

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

Additional:

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Jail Commander, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$15,000 from the Local Income Tax Public Safety Fund (1170) into Account #1170-000-4122 (Overtime). Mr. Rogers stated that 10 staff members are paid from the Public Safety Fund and the rest are paid from the General Fund. Most of the overtime is due to hospital coverage. In the past 180 days there have been 49 inmates that required hospitalization. Dave Zoller made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as requested. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0. (Paul Prather was late.)

Transfer:

- *Jail*

Mr. Rogers requested a transfer of \$8,000 from Acct #1000-135-4365 (Youth Care Manager) into Acct #1000-135-4122 (Overtime). Mr. Rogers stated that they are having a hard time finding a part time person for the Youth Care Manager so they are using jail staff to transport juveniles. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

Additional:

- *Commissioners*

Bryan Collier noted that this additional appropriation request of \$287,000 was requested from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138), Rainy Day Fund (1186), and Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191). Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, stated that the Board of Commissioners was approached by the Sheriff regarding the possibility of purchasing two lots on the corner of Morgan Street and Park Avenue. The Board obtained appraisals and after negotiations, an offer of \$285,000 was accepted by the seller pending approval of the funds by the Council. After discussion about the merits of each fund, Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Real Estate Purchase Ordinance

Rod Bray stated that before the Board of Commissioners can close on a property purchase, the Council must approve it by ordinance. Mr. Bray stated that the ordinance states that the Board obtained two appraisals, the purchase price is less than the average of the two appraisals, includes the purchase agreement, and sets out that the closing expenses are being paid by the seller. Virginia Perry stated that she was comfortable with the document and relied upon legal counsel. Dave Zoller asked if the current tenants would continue to occupy the building. Mr. Bray stated that this would be a decision of the Commissioners. Vickie Kivett made a motion to sign the ordinance. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *EMS*

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, requested a transfer of \$103,000 from Acct #1151-000-4165.30 (Paramedic) into the following accounts:

\$50,000 into Acct #1151-000-4365 (Maintenance/Repair)

43,000 into Acct #1151-000-4443.10 (Computers)

10,000 into Acct #1151-000-4444 (Director's Vehicle)

Mr. Warren stated that the former Gregg Township ambulance requires \$25,000 in repairs. This cost includes a new engine, new transmission, and three-year warranty. The former Paragon

ambulance is in the shop for brakes and a tie rod. Mr. Warren does not have the estimate for this yet.

Mr. Warren stated that the ambulance billing service provided computers and they are having problems with them. He budgeted for computers for next year, but since they are having issues, he thought it would be better to purchase them now. Vickie Kivett stated that this should fall back on the billing company if the contract states that they are to provide computers. Mr. Warren stated that he would look into that or getting a reduced rate if they don't provide the computer, but he did not think they would provide a better computer. Paul Prather mentioned his concern about different departments using different computers and issues with software compatibility. Ms. Kivett asked if this purchase should come before the Data Board. Daniel Elliott stated that they are meeting next week. Vickie Kivett made a motion to table the transfer of \$43,000 to the next regular Council meeting and to post the Data Board meeting. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Ms. Kivett amended her motion to request that the contract and options be presented at the next meeting. Amended motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Warren stated that due to an oversight, he did not include the expense for lights/sirens in his request for a Director's vehicle. The estimate for this is \$5,800. The \$10,000 request also includes an insert in the back of the vehicle to store equipment.

Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve a transfer of \$60,000 from Account #1151-000-4165.30 (Paramedic) as follows: \$50,000 into Acct #1151-000-4365 (Maintenance/Repair) and \$10,000 into Acct #1151-000-4444 (Director's Vehicle). Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Warren presented a quote from Lowes for appliances for the ambulance stations. Mr. Warren stated that he just wanted to keep the Council informed. IFD (Indianapolis Fire Department) has donated 10 mattresses and box springs out of their surplus. Each individual will provide their own bedding. He is obtaining quotes for any needed construction at the stations.

Superior Court II

There were no representatives from Superior Court II to present an additional appropriation request. No action taken.

Personnel Policy Amendment

Rod Bray stated that the Commissioners and Council both need to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policy. This amendment makes a change to the Personnel Policy as it pertains to conflicts of interest. The amendment does not change the current policy, it just adds to it. The amendment states that officers or employees of the county cannot ask for or receive gifts valued at \$250 or more from engineering firms or anyone doing business or wanting to do business with the county. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional:

- *Planning Commission / Surveyor*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$37,400 from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) into Account #1191-000-4315 (White River Stream Assessment). Mr. Hale stated that there have been fluvial erosion changes in the White River at the Blue Bluff Bridge. Mr. Hale introduced Siavash Beik with Christopher Burke Engineering. Mr. Hale showed aerial photographs of the area in 2005 and 2016 to show the changes in the river and a bridge abutment that the river is eroding. Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, stated that there are high tension power lines in the area that IPL has moved and there is another one that is in danger. There is a cut at State Road 144 that will soon impact that bridge; and south of Martinsville the river is threatening a gravel pit. Mr. Hale stated that Burke Engineering has already done a study in Hendricks County. Mr. Brock stated that the study will pinpoint areas to work on and the options to help fix the areas. There are grants through the state that could help find funding for the fixes. The county is not responsible for the repairs, but Mr. Brock felt that if they could find the funding, then they should help the residents. IPL will be taking down the dam and it is unknown at this time how that will affect the river below the dam. Mr. Beik stated that this would be a two-phase study; a detailed assessment of a four-mile area, and a listing of what other areas should be watched.

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes

Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the July 5, 2017 minutes and July 5, 2017 joint meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

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