

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KENNY HALE, BOB O'NEAL, PAUL PRATHER, JEFF QUYLE, VICKIE KIVETT, AND RYAN GOODWIN. ALSO PRESENT WERE BRENDA ADAMS, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, MORGAN COUNTY ATTORNEY. BRYAN COLLIER WAS LATE.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Court Services*

Judge Jane Craney, Morgan County Superior Court III, requested an additional appropriation of \$47,430 from the Administrative Fee Fund (2507) into Account #2507-000-4000 (Reimburse Probation Wages) in order to pay the salaries of several probation officers. Judge Craney stated that Carole Kinder is on vacation and was not able to come to the meeting. Brenda Adams stated that the money in the Administrative Fee Fund is from court fees and it is used to reimburse the General Fund for the difference in probation department raises. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 6-0. (Bryan Collier was late)

- *Superior Court III*

Judge Jane Craney requested an additional appropriation of \$3,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-139-4451 (Law Books). Judge Craney stated that last year \$7,100 was spent for law books. So far this year, including the additional and transfer, they have spent \$8,616.47. Ryan Goodwin made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfer:

- *Superior Court III*

Vickie Kivett made a motion to transfer \$250 from Acct #1000-139-4398 (Dues) to Acct #1000-139-4451 (Law Books). Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Hearing – Wheel Tax Ordinance *First Reading*

Pete Foley stated that he drafted an ordinance for the maximum amount of sur tax and wheel tax. (A copy of the ordinance is attached to the minutes.) The prior amounts were between \$5 and \$30 depending on classification of the motor vehicle. The current sur tax is \$10 per vehicle. The maximum sur tax is \$25 and the maximum wheel tax is \$40. The ordinance must be passed before June 30th if it is to take effect for January 1, 2014.

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Board of Commissioners' president, stated that in 2012, \$472,644 of sur tax was collected and \$83,495 was collected in wheel tax for the county's portion. According to the state, this is 40% of the maximum; it is possible to collect an additional \$834,200. Mr. Voyles stated that District 1 has approximately 57 miles of road with a PASER rating of 4.0 or below. To maintain the roads properly, it should be paved. The estimated cost to pave 57 miles of road is \$3.4 million. The estimated cost to chip seal these same roads would be \$689,400. The paving/chip seal budget for District 1 is \$293,500 for 2013. This amount is enough to pave 4.3 miles, or chip seal 24 miles. Recent changes in the legislature will allow an additional \$233,300 in funds. Increasing the tax to the maximum will still not provide enough money to do what is needed, but would help in maintaining the roads.

Vickie Kivett asked what determines what roads get paved. Mr. Voyles stated that they go by the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) scale. It is a system for visually rating the surface condition of a pavement from a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being a pavement in a failed condition and 10 being a pavement in excellent condition. Mr. Voyles stated that they concentrate on the roads that carry more traffic although sometimes it is a close call.

Bob O'Neal stated that the public needs to be more informed on the rising costs of material to pave roads and how the funding from the gasoline tax has fallen. The tax has not been increased since it was instituted and they cannot continue to let the roads deteriorate.

Don Adams, Morgan County Commissioner, stated that he was glad to see the state move in this direction, but it is still not a solution.

Jeff Quyle stated that having been a commissioner, the money is needed to pave the roads and the tax would be dedicated only to paving. This tax helps to capture revenue for electric cars that do not pay gas tax.

Bob O'Neal made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1-2-21.2. Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 4-2. Kenny Hale and Ryan Goodwin opposed. Ryan Goodwin stated that he is sympathetic to the needs of the roads conditions; however, he is against increasing any tax to the maximum. There will be a second reading on the ordinance at a special meeting later in the month. (Date to be determined.)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Plan Commission*

Kenny Hale handed out maps of the Waverly area to show the areas purchased with FEMA funds and county funds and what parcels are still privately owned. Mr. Hale stated that the property he is requesting funds for contains a house that was rebuilt in 1891 or 1892 after a fire in Waverly. Once houses become vacant, vandals remove any item of value within a few days. The property owner would be able to lease the property for a nominal fee and stay until she passes away or can no longer live there on her own. This would be an ideal location for a conference center and/or museum with possible living quarters for a park groundskeeper. Mr. Hale stated that if the property is purchased with FEMA funds, demolition of any structures must begin within 90 days. Mr. Hale requested an additional appropriation from the Riverboat Fund (1191) as follows:

\$46,500 into Account #1191-000-4430 (Real Estate)
1,000 into Account #1191-000-4305 (Waverly Expense)
1,000 into Account #1191-000-4310 (Relocation)

Jeff Quyle made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as listed. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 6-1-0. Kenny Hale abstained. (Bryan Collier arrived late.)

The first public hearing for the proposed park will be at the Waverly church on June 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

- *Commissioners*

Brenda Adams stated that the General Fund budget had to be cut by \$1,273,000. Last month she requested an additional appropriation of \$1,032,000 for FICA and PERF and this additional request is the remaining amount of the budget cut. Ms. Adams requested an additional appropriation of \$250,420 from CAGIT into Account #1110-133-4391.14 (Mental Health). Ms. Adams stated that according to Indiana Code, the mental health funds must be paid. Jeff Quyle made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Bob O'Neal. Jeff Quyle asked if there will be a CAGIT budget for 2014 so the funds will not require additional appropriations. Ms. Adams stated that there would be a budget for the CAGIT fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to accept the May 6, 2013 Joint Session minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Plan Commission*

Kenny Hale requested a transfer of \$2,000 from Acct #1191-000-4430 (Real Estate) to Acct #1191-000-4310 (Relocation). These funds will be used to complete a closing. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 6-1-0. Kenny Hale abstained.

Lake DeTurk Conservancy District

Kenny Hale stated that the Lake DeTurk Conservancy District has requested that they be allowed to pay back their loan in one payment using December settlement funds. They will be completing projects through the summer and will need the funds. The Council gave their consensus.

Energy Savings Plan

Norman Voyles stated that Perfection Group gave a presentation at the Joint Session in May for an energy savings proposal. Mr. Voyles asked for a consensus from the Council for an additional appropriation so they can start the project. The plan is to start with the lighting in the Courthouse and Administration Building; the maintenance employee at the jail is already working on the lighting in

that building. Perfection Group will do the retro-commissioning, automation controls, and mechanical upgrades on the jail, Administration Building, Annex and Courthouse; and water conservation and building envelope at the Courthouse. This totals approximately \$1.2 million. There are rebates for some of the work. The annual guaranteed energy savings is \$31,865 if the whole project is done so the savings will be less. Bryan Collier stated that using the figures provided for the complete project, there is a 2.5% return on the investment; he is not against saving money or upgrading, but he is against getting a 4% bond to finance the project. Bob O'Neal stated that he agreed with that. The discussion then turned to funding a public safety dispatch center.

Group Insurance Trust

Bryan Collier stated that the balance is up and the next Group Insurance Trust meeting is July 16th.

Affordable Health Care Act

Kenny Hale stated that office holders and department heads will need to make sure that part time hours are kept at no more than 28 hours. Bryan Collier stated that there are changes in the Affordable Care Act that will require that insurance be offered to employees that work 30 hours or more. Mr. Collier stated that they need to make sure that the department heads and elected officials are held accountable because this could cost the county thousands and thousands and changes the whole insurance trust. Brenda Adams asked if this should be a policy change and made part of the Personnel Handbook. Mr. Hale stated that it should.

2013 Meeting Schedule Change

Kenny Hale presented a revised schedule that changes the dates for the budget hearings and adoption. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve 2013 revised Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Department

Kenny Hale handed out the quarterly reports from the fire departments. Mr. Hale stated that some of the reports were not detailed and suggested leaving it up to the Auditor as to whether they contained sufficient information. Jeff Quyle thanked A&A Township Volunteer Fire Department (who was present) for the information they provided and suggested setting submission standards rather than leaving it up to the Auditor. Brenda Adams stated that the fire departments must submit their request for funds by July 1st of this year in order to receive it for next year. Ryan Goodwin stated that he felt that a once a year report is sufficient.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 7-0.

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Kenny Hale

Robert O'Neal

Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Jeff Quyle

Vickie Kivett

Ryan Goodwin

ATTEST:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor