responsibility of the township trustees and the Board would not have any jurisdiction with respect to use, maintenance, repair, mapping, etc.

Norman Voyles stated that in order for Ms. Stephens and Ms. Foley to continue in their endeavors, they would need to build a relationship with the township trustee. Mr. Adams encouraged the trustees to work together in maintaining the cemeteries. Mr. Voyles stated that he appreciated the interest that Ms. Stephens and Ms. Foley have shown in taking care of the cemeteries.

CLAIMS

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the monthly claims totaling \$1,109,578.39 pending receipt of documentation for the Everbridge claim of \$17,600. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE SQUARE

Norman Voyles stated that the Artie Fest Committee has requested the use of the Courthouse Square beginning at 6 pm July 11th through 3 pm July 14th for the Artie Fest events. Don Adams made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

INCIDENT CLAIM

Brian Goss stated that the incident claim is for an area in Owen County. Pete Foley stated that the claim should be sent to the insurance company because it is a claim. Brian Goss made a motion to send the Riffel incident claim to the insurance company. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Don Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Downey stated that there are 323 inmates in the jail, 23 are DOC inmates. There are 12 inmates in the work release center, and 28 on the jail corrections program. There were 3,837 law enforcement calls for the year, 6,730 CAD calls, and 10,495 911 calls.

Norman Voyles stated that both he and Jimmy Waggoner have received several complaints about the intersection of Egbert Road and Centennial. A resident in the area planted trees that created a visibility hazard. The trees are not in the county right of way. Sheriff Downey stated that he inspected the intersection and the complaints are legitimate; vehicles must pull out into the intersection in order to see eastbound traffic around the trees. Jimmy Waggoner stated that the owner was contacted a year ago and he trimmed some branches. Pete Foley stated that the county has a duty to maintain a site line at the intersection and suggested sending a letter to the property owner requesting cooperation.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Jimmy Waggoner, Acting Highway Superintendent, stated that crews are hot patching, installing culverts, roadside and boom mowing, working on the maintenance building, and filling in a washout area. Mr. Waggoner stated that Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, suddenly became ill and had to leave the meeting.

Brian Goss asked if a crew could mow the Letterman/Lewisville Road intersection.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

Norman Voyles

Attest:

Brian Goss

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor

Don Adams