

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 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 (*Kim Merideth*)

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the May 7, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Dave Zoller. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Assessor*

Brenda Brittain, Morgan County Assessor, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$11,400 from the Sales Disclosure Fund (1131) into Account #1131-000-4361 (Contractual). Ms. Brittain stated that the Sales Disclosure Fund is a fee collected that operates outside the General Fund and is split equally with the State of Indiana. This additional will be used for the final payment on a two-year contract for the 2016 and 2018 aerial photography. Ms. Brittain urged the Council to view the photos on the Elevate or Pictometry website. There were flown in early March and there is no distortion because the leaves are off. The Sales Disclosure Fund can only be used for these types of things. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Morgan County Substance Abuse Council*

Kristinia Love, Morgan County Substance Council, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$71,018.27 from the Drug Free Community Fund (1148) into the following Accounts:

\$ 4,438.64 Account #1148-000-4211 (Office Supplies)
1,934.21 Account #1148-000-4244 (Other Supplies)
2,855.00 Account #1148-000-4321 (YMCA)
3,181.00 Account #1148-000-4327 (Angel's Wings)
4,320.00 Account #1148-000-4328 (Serenity House)
500.00 Account #1148-000-4329 (Reach for Youth)
2,193.21 Account #1148-000-4346 (Mooresville Police Department)
2,583.00 Account #1148-000-4353.20 (The Haven Youth Center)
11,876.32 Account #1148-000-4358.20 (Magdalene House Stability First)
7,000.00 Account #1148-000-4358.30 (Martinsville Baptist Tabernacle)
5,496.89 Account #1148-000-4358.40 (Wellspring/Homeward Bound)
4,640.00 Account #1148-000-4361 (Martinsville Youth Development Center)
20,000.00 Account #1148-000-4363 (MC Sheriff/Mooresville Police Dept P.A.C.E.)
\$71,018.27 Total

Ms. Love stated that the Drug Free Community Fund is made up of the \$200 countermeasure fee that is assessed on convictions for alcohol and drug offenses. The funds are then used for grants for local organizations in the areas of prevention, recovery, criminal justice, and a small amount may be used for administration. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Plan Commission*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$143,500 from either the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) or Rainy Day Fund (1186) into Account #1191 (or 1186) 000-4315.20 (County Comprehensive Plan). Mr. Hale stated that with I69 coming, they need to do it right. The comprehensive plan has not been updated since 2010 and the thoroughfare plan has not been updated since 2007. Mr. Hale stated that they will be doing a detailed overlay ordinance for the I69 corridor and a planning committee from the Plan Commission recommended HWC Engineering. The Plan Commission Board unanimously accepted the recommendation. HWC has done several corridor plans and are

in the process of doing two plans for neighboring counties. Mr. Hale feels that it is important to work with the public and get their buy-in via social media and a booth at the fair.

Kyle Lueken, Landscape Architect and Project Manager, and Rex Dillinger, gave a presentation of the overview of the planning process. Mr. Lueken stated that there are two major evolving changes that are driving the need for an updated comprehensive plan at this time; knowing where I69 and the interchanges and access points are going to be, and how this is going to impact land use along the corridor. There is continued growth occurring in southeast Hendricks County and northwest Johnson County that is putting pressure on Morgan County. The study are includes all of Morgan County, except Martinsville, Mooresville, and Monrovia, which are in separate planning districts. Land use is the primary focus, but they will be looking at housing, environmental concerns, infrastructure, and transportation networks. The plan helps to set goals and priorities for county leaders. The thoroughfare will be updated concurrently with the comprehensive plan. The thoroughfare plan takes a more detailed look at the transportation network. They will look at the current classifications and do modeling to determine future impacts. The overlay ordinance will look at an overlay zoning for the I69 corridor, one half mile on either side of the corridor. The process will include reviewing existing development standards and making recommendations for the corridor overlay such as landscaping, setback distances, curb cuts, etc. There will be four steering committee meetings to help guide the process and review goals and recommendations developed through the plan. There will be a public website that will contain plan documents, meeting minutes, drafts, and survey questions and responses. HWC will hold three public workshops to gather input. The process is anticipated to take 12 months from the notice to proceed. Rex Dellinger stated that it is important to coordinate with Johnson County because the two counties will have a big impact on the future I69 interchanges. Kenny Hale stated that there are also plans for two new interchanges with I70. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$143,500 from the Riverboat Fund (1191). Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *911 Dispatch*

Scott Hamilton, 911 Dispatch Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$17,500 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-911-4444 (Director's Vehicle). Mr. Hamilton stated that he received firm quotes from Chrysler \$9,194.77 and Townview \$12,964.83, not including the radiator, regarding the repair of his 2012 vehicle that has 139,000 miles. Mr. Hamilton obtained quotes from Andy Mohr Ford for used fleet vehicles, such as two Ford Explorers, one with 72,000 miles and one with 84,000 miles and a Ford Taurus with 53,000 miles. All vehicles are within the amount requested as an additional appropriation. Mr. Hamilton stated that he could repair the vehicle, but did not think it make sense to spend that much money on repairs, or he could keep driving it and see what happens. Daniel Elliott mentioned that a presentation regarding leasing vehicles was recently made to the Board of Commissioners. Virginia Perry stated that she does not believe the position warrants a take home vehicle at this time under these circumstances. Kim Merideth asked how often he is called out. Mr. Hamilton stated that he isn't called out too often, but having a remote office requires trips to turn in payroll, submit claims, and pick up mail. Ms. Merideth asked if this was something that could be done electronically. Mr. Hamilton responded that it isn't that type of system. Dan Bastin stated that he would be attending a meeting the next day and that he does not have a car. It is not the taxpayers' responsibility to provide people a vehicle to go to work and come home; that's a personal responsibility. Other vehicles are available to attend meetings, or the employee can receive reimbursement for mileage. Mr. Hamilton stated that he was fine with that, but when he was hired, a vehicle was provided as part of the contract and he didn't want to take a step back in pay. Virginia Perry made a motion to deny the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Dan Bastin stated that the contract was illegal; the personnel policy states that no employee shall have a contract. Paul Prather asked if the contract could be reviewed. Rod Bray stated that he would be happy to review the contract, but believed Mr. Hamilton's point was that when he was employed as the 911 Director, there was a certain salary that he was receiving and a value for the use of a vehicle. If the Council would like to review this at budget time, they can decide the value of the car and if they want to increase or decrease that benefit. There is a certain amount of benefit and taxes are paid on that benefit. Motion carried 5-2. Paul Prather and Dave Zoller were opposed. Daniel Elliott stated that Mr. Hamilton's point that it was considered part of the compensation was a valid point. Vickie Kivett asked Mr. Hamilton to be gentle with the car he is driving.

Transfers:

- *Surveyor*

Erick Kivett, Morgan County Surveyor's Office, was present to request a transfer of \$420.99 from Account #1000-106-4211 (Office Supplies) into Account #1000-106-4400 (Office

Equipment). Mr. Kivett stated that an office chair broke and has been replaced. Many Council members questioned who broke the chair. Mr. Kivett stated that it wasn't him, but added that the chair was 15 years old. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Agreement for the Exchange of Services for Roadway Maintenance

Rod Bray, Morgan County Attorney, stated that this agreement for roadway maintenance has been negotiated over a number of months and regards maintaining the roadways around the city of Martinsville. The city annexed property into the city limits and some of the roads in the annexation are part of the city and part of the county. Rather than have a county truck plow, then lift the blade for a couple hundred yards and put it back down, it would be more efficient to provide public services by dividing the roads. This includes not only plowing, but maintenance and resurfacing. The agreement has been approved by the Board of Commissioners. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the Agreement for the Exchange of Services for Roadway Maintenance. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Education Presentation

In the third part of his budget education series, Dan Bastin presented information regarding the different components that make up the net property tax rate. Each component operates independent of each other. For a change to occur in one component of the property tax rate, it doesn't necessarily mean that property taxes are going to up or down. The components are: assessed value, property tax levy, property tax relief credit, and property tax rate. The net assessed value is determined by August 1. The net assessed value is the value the taxpayers pay on. The total value divided into the property tax levy will determine what the property tax rate is.

Contract

Scott Hamilton wanted to add that he did not know the contract was illegal, the county attorney drafted the contract, an attorney reviewed it and the contract was put in place because Mr. Hamilton was two years short of retiring from the sheriff's department and he wanted assurance that he would be employed for those two years.

Adjournment

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

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Merideth

Virginia Perry

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor