

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 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.

PETITION TO VACATE (*Huggin Hollow Road - tabled*)

Norman Voyles reminded the Board that this item was tabled indefinitely and the parties are still not ready.

BID OPENING – *Bridge #220*

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, opened bids for Bridge #220 on Old SR 144 over Sinking Creek as follows: R. L. Vuckson \$225,839.50; Duncan Robertson \$242,404.86; Tristler Construction \$243,477.76; Force Construction \$324,792.16; CLR Inc. \$228,815.98. Mr. Smith stated that he would review the bids and report back at the end of the meeting.

MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

Brenda Adams stated that the Fire District has advertised for a Cumulative Fire Fund tax rate and according to statute, the county legislative body must approve a resolution to pass the rate. The fire district currently has a rate of rate of .016 and they are asked for a rate of up to .0333. Pete Foley stated that the County Council and the fire district board have already approved it. Don Adams stated that he would like more information and made a motion to table the item. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

PROLIANCE ENERGY SERVICES RENEWAL

Dave Barrow, ProLiance Energy, handed out spreadsheets showing the savings the county has realized over the last 10 months since signing the contract with ProLiance to provide natural gas. The jail has saved \$5,224 (17.76%) and the six month savings for the Courthouse, Administration Building, Annex, EMA, and Highway Department is \$1,347 (13.64%). Mr. Barrow stated that the contract will automatically renew and he will send a confirmation. Brian Goss made a motion to renew the ProLiance Energy Savings Contract. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

Don Adams stated that a proposed ordinance is on the website and there haven't been many comments. He asked that this item be tabled while they gather more input and made a motion to table. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Norman Voyles stated that he added some suggestions to the paragraph regarding vehicle noise. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SITE

Norman Voyles stated that in the joint Council and Commissioner meeting, it was mentioned that the Board had not voted to accept the recommendation of the Public Safety Dispatch Board to use the proposed dispatch center site on Lincoln Hill in Martinsville. Brian Goss made a motion to accept the recommendation. Norman Voyles seconded the motion. Don Adams asked about a former dump on the property. Pete Foley stated that it is his understanding that the 2.5 acre tract that is being donated was not the location of the dump. Motion carried 2-1. Don Adams was opposed. (See May 20, 2013 minutes.)

TORT CLAIM

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

2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Brian Goss made a motion to approve the 2014 Holiday Schedule. The schedule is the same as the state. Don Adams noted that president's birthdays were not being observed on the correct month and he would be writing a letter to the state. Motion seconded by Don Adams. Motion carried 3-0.

SHERIFF/JAIL UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Downey stated that that there are 334 inmates in the jail, 27 are DOC inmates, 21

inmates on the jail corrections program, and 19 inmates are on work release. There were 6,029 law enforcement calls for the year and 10,343 CAD calls, 16,125 911 calls for the year.

DONATION TO HUMANE SOCIETY

Sheriff Downey stated that he has a van in the jail fleet that he is ready to retire and it will not have much trade-in value. The Humane Society has expressed interest in obtaining the van. Sheriff Downey asked if the van could be donated to them. Pete Foley stated that he would research Indiana Code for the specifics of the transaction and report back. Don Adams made a motion to approve the donation pending the legality. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGHWAY UPDATE

Jimmy Waggoner, Acting Highway Superintendent, stated that since school started they have had a rash of limbs hitting buses. Crews are chip sealing, boom mowing, cutting trees, hot patching, ditching, replacing culverts, and roadside mowing.

ENGINEER UPDATE

Larry Smith stated that the low bid for Bridge #220 was R. L. Vuckson and everything was in order. The completion date is 120 calendar days after notice to proceed with a \$500 fine for each day that exceeds the deadline. Don Adams made a motion to accept the bid. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Wallace is finishing the paving on Baltimore Road and the Wiser Addition. Milestone is to start next week.

There is a triple truss bridge (#224) on Old 37 off of Jordan Road that has a three ton weight limit and Mr. Smith recommended that it be closed to vehicular traffic and left open to bikes and pedestrians. Mr. Smith stated that when I-69 goes through they probably won't have access to the road anyway. It is a "select" bridge; which means that it is historical and cannot be replaced, they would only be able to rehabilitate it. Mr. Smith stated that there are other access points for the area, Burton Lane, or Liberty Church Road. Norman Voyles suggested making the closure effective September 30 so that anyone who normally uses the bridge would have notice. Norman Voyles made a motion to erect a sign stating that the bridge will be closed to all but bicycle and pedestrians as of September 30th. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Smith stated that Bridge #161, an old concrete arch bridge, is also a "select" bridge and cannot be replaced. It is south of Hacker Creek Road on Old 37 is not weight limited, but it is narrow and presently doesn't serve a purpose. The state owns several properties around it and Mr. Smith stated that he is concerned that when I-69 comes through it could push too much traffic onto the bridge and it can't handle it. Mr. Smith suggested closing the road to vehicular traffic and leaving it open to bikes and pedestrians. Brian Goss made a motion to close the bridge on September 30 to all but bicycles and pedestrians. Motion seconded by Norman Voyles. Motion carried 3-0.

Don Adams stated that there is a problem on Orchard Road and made a motion to concur with the county engineer and support his position regarding the design of the roundabout on SR 144 by sending a letter to the INDOT district. Motion seconded by Brian Goss. Mr. Adams stated that he would hand deliver the letter. 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