

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 9, 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 (*Virginia Perry*)

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the June 4, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Circuit Court*

Judge Matt Hanson was present to request an additional appropriation of \$35,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-154-4380 (CHINS Public Defender). Judge Hanson stated that this amount is for the CHINS contracts for public defenders. They are trying to recover some of the funds by charging \$200 for the public defender and \$400 for fact finding hearings. Paul Prather asked that a detailed letter be sent to the Council prior to the meeting. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Brian Goss, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$20,000 from one of three funds, the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191), Rainy Day Fund (1186), or Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1XXX-000-4406 (Real Estate). The funds will be used to purchase right of way for the Baseline Road/Shuler Road realignment project. Mr. Goss stated that there is a sharp 90 degree bend and a failing bridge close to the intersection. The property owner has agreed to sell three acres for the project. Mr. Goss stated that they are constantly replacing guardrail at this location. Dave Zoller made a motion to approve the request from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191). Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

- *EMA*

Torie Fraker, Morgan County EMA Administrative Assistant, was present to request a transfer of \$500 from Account #1000-132-4213 (Operating Supplies) into Account #1000-132-4121 (Part Time). Ms. Fraker stated that they have a college student working with them this summer to update the Debris Management Plan. They obtained a quote from a company for \$12,000 to update the plan. Virginia Perry made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Circuit Court*

Judge Hanson requested a transfer of \$6,000 from Account #1000-137-4113 (Second Deputy) to Account #1000-137-4441 (Equipment/Furniture). Judge Hanson stated that a second deputy left employment and the three other employees in the office have been able to get by without filling this position. Judge Hanson stated that they have been getting by with piecemeal furniture, but would like to replace three desks. Vickie Kivett stated that it seems like they are hearing this request every month and suggested that between now and the next meeting, the Auditor send out a questionnaire to all offices to see what their office equipment needs are so this can be considered at budget time. Dan Bastin stated he would review the budgets to see who has furniture needs listed, but he could send out a memo. Vickie Kivett made a motion to table the request and review it at budget time. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *EMS*

Donnie Warren, EMS Director, was present to request a transfer of \$30,000 from Account #1151-000-4342 (Insurance) into Account #1151-000-4221 (Gas/Oil & Tires). Mr. Warren stated that with the run volume being as high as it is, they underestimated the cost for fuel and

the wear and tear on tires. Paul Prather asked why there was such an excess in the insurance account. Mr. Warren explained that he misunderstood in putting together the original budget and thought the amount needed for vehicle insurance was a monthly amount, but it should have been an annual amount. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department Office Manager, was present to request a transfer of \$15,000 from Account #1159-000-4165.40 (Group Health Insurance) as follows: \$10,662 to Account #1159-000-4442 (Equipment & Furniture) and \$3,690 to Account #1159-000-4361 (Service Contract). Ms. LaFary stated that there is excess money in the health insurance fund and she thought it would be better to purchase new computers with this rather than budgeting it for next year. Ms. LaFary handed out copies of the quote she obtained. Daniel Elliott asked why they had their own server. Ms. LaFary stated that the confidential records are stored on the server. Daniel Elliott stated that this is probably something the Data Board should look into. Dan Bastin suggested that Ms. LaFary attend the August Data Board meeting. Ms. LaFary stated that she needed to pay for the new printer and the service contract. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve a transfer of \$648 to Account #1159-000-4442 (Equipment & Furniture) and \$3,690 to Account #1159-000-4361 (Service Contract). Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Morgan County Library Board – General Obligation Bond

Krista Ledbetter, Morgan County Public Library Director, introduced Denise Burpo, Morgan County Public Library Business Manager, Morgan County Public Library Board of Trustees: Connie Feagans, Sharon Goins, Mary Krutulis, Debra Hendrickson, Brenda Zody, Judy Rumbaugh, and Terry Laverge as well as Belvia Gray, Umbaugh. Ms. Ledbetter stated that they were present to request a \$2.2 million general obligation bond for the remodel and expansion of the main library. The Library Board is an appointed board and the bond must be approved by the county fiscal body. Ms. Ledbetter emphasized that the Council would not be responsible for payment. The library was established in 1906 and the size of the library was tripled in 1990. The library has become a community space where teens like to gather after school, patrons use public access computers, adults meet to discuss business, social workers meet with clients for supervised family visitations, and tutors meet with students, just to name a few things. The library offers dozens of programs each month; book clubs, storytime, reading programs, arts & crafts, lectures, and performances, drawing 10,000 visitors per month to the library. They have plenty of room for books, but they need more space for people. They have been planning for years with the goal of creating a welcoming, flexible building to meet the current and future needs of the residents of Morgan County with the emphasis of creating spaces for people to meet, learn, and grow. The library is working with KRM Architecture to design an expansion to the south, into the current parking lot. They have recently purchased two lots at the corner of Washington and Columbus for additional parking. Ms. Ledbetter showed a concept for the floorplan of the expansion. The estimated budget, including all construction costs, professional fees, furnishings, signage, etc. is \$4.4 million. They have been saving in anticipation of this project and have \$2.2 earmarked in the Rainy Day and Library Improvement Reserve Fund. The library is asking the Council permission to apply for a \$2.2 million bond for the remainder. They are paying off the bond for the Monrovia Library at the end of the year and would like to seamlessly transition to a new bond and structure the new payments to be the same amount as the current bond to minimize the impact on taxpayers. Umbaugh provided a chart for the twelve year, two month bond. Virginia Perry stated that she was impressed with the diligence and foresight of the board. Paul Prather, Vickie Kivett, and Daniel Elliott spoke in favor of the expansion and bond. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Morgan County Council Approving the Morgan County Public Library Issuance of Bonds. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

EMS – Autopulse Purchase

Donnie Warren stated he would like to put an Autopulse unit on every ambulance. The national average for Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) after cardiac arrest is 12%. Morgan County EMS has two of these units and they are averaging 35% to 39%. A study from Rialto, CA, which is using the units on all of their vehicles, shows an 87.1% ROSC. Mr. Warren budgeted for the units in the 2019 budget, but Zoll is offering a \$20,000 savings if they are purchased now and an additional \$10,000 credit (with no expiration date) for the future purchase of Zoll equipment. These units will do CPR and this frees up the EMT/Paramedic to administer medication, check airways, or start IVs. Bryan Collier stated that as a Councilman who happens to be a fireman, his concern is that during the day, volunteer fire departments are not showing up because their volunteers are at work. Two first responders show up for a cardiac arrest and this could be critical. Mr. Warren stated that the American Heart Association is pushing “pit crew

CPR” with six people on the crew and each one doing a task. However, that is not possible in many locales. Mr. Warren stated that if the Council is receptive to the concept, he will request that this \$119,772 appropriation be on the next agenda.

Superior Court I – Office Staff Positions

Superior Court I Judge Pete Foley stated that the part time jury administrator left the position and this, combined with the digital case management system, has caused the Board of Judges to propose that this position be combined with one of the first deputy positions. The first deputy in Judge Foley’s office has been acting as jury administrator in addition to the first deputy duties since late April. Judge Foley requested that the Salary Ordinance be modified to change the first deputy position to first deputy/jury administrator and increase the pay to \$18.47 per hour, retroactive to April. Judge Foley stated that this would be an annual net savings of \$13,923. Vickie Kivett asked if this could be added to the regular duties without a pay increase. Judge Foley stated that the Board of Judges felt that the additional duties and responsibilities merits an increase. Kim Merideth asked how much extra time these duties take each week. Judge Foley stated that they pull 6,000 names in the fall and send out notices; this will be a busy time. Once the mailings go out and questionnaires are matched up, this will be the jury panel for 2019. As courts need juries, they will pull from this pool.

Judge Foley stated that there are a lot of common areas in the Courthouse where fabric covered furniture exists; it would probably be wise to replace this with furniture made from a more durable material such as hard plastic or vinyl.

Virginia Perry stated that she did not have a problem with the request to combine the two positions at a pay rate of \$18.47 per hour and made a motion to approve the request effective July 9, 2018. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-1. Paul Prather was opposed. Mr. Prather stated that he would like the pay to be retroactive to April. Bryan Collier stated that this could be discussed when the additional appropriation to fully fund the position is on the agenda.

Adjournment

Daniel Elliott 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