

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,  
FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, DANIEL ELLIOTT, VICKIE KIVETT AND KELLY ALCALA. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Daniel Elliott*)

**Minutes**

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

**Additional Appropriation:**

- *Sheriff*

Morgan County Sheriff Rich Myers was present to request an additional appropriation of \$27,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-105-4112.80 (Part Time Legal Deputy). Sheriff Myers stated that Indiana Code allows a legal deputy for the Sheriff's Office. Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that years ago the department had a legal deputy that was shared by all 92 sheriffs in Indiana. This deputy passed away and the county attorney and insurance carrier have been providing assistance. The legal deputy will not only provide legal counsel, but will also assist with training, lawsuits filed by inmates, and staffing issues. Kim Merideth stated that she was impressed with the summary of duties that the counsel has done for Putnam County and that insurance companies welcome this; it has statistically lowered liability claims by having someone in this position. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the part time legal deputy position for \$27,000. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Dave Rogers noted that this was a pro-rated amount; the actual budget amount for next year is \$30,000. Motion carried 7-0.

**Salary Ordinance Amendment**

Dan Bastin stated that the above action requires a Salary Ordinance amendment. The rate of pay would be \$1,153 per pay period. Paul Prather made a motion to accept line item 4112.8 (Part Time Legal Deputy) at a rate of \$1,153 per pay. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

**Additional Appropriations:**

- *Prosecutor*

Steve Sonnega, Morgan County Prosecutor, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$20,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-108-4122 (Overtime). Mr. Sonnega stated that preapproval is required before employees are allowed to work overtime. Overtime was approved in the budget, but not funded. Dan Bastin stated that last year this was funded by transfers, but the account it was transferred from is no longer in the budget. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Election*

Stephanie Elliott requested an additional appropriation of \$48,636 from the LIT Economic Development Fund (1112), or General Fund (1000), or Rainy Day (1186), or Riverboat (1191), or Cumulative Capital Development (1138) into Account #1XXX-124-4409 (Election Office Renovation & Security). Ms. Elliott stated that the federal government awarded all states \$380 million. The state of Indiana received \$7.5 million to beef up election security. Morgan County has been awarded \$26,000 that will be used to install a ceiling, fencing for the storage space, shelving, security cameras, and dual lock storage cabinets. She has submitted an additional request for \$20,000 for a heat pump. These funds must be expended and then reimbursed. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation from the General Fund (1000) as follows: \$184,000 into Account #1000-133-4311 (Activate Clinic) and \$11,200 into Account #1000-133-4311.50 (Employee Assistance Program). Kim Merideth stated that it was her understanding that the clinic was up and running and is a success. Bryan Collier stated that they have had positive feedback. Norman Voyles stated that employees have also used the EAP with good reports. Dan Bastin stated that both programs are working very well and

that the amount for the clinic is estimated. Daniel Elliott made a motion approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers requested an additional appropriation of \$22,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-135-4197 (Holiday Pay). Mr. Rogers stated that when they acquired 10 full time employees and no longer had part time, they overlooked adding this to the budget. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles requested an additional appropriation of \$166 from the Local Income Tax Economic Development Fund (1112) into Account #1112-000-4315.10 (MPO Contribution). Dan Bastin stated that the amount budgeted for 2019 fell short of the actual amount by \$166. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers requested an additional appropriation of \$97,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-135-4440 (Jail Floor Resurfacing). Mr. Rogers stated that they have been working for almost two years trying to get the floor resurfaced. The epoxy that is on the floor now is peeling up and they cannot re-epoxy the floor because of the odors. One company was awarded a bid to grind off the epoxy and polish the concrete. They came, worked for two hours, and decided that it was a bigger project than they could complete. Mr. Rogers researched flooring systems in other institutions and bid the project again with a specialized coating. This is an epoxy-like material that melts through the epoxy that is currently on the floor and bonds to the concrete. The bid was \$137,725 plus \$31,000 for the cove base. Some funds have already been budgeted for this and the additional appropriation will fund the remainder. The contractor will set up a ventilation system so odors will not be an issue. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles requested an additional appropriation of \$30,000 from the Rainy Day Fund (1186) into Account #1186-000-4313 (Mold Remediation). Mr. Voyles stated that this amount will go towards ceiling tile, reconstruction, the balance on the dehumidifiers, and carpet. Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Voyles noted that the chairlift running from the main floor to the second floor was installed at the Courthouse and the Board of Commissioners approved an additional appropriation letter to request funds (\$16,050) for a chairlift that would run from the main floor to the basement since there is a court there. This request will be brought up at the next meeting.

- *Landfill*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Commissioner, requested an additional appropriation of \$3,344 from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) into Account #1191-000-4321 (Highway Department Labor – SR 252 Landfill). Mr. Hale stated that all the funds were reimbursed last year for the equipment, but were short for the labor. Bryan Collier asked what costs should be anticipated going forward. Mr. Hale stated that the cap must be kept mowed and free of trees. They will have to map the landfill area and the map must be approved by IDEM. The landfill caps will be deed restricted and buildings will not be allowed. Vickie Kivett asked what uses the property could serve. Mr. Hale stated that right now there is a farm lease. Mr. Hale stated that there is another smaller landfill that must also be covered. The dirt is there, but it must be seeded and covered with straw. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Transfers:**

- *Prosecutor*

Steve Sonnega requested a transfer of \$1,411 from Account #2505-000-4441 (Equipment) to Account #2505-000-4221 (Training Supplies). Mr. Sonnega stated that the Prosecutor's Office has new employees and they are planning to do police training in Mooresville in addition to regular supplies. Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Dispatch*

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County 911 Dispatch, was present to request a transfer \$8,200 from Account #4914-000-4363 (Maintenance/Janitor) as follows: \$7,500 to 4914-000-4121 (PSAP Dispatch Bldg Part Time Janitor) and \$700 to \$4914-000-4165.10 (FICA). Mr. Hamilton stated that since EMA is

taking care of their side of the building, they hired a part time person to work 10 to 12 hours per week to clean the dispatch area. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

**Salary Ordinance Amendments**

• *Parks & Recreation*

Bryan Collier stated that the Council needs to set an hourly rate for the part time corrections officer for the Parks & Recreation Board. Daniel Elliott made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance and set a rate of \$15.23 per hour for a part time corrections officer. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

• *Plan Commission*

Paul Prather stated that they have been looking for a new Plan Director and made an offer to an applicant that then decided to remain in their current position. The hiring committee met with other applicants and would like to offer the position to another applicant that has 18-19 years of experience. Before offering this position, the committee would like to increase the salary to \$67,000. Terry Brock, Plan Commission Board Chairman and Morgan County Surveyor, stated that it is very important to have planning in place for I-69 developers and to have someone in place that understands how to work with the Comprehensive Plan and Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Prather stated that the candidate has experience in Hendricks County and this should be an asset. Mr. Brock stated that the lowest salary out of the close counties was \$69,000. Kim Merideth asked if the job description was available. This position would answer to the Plan Commission Board. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment of \$67,000 for the Plan Director. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment**

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

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor