

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, TROY SPRINKLE, JASON MAXWELL, AND CHIP KELLER. MELISSA GREENE AND BRIAN CULP WERE ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WERE; LINDA PRUITT, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; KERSTIN WOODARD, RECORDING SECRETARY; ANNE COWGUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY; AND JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the April 1, 2024 minutes. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports: Treasurer/Clerk/Financial/Commissary

Kim Merideth acknowledged receipt of the following reports: Treasurer, Clerk, financial and commissary.

Additional Appropriation:

• *Highway*

Justin Schneck, Morgan County Highway Department Engineer, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$371,324.35 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund (1135) into Acct #1135.36100.000.0000 (Contractual Services). Mr. Schneck stated that this is the balance in the fund, which was eliminated. They would like to appropriate the balance into contractual services so they can use it on the small structure design for a small structure on Leonard Road. The design costs are approximately \$225,000. The upcoming Community Crossings grant application (in July) which will entail preventative maintenance for 19 bridges across the county beforehand, will total \$123,000. Vickie Kivett asked what preventative maintenance would include. Mr. Schneck stated that a lot of the county bridges are adjacent box beam and there is no deck or wearing surface over the top of them and weather elements pile on top and into the joints. The water gets into the joints and shortens the lifespan of the bridge so they put a waterproof membrane over the box beams and then asphalt over that to prolong the life of the bridge. They will be doing this on 18 of the bridges and a more in-depth rehab on the 19th one. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfers:

• *Highway*

Mr. Schneck requested a transfer of \$39,530 from Acct #1173.49100.000.0529 (Small Structure Replacement) into Acct #1173.36100.000.0529 (Contractual Services). The existing line item is used to purchase capital outlay such as assets and they feel this money is best used for a contractual service. The funds were used to replace a liner that was rotting out. This is a cost savings to the county because they don't have to dig up the roadway, replace backfill, etc. Jason Maxwell made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 5-0.

• *Recycling*

Josh Messmer requested a transfer of \$300,000 from Acct #8950.39006.000.0068 (Insurance) into Acct #8950.40003.000.0068 (Land Purchase). Mr. Messmer stated that this was discussed at the previous meeting as a possible additional appropriation for the purchase of property for recycling and it was determined that an additional appropriation was not needed because the funds were already available, they just needed to be transferred. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Messmer stated that he is waiting on the environmental report to come back and they will give the tenant time to move. The next step is to close and take possession. Once that is complete, the county will start the process for an RFPQ (Request for Proposals/Qualifications) for a BOT (Build Operate Transfer). The plan is for a recycling center and EMS facility. There is also a need for a salt barn off of bottom road as another project.

Salary Ordinance Amendment

Linda Pruitt stated that they cleared up several items on the Salary Ordinance at the previous meeting, but one position was changed at the last minute and was overlooked. The Prosecutor's Office has an investigator position that was changed late last year and was put on the same matrix as the Sheriff's Department. This change does not result in any additional monies. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 5-0.

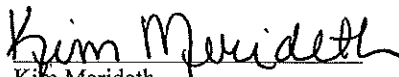
Job Maintenance Committee

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, stated that the Job Maintenance Committee met to review the EMA Deputy Director and Administrative Assistant job descriptions. This resulted in a classification change and would become effective January 1, 2025. There will also be other changes that will be effective January 1, 2015 and Ms. Fry will present them all at once when they are complete.

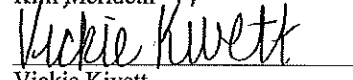
Adjournment

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 5-0.

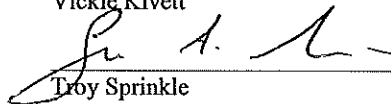
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Kim Merideth




Vickie Kivett



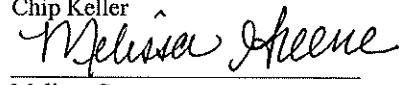
Troy Sprinkle



Jason Maxwell



Chip Keller




Melissa Greene



Brian Culp

ATTEST:



Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor