

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, PAUL PRATHER, VICKIE KIVETT, DAVE ZOLLER, KIM MERIDETH, DAN ELLIOTT, AND VIRGINIA PERRY. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; AND ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kim Merideth*)

Additional:

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$15,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-135-4121 (Extra Help). Mr. Rogers stated that there have been several hospital trips for inmates that require extra personnel. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

Additional:

- *Sheriff*

Dan Bastin stated that there is a \$18,227 reduction on the agenda for Superior Court III in Account #1000-139-4113.20 (Second Deputy) and an additional appropriation request of \$18,227 for Magistrate Court into Account #1000-143-4113.20 (Second Deputy). Mr. Bastin stated that this is a follow up to an action that was taken earlier to reduce second deputy positions in Superior Court III. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the appropriation reduction for Superior Court III. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$18,227 for Magistrate Court. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Jail*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, requested an additional appropriation of \$5,599 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-000-4442.10 Courthouse Brickwork. Mr. Voyles stated that funds were approved for this project at budget time, but they are short by this amount. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0. Bryan Collier thanked the Commissioners for keeping the Courthouse looking nice.

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1 and August 21, 2017 meetings. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0. (Daniel Elliott was absent.)

2018 Budget Adoption

Rod Bray stated that there have been some changes to the Interlocal Agreement that the Council approved at an earlier meeting. The City of Martinsville approved the agreement at their meeting last week. Mr. Bray handed out the updated version for review. Mr. Bray stated that there are two paragraphs that changed, Section 4 and Section 8. The levy won't change, the city will pay the county for the cost of the employees (\$544,305 in 2018 and a 5% increase each year thereafter), and all employees will become county employees. This will put the entire department under the control of the county. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Hearing – 2018 Budgets

Dan Bastin handed out budget information (see attached) for the Morgan County budget and the four units of government that are classified as binding. Mr. Bastin stated that is taxing unit is considered a binding unit if the board that governs the unit is comprised of individuals that are not elected. Binding units must be approved by the fiscal body of the unit that appointed the board or authorized the establishment of the taxing unit.

Bryan Collier opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the Morgan County budget. There was no response.

Mr. Collier asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the Solid Waste budget. There was no response.

Mr. Collier asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the Harrison Township Fire Protection District budget. There was no response.

Mr. Collier asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the Monroe Township Fire Protection District budget. Mike Wagoner, Chairman of the Board, stated that in the past, the Council has provided \$20,000 in LOIT funds. They applied for 2017, but have not received anything. Mr. Wagoner stated that this is approximately 10% of their budget. Bryan Collier stated that since the county took over emergency medical service county wide, the Council did not distribute any funds. Dan Bastin stated that by statute, each fire department may request the funds each year and the Council has the authority to grant or deny the request. Vickie Kivett asked that a letter be sent out to the fire departments to inform them that no money would be distributed to the fire departments from the LOIT (now LIT) Fund. Mr. Bastin stated that the Council would need to take action on this before a letter could be sent, and they would have to do this every year. Vickie Kivett made a motion that the Council not distribute funds to the fire departments for 2017 or 2018. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

Bryan Collier asked if there was anyone present who would like to speak regarding the Upper Wildwood Conservancy District. There was no response.

Review of DLGF's 2018 Maximum Levies

Dan Bastin stated that by statute, it is required that the Council review the maximum levies that have been calculated by DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) (see attached) and to review the effect of Circuit Breaker Credits for all taxing units. Paul Prather made a motion that they have reviewed the 2018 maximum levies for all taxing units in Morgan County and that they remain within the maximum levy. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

EMS

Donnie Warren, EMS Director, was present to inform the Council that at 8:05 am on September 11, 2017, the first two ambulances for Morgan County EMS went live in service. There are five ALS and one BLS ambulance in service. Bryan Collier stated that he is ecstatic to have ambulance service for the citizens of Morgan County.

Adjournment

Kim Merideth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 6-0.

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Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Merideth

Virginia Perry

ATTEST:
