

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, 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. PAUL PRATHER WAS ABSENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the October 3, 2017 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0. (Paul Prather was absent.)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Superior I*

Judge Pete Foley, Morgan County Superior I, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$101,230 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-140-4376.10 (Pauper Monthly Contracts). Judge Foley stated that the Board of Judges is requesting a fourth quarter appropriation to fund the seven criminal public defender contracts for the balance of the year. The contracts are based on 105 cases per year; once a public defender reaches that total, then every case thereafter is at the per diem rate. As of September 30, 2017, there were 743 public defender appointments under the seven contracts. This exceeds the contract limit by eight cases. The Board of Judges would like to increase the contracts to eight for 2018. The amount for this was not requested for the 2018 budget. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$101,230. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

The Council agreed to the additional contract for 2018, but they would not be able to act on an additional appropriation until the February meeting.

- *Superior Court II*

Judge Brian Williams, Superior Court II, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$1,200 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-145-4315 (Prof Svc/Interpreters). Judge Williams stated that there is a case coming up in December and the cost for that interpreter will probably be close to \$6,000. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Convention, Visitors & Tourism Commission*

Tosha Daugherty, representing Morgan County Convention, Visitors & Tourism Commission, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$128,000 from the Convention, Visitors & Tourism Promotion Fund (1127) into Account #1127-000-4300 (Morgan County Convention, Visitors & Tourism Commission). These funds will be used for the 2018 operating costs. Vickie Kivett stated that she would like Ms. Daugherty appear twice a year to update the Council on the progress the Commission is making. Ms. Daugherty gave an update on the activities of the Commission so far this year. Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Public Safety Dispatch*

Scott Hamilton, Public Safety Dispatch Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$57,000 from the Statewide 911 Fund (1222) into Account #1222-000-4117.10 (Dispatchers). Mr. Hamilton stated that one of the city dispatchers left at the beginning of the year and another one left in July. Per the Interlocal Agreement, they have been replaced with county employees. Dan Bastin stated that this money is coming from the City of Martinsville, the Council needs to appropriate it. Vickie Kivett made a motion to appropriate \$57,000 per the request. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Court Services*

Brian Foley, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$4,000 from the Supplemental Adult Probation Services Fund (2100) into Account #2100-000-4311 (Drug Screening). Mr. Foley stated that these funds are collected from the client. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfers:

• *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Board of Commissioners President, was present to request a transfer of \$190,000 from Account #1000-133-4231 (Prisoner Meals) to Account #1000-133-4317.50 (Food Services Contract). The county entered into a contract with Aramark to provide inmate meals and this transfer will allow the county to pay these invoices. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Meredith. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Voyles also requested a transfer of \$60,000 from Account #1000-133-4342 (Insurance) into Account #1000-133-4441 (Equipment/Furniture) for upgrades to the Courthouse, Annex, and Administration Building security systems. Security Automation Systems provided a quote for \$58,420 for this update, including the installation of panic buttons. This amount could vary depending upon the final count for the panic buttons and whether some cameras are compatible with the upgraded system. Daniel Elliott made a motion to transfer \$60,000 as requested. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

• *EMS*

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, was present to request a transfer as follows:

\$18,000 from Account #1151-000-4325 (Claims Collection Fee)
27,000 from 1151-000-4342 (Insurance)

\$15,000 into Account #1151-000-4220 (Ambulance Supplies)
18,000 into Account #1151-000-4271 (Uniforms)
12,000 into Account #1151-000-4441 (Equipment/Furniture)

Mr. Warren stated that these funds will be used to purchase winter uniforms, high visibility safety equipment, and appliances. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer as requested. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Warren stated that they have received over \$67,000 in payments from Ambulance Billing Service; year-to-date \$338,000 has been collected and this does not reflect the ALS ambulance service. Bryan Collier encouraged Mr. Warren to come up with a plan to rotate ambulance replacement. Mr. Warren stated that they have done that.

2017 Salary Ordinance Amendment

Dan Bastin stated that the Council needs to establish a pay rate of \$17.28 per hour for on-call paramedics. Kim Meredith made a motion to adopt the Salary Ordinance amendment of \$17.28 per hour for on-call paramedics. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Meredith. Motion carried 6-0.

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Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Meredith

Virginia Perry

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor