

**COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Baird at 1:05p.m.

The following were present: Kevin Walls, Commissioner, Ron West, Commissioner, Kenny Hale, Morgan County Commissioner, and Josh Messmer, Morgan County Administrator.

**Discussion with Morgan County Redevelopment Commission Regarding a Waste Water Project**

Mr. Messmer presented a proposal to enter into an agreement with Johnson County to purchase capacity at the Morgan County Waste Water plant located in Waverly, Indiana. He discussed the support that could be offered to the area in Johnson County that is adjacent to the location of the Waste Water Plant. He discussed the current interest from the Town of Bargersville in using capacity of the Waste Water Plant as well.

Adam Steuerwald, Redevelopment Commission Legal Counsel for Morgan County, was present to explain the outline of the plan which would allow Johnson County to reserve a determined amount of capacity at a set rate under contract at the Waste Water Plant.

Mr. West expressed concern in not owning any capital assets in the facility and the future negotiations that would come up at the term of the first contract. He proposed both entities sharing equal ownership of capital assets and equally bearing the debts and profits of the Waste Water Plant.

Discussion was held regarding viable options that would protect all involved entities and future expansions to the Waste Water Plant.

Doug Baldessari, Baker Tilly CPA, was also present to discuss the protections offered to Johnson County under the original capacity buy in proposal from Morgan County.

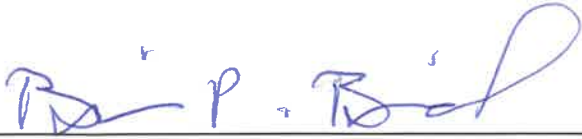
Mr. Baird expressed his concerns with the capacity buy in. He emphasized the importance of best serving the taxpayers in Johnson County and upholding a good working relationship with Morgan County. He suggested gathering more information about different avenues available with the use of the Waste Water Plant before moving forward with any decisions.

The Commissioners and representatives from Morgan County came to a consensus to do further research and discuss options available for joint ownership and improvement of the Waste Water Plant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Hale moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mr. Walls seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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**Brian Baird**



**Kevin Walls**



**Ron West**

**Attest:**  
**Elizabeth A. Alvey**  
**Auditor**

