

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 2, 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; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Virginia Perry made a motion to approve the February 5 and March 5, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Maintenance*

Bart Ewing, Morgan County Courthouse Custodian, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$11,025 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-146-4121 (Part Time). Mr. Ewing stated that additional employees have been added to the Court Services and Probation staff, along with additional offices and the two buildings are too much for one person. Mr. Ewing asked for part time help for 25 hours per week. Vickie Kivett stated that she was concerned about the current custodian being in the buildings by herself in the evenings and asked for a list of duties. Mr. Ewing stated that the current full time position is from 2 to 10 pm. There are five courts, 14 restrooms and three floors (not including the basement) in one building and three floors in the other. Mr. Ewing stated that he does the maintenance and repairs and the assistant does the sweeping, moping, and cleaning. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Dave Zoller. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Public Safety Dispatch*

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$34,200 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-911-4445 (Director's Vehicle) for a new vehicle. Mr. Hamilton stated that the vehicle that is currently issued to him (2012 Charger) has mechanical issues and will cost \$5,700 to \$7,900 to repair. The Highway Department has a 1988 Dodge truck that could be used to move the radio towers, but he would need a vehicle to check address, check radio reception, attend meetings, etc. He has researched a replacement vehicle and was able to locate a Ford Explorer for \$28,013.26, a police package Ford Explorer for \$29,000, and a Ford Taurus for \$26,300. Mr. Hamilton checked with the Sheriff's Department for a replacement vehicle but they are marked for trade-ins on new vehicles. Virginia Perry stated that \$7,900 is a lot less than \$34,200. Vickie Kivett questioned if the vehicle is really needed and noted that a take-home vehicle policy is being developed. Mr. Hamilton stated that he is on call. Bryan Collier asked if there was a vehicle that could be put into use until the policy was implemented. Sheriff Downey stated that the Chargers they were turning in for trade are junk. Daniel Elliott asked if the current vehicle was inoperable. Mr. Hamilton responded that he is still driving it. Dave Zoller stated that he couldn't see putting \$7,900 into it when it was less than the value. Kim Merideth stated that she agreed, but did not see a need to replace it if it was operable. Ms. Kivett stated that these big ticket items need to come at budget time. Paul Prather stated that he would like to wait until the policy was developed before making a decision. No action was taken.

Transfers:

- *EMA*

Torie Fraker, Morgan County EMA, was present to request a transfer of \$200 from Account #1000-132-4322 (Postage) into Account #1000-132-4441 (Equipment/Furniture). Ms. Fraker stated that this will be used to purchase filing cabinets for the old records that were found in the former EMA Building. These records must be kept and they do not have anywhere to store them. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

2018 Salary Ordinance Amendment – Maintenance

Daniel Elliott made a motion to amend the 2018 Salary Ordinance to include a "Part Time Custodian Courthouse/Annex Building" position at \$11.25 per hour. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

2018 Salary Ordinance Amendment – *Soil & Water Conservation District*

Dan Bastin stated that Warren Waymire, SWCD Board Chairman, was present to request that the “Education Assistant” position be changed to “Conservation Programs Director” with no change to the rate of pay. The current Education Coordinator is on FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) and they need someone to temporarily fill in for this position. This would require that a “Temporary Education Assistant” position with a wage of \$17.21 per hour be added to the Salary Ordinance. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the two 2018 Salary Ordinance amendments. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Agape Therapeutic Riding

Shirley Mascoe, Operation’s Director for Agape Therapeutic Riding, and Christy Schmidt, Site Manager, of Agape were present to tell the Council about their program at Bradford Woods. Ms. Mascoe stated that the mission of Agape is to strengthen the mind, body, and spirit through unique horse-facilitated experiences. Agape was founded 32 years ago by Cheryl Miller and her daughter Dawn. There are also locations in Cicero and Greenfield, Indiana. There are 367 regular volunteers and many service groups that help with programs and keep the grounds in shape. Ms. Mascoe gave examples of the physical, emotional, and social benefits of the programs. Ms. Mascoe stated that they are always in need of volunteers and people can obtain more information from agaperiding.org.

Martinsville Economic Development Board Appointment

Daniel Elliott stated that Martinsville has developed an Economic Development Board to help with some of the downtown programs. A requirement of the board is that there is a Council appointment and Mr. Elliott suggested Paul Prather. Mr. Prather stated that he would accept the appointment. Daniel Elliott made a motion to appoint Paul Prather to the Martinsville Economic Development Board. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Education Presentation

Dan Bastin handed out information regarding the fund and account structure and outlined the differences in the types and categories.

Other Business

Daniel Elliott asked that the new Parks Property Management Coordinator introduce himself. Michael Fellow stated that he was recently appointed by the board to help develop and maintain the programs that have been running and develop new ones.

Adjournment

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. 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