

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, TROY SPRINKLE, JASON MAXWELL, CHIP KELLER, MELISSA GREENE AND BRIAN CULP. ALSO PRESENT WERE; LINDA PRUITT, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the November 8, 2023 minutes. Motion seconded by Brian Culp. Motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer's Report/Clerk's Report

Vickie Kivett made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Clerk's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Budget Reduction:

Linda Pruitt stated that the PSAP Operating Fund (4914) is being brought down by \$6,339.80 so the fund is not over-encumbered. Dan Bastin, Auditor's Office, stated that there is no property tax rate on this fund going forward and next year this fund and the PSAP Personnel Fund will be declared dormant and whatever cash balance is in these funds will be transferred to the LIT PSAP Fund. Melissa Greene made a motion to reduce the fund as presented. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

• *Commissioners*

Josh Messmer requested a transfer of \$109,212.90 from Acct #1000.34200.000.0068 (Insurance) to Acct #1000.16530.000.0068 (Workers Comp). Mr. Messmer stated that there was a shortfall in Workers Comp. When the county switched back to Travelers from Liberty Mutual, there was a substantial savings over what was budgeted and this transfer would allow the Commissioner budget to cover the increase in Workers Compensation for all departments. There were two audits because Liberty was a year behind. The audit process is caught up now and the premium has been adjusted. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

• *Jury Administrator*

Julie Payne, Morgan County Jury Commissioner, was present to request a transfer of \$1,200 from Acct #1000.36100.000.0275 (Contractual Service) to Acct #1000.21100.000.0275 (Office Supplies). Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Brian Culp. Motion carried 7-0.

• *Building & Grounds Maintenance*

Josh Messmer stated that the Maintenance Director is on vacation so he would cover the transfer request of \$3,941 from Acct #1000.36300.000.0161 (Repair & Maint) to Acct #1999.40000.000.0161 (Equipment). This transfer request relates to the cost that is split between departments for an AM transmitter that will be used to broadcast messages during the solar eclipse. There was some prep work before the transmitter could be installed. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

• *EMA*

Abby Worth, EMA Director, was present to request a transfer of \$17,804 into Acct #1000.400000.000.0361 (Equipment Capital) from the following funds:

- \$719 from Acct#1000.32300.000.0361 (Travel & Lodging)
- \$500 from Acct#1000.32200.000.0361 (Postage)
- \$500 from Acct#1000.33200.000.0361 (Legal Notice/Advertising)
- \$485 from Acct#1000.36201.000.0361 (Membership Dues)
- \$1,000 from Acct#1000.39500.000.0361 (EMA Instruction/Education)
- \$1,800 from Acct#1000.22111.000.0361 (Gas, Oil & Tires)
- \$2,800 from Acct#1000.22200.000.0361 (Supplies Operating)

\$10,000 from Acct#1000.23300.000.0361 (Repair/Maint Supplies)

These funds will be used to purchase a drone that will be used for fire investigations, missing persons, aerial observations during large scale gatherings, dam and damage assessments, etc. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Parks & Recreation*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request a transfer of \$67,000 into Acct #1112.40000.000.0803 (Equipment) from the following funds:

\$18,000 from Acct #1112.23300.000.0803 (Supplies Repair & Maint)
\$14,000 from Acct #1112.37300.000.0803 (Communication/Internet)
\$35,000 from Acct #1112.36100.000.0803 (Contractual Service)

Mr. Hale stated that this will be used for a clam bucket for the toolcat that will be used to pick up tree branches, brush and logs at the parks; a Grasshopper mower; a dump trailer and playground equipment. Jason Maxwell made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Brian Culp. Motion carried 7-0.

- *EMS*

Brent Worth, EMS Director, was present to request a transfer of \$176,600 into Acct #1151.49002.000.0000 (Ambulance) from the following funds:

\$40,200 from Acct#1151.16550.000.0000 (HSA Contributions)
\$70,000 from Acct#1151.22000.000.0000 (Ambulance Supplies)
\$12,000 from Acct#1151.23300.000.0000 (Supplies – Repair/Maint)
\$8,700 from Acct#1151.27100.000.0000 (Uniforms)
\$4,300 from Acct#1151.31103.000.0000 (Drug Screen)
\$4,300 from Acct#1151.32300.000.0000 (Travel & Lodging)
\$6,500 from Acct#1151.33100.000.0000 (Printing/Advertising)
\$17,900 from Acct#1151.39101.000.0000 (Interlocal Agreement)
\$12,700 from Acct #1151.39500.000.0000 (Instruction/Education)

Mr. Worth stated that they have cut back on spending in anticipation of purchasing an ambulance and \$200,000 was approved at budget time for a remounted ambulance. However, most of the boxes on the ambulances are Medix boxes and due to structural integrity, they can only be remounted one time. The Horton or Braun box can go on the truck chassis and get remounted over and over again. They would like to do this rather than remounting the Medix box that could cause problems. This surplus would be encumbered in an effort to purchase a new ambulance for a long-term strategy. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Worth requested a transfer of \$40,000 from Acct #1151.22111.000.0000 (Gas, Oil Tires) into Acct #1151.40000.000.0000 (Equipment). Mr. Worth stated that this transfer will be used to correct a negative balance and to purchase advanced airway equipment, IV pumps and update mattresses. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the transfer as outlined. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Health Department*

Linda Pruitt stated that this transfer for the Health Department regards a health funding grant. Since the Office Manager position in the Health Department is vacant, the Auditor's Office has worked with the Health Department staff in coming up with the following transfer of \$42,126.60 into Acct #8951.36100.000.0000 (Contractual Services):

\$20,310.64 from Acct#8951.11510.000.0000 (Part Time RN)
\$1,301.71 from Acct#8951.11515.000.0000 (Part Time LPN)
\$4,577.11 from Acct#8951.16510.000.0000 (FICA)
\$865.56 from Acct#8951.16530.000.0000 (Workers Comp)
\$747.11 from Acct#8951.21100.000.0000 (Supplies-Office)
\$109.25 from Acct#8951.21300.000.0000 (Clinic Supplies)
\$1,788.44 from Acct#8951.22200.000.0000 (Supplies- Operating)
\$12,161.45 from Acct#8951.23501.000.0000 (Incentive & Other Supplies)
\$265.33 from Acct #8951.44300.000.0000 (Computer Software)

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer as listed. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

Job Maintenance Committee – Prosecutor Request

Steve Sonnega, Morgan County Prosecutor, was present to request an increase for an investigator position. Mr. Sonnega stated that they are losing an employee to the Sheriff's Office. The salary is \$50,000 and in order to attract a person that understands the law, they need someone with a lot of experience. They have an open position for a second investigator that they have not been able to fill and Daree Fry, HR Director suggested making that a part time position and increasing the pay for the investigator. Mr. Sonnega stated that he would like this position to be paid in line with other investigator positions in the county. Vickie Kivett stated that the Job Maintenance Committee met to discuss this and approved the request. The funding in the budget is \$90,000. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

2024 Council Meeting Schedule

Kim Merideth stated that the proposed schedule has one conflict on September 9th. The Plan Commission is meeting that night. Ms. Merideth suggested meeting September 10th instead.


Other Business

Erick Kivett stated that there is now a temporary solution to the recycling issue. The Fair Board has approved using the fairgrounds in front of the caretaker house. This will be available for a few weeks. Mr. Kivett will be on site most of the time and there will be cameras. Josh Messmer stated that they worked with EMA and 911 Dispatch and the ERT (Emergency Response Team) and they will put up portable towers and install cameras. Best Way is providing the bins and they will be sharing the information on social media. Mr. Messmer stated that Charlie Wilson, the former interim superintendent at the Highway Department suggested the idea and everyone worked together to make it happen.

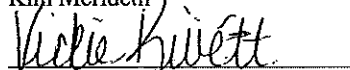
Adjournment

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

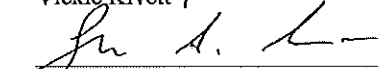
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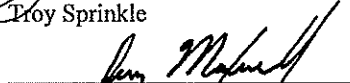
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ATTEST:



Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor