

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*Dave Zoller*)

PRAYER (*Paul Prather*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the December 19, 2016 and January 3, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Redevelopment Commission*

Daniel Elliott requested an additional appropriation of \$698,440.42 from the Local Income Tax (LIT) Economic Development Fund (1112) into Account #112-000-4392 (Waverly Park Development). Mr. Elliott stated that last year, the Council agreed to appropriate \$1 million in an effort to save interest costs for the Redevelopment Commission. These funds were used for development of the Waverly Park and there is a Memorandum of Understanding for this transaction. Not all of the funds were spent in 2016 and the Redevelopment Commission would like to appropriate the remaining funds. Bryan Collier mentioned that “quality of place” items such as park systems are taken into consideration when businesses are looking into areas to locate. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Dave Zoller. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Court Services*

Dan Bastin stated that the Supplemental Adult Probation Fund (2100) additional appropriation request of \$45,759 into Account #2100-000-4111.10 (Adult Probation Officer) and \$37,832 into Account #2100-000-4111-70 (Adult Probation Officer) is a correction to the 2017 budget. The budget was initially reduced because it appeared that there would be insufficient revenue to fund these items, but it has now been determined that the revenue estimate was incorrect. This additional puts the 2017 budget on equal standing with the 2016 budget. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Convention, Visitors & Tourism Bureau*

Tosha Daugherty, representing Morgan County Convention, Visitors & Tourism Commission, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$20,000 from the Convention, Visitors & Tourism Promotion Fund (1127) into Account #1127-000-4300 (Morgan County Convention, Visitors & Tourism Commission). Ms. Daugherty stated that these funds would be used for the TED (Tourism Enhancement and Development) Grant Fund. They have awarded money from this fund to Link Observatory, Rediscover Martinsville, Depot Theater, and Martinsville Parks for projects that would enhance a visitor experience, or would help develop a new visitor experience. Virginia Perry made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Daugherty reviewed the results of the 2015 economic impact study that showed that visitor spending was up in Morgan County.

Transfers:

- *Surveyor*

Erick Kivett, Morgan County Surveyor’s Office, was present to request a transfer of \$1,000 from Acct #1000-106-4211 (Supplies) to 1000-106-4400 (Office Equipment). Mr. Kivett stated that this transfer will be used to pay for a cordless phone (\$99.89) and a new desk for the surveyor. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Prosecutor*

Robert Cline, Morgan County Prosecutor's Office, was present to request the following transfers: \$500 from Acct #1000-108-4331 (Printing), \$25 from Acct #1000-108-4398 (Dues), and \$838 from Acct #1000-108-4363 (Maintenance/Repair) to \$1,363 Acct #1000-108-4451 (Law Books). Mr. Cline stated that these books are the court rules and "Millers" evidence books. Dave Zoller made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Park & Recreation Board*

Joe Tutterrow sent a letter requesting a transfer of \$3,000 from Acct #1000-149-4361 (Contractual Services) to Acct #1000-11149-4400 (Equipment & Furniture). Dan Bastin stated that this transfer is to pay for work done to rebuild a mower engine as opposed to paying \$14,000 for a new mower. Mr. Tutterrow was out of town and not able to attend the meeting. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Bryan Collier noted that the Council normally requests that the department head or office holder be present at the meeting in case there are questions. Paul Prather stated that he did not want to start allowing departments to request additional or transfers without being present for the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

EMS Director

Ryan Goodwin, Morgan County Commissioner, stated that the levy appeal for the ALS ambulance service was granted and thanked the Council, Auditor, and Donnie Warren (EMA Director) for making a strong appeal. Mr. Goodwin stated that the number one priority at this point is to make sure that the search for a director is off to a good start. This position will be advertised across multiple trade associations, including those outside the state of Indiana. In advertising a job description, it would be in everyone's best interest to have a salary range. Mr. Goodwin asked for a consensus from the Council on a salary range that could be used for purposes of advertising for the position. A median salary for an EMS director in Indiana is \$59,500. Mr. Goodwin asked that they keep in mind the compensation level of other agency heads (i.e. jail commander, 911 director). The consensus from the Board of Commissioners was to offer a salary range of \$52,000 to \$65,000. Mr. Goodwin stated that for the right candidate, it could be possible that relocation expenses might be needed. After discussing benefits, skill levels, and overtime, the Council came to a consensus to offer a salary range of \$52,000 to \$65,000 for advertising purposes.

Mr. Warren stated that he would like to form a hiring committee consisting of Donnie Warren, EMA Director; Dr. Robert Austgen, Medical Director; two Commissioners, and the Council President. Daniel Elliott stated that he felt it would be appropriate to have two additional members of the Council on the committee.

Mr. Warren would like to take advantage of a national purchasing partnership in order to purchase large items through bids that are already in place.

EMA Chief of Training

Mr. Warren stated that he would like to add a Chief of Training who would act as an education coordinator and liaison between EMA, EMS, fire departments, and the county. The individual he has in mind has 40 years of experience in EMS. This would be a part time position, no more than 24 hours a week and not to exceed \$9,048 per year. The Council agreed that they would not be able to act on this item until an additional appropriation was advertised for next month.

Budget Reduction

Dan Bastin stated that there are some appropriation reductions for the prosecutors General Fund budget and ADAPT department that are necessary because the items on the proposed Appropriation Reduction Ordinance are budgeted in two different places. Mr. Bastin handed out information regarding the accounts. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the appropriation reduction. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Economic Development Corporation Update

Daniel Elliott stated that he received an email from Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Director, stating that the Mount Olive real estate tax abatement process is underway for a \$1.5 million expansion. They are proposing to add 35,000 sq. ft. of production space and 10 jobs. The EDC has been working with Banning Engineering to develop documentation on the Hauck property, which is 85 acres located west of Flagstaff Business Park on Bethel Road. There is also increased interest in Martinsville for small business development,

and they are working on a significant business retention expansion project with an existing Morgan County major employer.

Comment

Teresa Aytes stated that there has been an issue with the dam at Rolling Vista Estates for two years. A tube to drain water was been installed, but nothing else has been done for two years. Donnie Warren stated that he has spoken to officials at DNR but has not been able to get much information other than they have done studies on the dam, took core samples in October, and Holloway Engineering has been contracted to engineer the repairs. Rod Bray stated that the Morgan County Council does not have any jurisdiction over the dam and the Board of Commissioners are limited in what they can do. The Drainage Board and Morgan County Surveyor might be able to help, but jurisdiction really lies with DNR. Mr. Bray asked to speak with Ms. Aytes after the meeting.

2017 Budget

Dan Bastin stated that the 2017 budget has not been officially approved by the state, but they have issued a 1782 Notice, which is a notice from the Department of Local Government Finance that indicates what they intend to approve. Mr. Bastin handed out information showing the 2012 through 2017 budgets, tax levies, and tax rates. Mr. Bastin handed out budgetary financial statements and pointed out that there was an amendment to the local income tax law and the former titles of CAGIT, LOIT, and CEDIT are now LIT (Local Income Tax). LIT ordinances will be adopted later in the year.

Adjournment

Paul Prather 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