

**THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024 AT 9:30 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE BRYAN COLLIER, DON ADAMS, AND KENNY HALE. LINDA PRUITT, COUNTY AUDITOR AND DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE

PRAYER – *Don Adams*

**REORGANIZATION**

Kenny Hale made a motion to nominate Don Adams as Chairman and Bryan Collier as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**CLAIMS**

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the December 8 and 22, 2023 payroll claims of \$774,883.49 and \$729,402.41; December 15 Longevity \$202,500.00; PERF \$68,228.44, and \$64,899.45; 12/15 \$20,865.60; FICA \$56,650.01 and \$53,159.72; 12/15 \$15,491.25; and monthly claims of \$1,698,620.63. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**TREASURER’S REPORT/CLERK’S REPORT**

Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**GRANT APPLICATION – EMA**

Kenny Hale stated that the application for a \$200,000 HMGP 4704 grant through FEMA can only be used for mitigation for the April 2023 tornados or preparedness activities for tornado/wind events. The funds will be used to provide window reinforcements in schools throughout the county and a public education program for students. EMA will be able to convert this program to a community education initiative and provide approximately 2000 weather radios to families in the county. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the grant application. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Kenny Hale noted that since this is an HMGP Grant, it would be a 75/25% split; the county would be responsible for 25% of the costs, which could be an in-kind match. Motion carried 3-0.

**ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

Bryan Collier stated that this agreement with Paganelli Law was mentioned at the previous meeting, but the agreement was not signed. Kenny Hale made a motion to approve the engagement letter. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 3-0.

**TAKE-HOME VEHICLE APPLICATION**

Abby Worth, Morgan County EMA Director, stated that this request for a take-home vehicle is for the deputy director. EMA has two vehicles and this would allow the use of the second vehicle as a take-home vehicle. Bryan Collier made a motion to approve the application. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTY**

Bryan Collier stated that he is involved in county government because he wanted to be involved in the community and he wanted to make decisions as a parent that would want to make the next generation come back. Mr. Collier stated that he had one of the greatest compliments occur from his daughter Breanna; she is a world traveler (France, Italy, Spain, England as well as Washington State and New York City) and she stated that after traveling everywhere, she is very happy to come back to this little community; “It’s not that bad.” Mr. Collier thanked the citizens of Morgan County for allowing him the opportunity to make decisions that hopefully influence the next generation to want to come back home.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bryan Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 3-0.

Morgan County Board of Commissioners

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Don Adams

Attest:

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Bryan A. Collier

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Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Kenny Hale