

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, DANIEL ELLIOTT, KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, AND VIRGINIA PERRY. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Daniel Elliott*)

Minutes

Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the October 1, and October 15, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$41,500 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-133-4311 (Activate Clinic). This is a quarterly payment. Mr. Voyles stated that this clinic is available to the participants in the health insurance. Bryan Collier stated that he had the honor of being on the Group Health Insurance Board and Activate will be the walk-in clinic and is the model that the local school system had been using. Hopefully this will keep participants from having a more expensive emergency room visit. Mr. Collier stated that he has talked with school employees that have used the clinic and they are very happy with it.

Dan Bastin asked if the Council preferred to take the fees from the General Fund, or allocate it from the General Fund and other funds through which employees are paid. Currently, the health insurance is paid from several different funds, depending on employee and department, and Mr. Bastin handed out a spreadsheet. Mr. Bastin stated that this method is administratively time consuming and it will also be complicated to pay the Activate billing with the same method. Mr. Bastin stated that the last 12 months of health insurance costs, December 2017 – November 2018, through the General Fund totaled \$2,089,143. Of this amount, \$835,192 was charged to funds other than the General Fund. This first bill is the minimum amount per quarter; the bill does not include future pharmaceuticals or lab fees that are estimated to be \$2,000 per quarter. The Activate clinic costs are estimated to be less than what is paid in claims. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the General Fund. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$60,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-135-4315 (Professional Services). Mr. Rogers stated that this amount pays for offsite services when inmates are in the hospital, dental, or emergency room visits. This year there have been 282 dental visits, 83 X-rays, 116 ER visits, 49 hospital stays, and 171 doctor appointments. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Maintenance (Administration Building)*

Dan Bastin stated that this \$700 request from the General Fund (1000) is an accounting correction for an amount that was short because of the previous employee retiring. The funds will go into Account #1000-146-4112 (Custodian Admin Bldg). Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Superior I*

Superior Court I Judge Pete Foley was present to request an additional appropriation of \$1,200 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-148-4113.10 (First Deputy/Jury Administrator). Judge Foley stated that this amount is the difference in the increase of adding the first deputy jury administrator. There is a net savings in combining the positions. Dan Bastin stated that there were unused funds in the Jury Administrator budget, but they could not

just transfer the funds over to this account. Virginia Perry made a motion to approve the additional request. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Veterans Service Officer*

Rick Baum, Morgan County Veterans Service Officer, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$12,848 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-152-4163 (Veterans Service Officer). Mr. Baum stated that this is the amount needed in order to pay his full time salary for the rest of the year. Dan Bastin stated that the Council voted to increase the salary and make the position full time at a previous meeting and acknowledged that at some point they would need to approve an additional appropriation to increase the amount in the account. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as requested. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Shared Court Expenses*

Judge Pete Foley requested an additional appropriation of \$94,000 from either the General Fund (1000) or the Supplemental Public Defender Fund (1200) into the Pauper Monthly Contracts account (#4376.10). Dan Bastin stated that there is enough in the Public Defender Fund to meet this request. Judge Foley stated that there are eight public defender contracts and each contract is based on 105 cases per year. This is a total of 840 cases. Each contract is \$40,102 and this equals \$382 per case. As of October 11, there were 829 public defender appointments. At the current rate, they will need an additional 223 appointments to last until the end of the year. Judge Foley asked for 110% of this amount, 245 cases at \$382 each for \$94,000. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the Supplemental Public Defender Fund (1200) into Account #1200-000-4376.10. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request an additional appropriation from the County Health Fund (1159) as follows: \$5,000 into Account #1159-000-4214 (Vaccines) and \$3,000 into Account #1159-000-4362 (Insurance Billing Services). Ms. LaFary stated that the vaccines need replenished by the end of the year and they must be reenrolled in the Medicare Billing Program, which is rather costly. Virginia Perry made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. LaFary requested an additional appropriation of \$500 from the Local Health Department Trust Fund (1206) into Account #1206-000-4442 (Equipment/Furniture) for the purchase of mannequins. Bryan Collier asked if they still call the mannequins "Annie". Ms. LaFary replied that she doesn't usually talk to them. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Health Department*

Ms. LaFary stated that the environmental specialists broke their soil probes and they had to purchase four new ones and requested a transfer of \$755 from Account #1159-000-4211 (Office Supplies) to Account #1159-000-4442 (Equipment/Furniture). Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriation:

- *EMS*

Troy Whedon, Morgan County Deputy EMS Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$113,900 from the Emergency Medical Services Fund (1151) into Account #1151-000-4363 (Building Maintenance/Repair). Mr. Whedon stated that they would be able to move back into the building in two days. There were 40 code violations found by the city building inspector and most of the costs involved correcting the violations (\$62,500). They still need to install an air scrubber in the bay and connect the CO2 and smoke detectors in the bay. Kim Merideth stated that the Council meets on a monthly basis and these things should have been brought before the Council before proceeding; they were notified that there were problems with the building, but no costs were given to fix it. Vickie Kivett asked if the funding should come from Riverboat or Cumulative County Building rather than the EMS Fund. Bryan Collier

stated that if he knew the costs beforehand they would not have made the repairs, they would have built a new building. Ms. Kivett stated that she thought the same thing. Mr. Whedon stated that the issues were discovered as construction progressed. Paul Prather stated that this is a difficult situation. Mr. Whedon stated that they looked at pole barn construction and the buildings were \$300,000 to \$350,000 for two bays and living quarters. Mr. Collier stated that these expenditures were never discussed. Ms. Merideth stated that they need to be kept in the loop. Vickie Kivett asked if there should have been a bid on the project. Mr. Whedon stated that six or seven contractors looked at the project. Three or four of them turned it down because of the way the county pays claims. The original contractor left the job and other contractors did not want to step into an existing problem. Only one contractor submitted a quote, Bell Inc., and it was under the amount that requires a bid per Indiana Code. The project grew from the original quote because of the code violations and the expense to fix them. Paul Prather stated the work has been done and asked what they need to do to move forward. Dan Bastin stated that the first contractor made a mess and was doing things wrong; he had to be kicked out. It was not a good situation. Bryan Collier stated that they need to prevent this type of situation from reoccurring and asked if they could work on this with the Board of Commissioners. Dan Bastin stated that the work has been done and they are holding the checks. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation with the hashtag that they will get with the Commissioners to ensure that this does not happen again. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion failed 3-4. Bryan Collier, Vickie Kivett, Kim Merideth, and Virginia Perry were opposed.

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles stated that it was mentioned at the last meeting that the elevator at the Courthouse will be down for repairs for a week or two while a part is replaced and the Board of Commissioners thought it would be a good idea to have a chairlift installed as a backup system. Mr. Voyles asked for an additional appropriation of \$19,750 from either the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138), Rainy Day Fund (1186), or Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) into Account #4442 (Equipment/Furniture). Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-133-4441. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Prosecutor*

Steve Sonnega, Morgan County Prosecutor, was present to request a transfer of \$2,700 from Account #1000-108-4315 (Major Crimes Investigation) into Account #1000-108-4211 (Supplies). Mr. Sonnega stated that even though they have tried to go paperless, they still use individual printers and need ink cartridges or toner. They also have new employees that need business cards and they also need postage. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Election*

Stephanie Elliott, Morgan County Clerk, stated that she was not ready for the number of absentee ballots and she needed additional workers to process the mail. Ms. Elliott requested a transfer of \$2,000 from Account #1000-124-4211 (Supplies) into Account #1000-124-4173 (Absentee Board) in order to pay the additional workers. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Weights and Measures*

Jeremy Belcher, Weights and Measures, was not able to attend the meeting due to National Guard Duty. Mr. Belcher submitted a letter requesting a transfer of \$30 from Account #1000-131-4365 (Instruction/Education) to Account #1000-137-4441 (Equipment). Mr. Belcher asked earlier about ordering equipment that detects skimming devices and this is the amount the he is short. Virginia Perry made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Circuit Court*

Judge Matt Hanson was present but had to leave. He asked that the request for a transfer of \$7,000 from Account #1000-137-4113 (Second Deputy) to Account #1000-137-4441 (Equipment/Furniture) be tabled. Bryan Collier stated that this transfer request brings up the issue of a unified contract to purchase furniture. They have tabled other requests and have not put a plan into place. Vickie Kivett asked if each office submitted a furniture need list to the

Auditor's Office. Dan Bastin stated that they have, but no action has been taken; the Commissioners' Office is the purchasing agent for the county and he did not believe this was the duty of the Auditor. Daniel Elliott stated that the Council could approve an amount and the Board of Commissioners could work within that budget to purchase what's needed. Paul Prather stated that if they do it through one company, they should be able to get better pricing. Bryan Collier stated that the Commissioners would need the list that was compiled at budget time. Kim Merideth made a motion to table the additional appropriation request. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliot. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Veterans Service Officer*

Rick Baum, Veterans Service Officer, submitted a request for the following transfer: \$100 from Account #1000-152-4322 (Postage), \$450 from Account #1000-152-4361 (VetraSpec), and \$200 from Account #1000-152-4323 (Travel) for a total of \$750 into Account #1000-152-4323 (Office Supplies). Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

2019 Salary Ordinance

Dan Bastin stated that this ordinance contains the salaries and hourly rates of pay as they were used to calculate the appropriations approve for the budget process. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the 2019 Salary Ordinance. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Appointment – *Morgan County Library Board*

Bryan Collier stated that the Morgan County Library Board sent a letter requesting an appointment to the board. Paul Prather made a motion to appoint Dee Simerl. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Appointment – *Mooreville Library Board*

Virginia Perry made a motion to accept Steve Saucerman as an appointment to the Mooreville Library. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliottt. Motion carried 7-0.

Harrison Township Fire Protection District

Ed Bosaw, Harrison Township Fire Protection District Treasurer, introduced Tony Seifert, Harrison Township Fire Protection District Secretary, and apologized for not coming to the meeting last month. Mr. Bowsaw stated that they asked for increased funding for paid standby. They have had it for several years. Daniel Elliott stated that fire protection is contracted out to a corporation for \$72,000 and the standby is \$62,000. Mr. Bosaw stated that they can't get any volunteers so they use people from other fire departments. Harrison Township Fire Department Chief, Josh Allison, stated that with the paid standby, they must use multiple people. There are 10 to 15 volunteers that may or may not go on a run at 3 in the morning. The paid standby are paid for their time at the firehouse and there are 15 to 20 different people that sign up for hours. They have used the paid standby budget for six or seven years to supplement people not being able to respond Monday through Friday 8 to 5. They try to have at least one person who is at the fire station Monday through Friday 8 to 5. This is the only time they do paid standby. Daniel Elliott asked how many non-EMS runs they had last year. Mr. Allison that there were 23 fire calls, 6 water rescue, 4 hazardous condition, and 130 EMS calls. Mr. Elliott stated that as a Council, they have a fiduciary responsibility and he isn't sure where the money is going. Mr. Allison stated that if they would give him a list of their questions he would be happy to get the answers.

Comments

Bryan Collier stated that he will get the list of furniture needs from the Auditor and take it to the Commissioners. He will also work with Mr. Coffey and the Commissioners on getting an agreement regarding the bid and construction process.

Special Meeting

Bryan Collier stated that he did not think it would be fair to the contractor to make them wait until December for payment and set a meeting for Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 pm to discuss the \$113,900 additional appropriation. Mr. Bastin stated that he will advertise it in Riverboat, Rainy Day, EMS, and Cumulative Capital Development.

Adjournment

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

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Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Merideth

Virginia Perry

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor