

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Treasurer's Report/Clerk's Report

Kim Merideth recognized the May Treasurer's Report and Clerk's Report.

Minutes

Melissa Greene made a motion to approve the May 21 and June 2, 2025 minutes. Motion seconded by Joe Crone. Motion carried 7-0.

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the May 27, 2025 Joint Commissioner/Council minutes. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

• *Health Department*

Tricia Runningen, Morgan County Health Department Director, requested an additional appropriation as follows from the Local Public Health Services Fund (1161):

\$30,500.00	1161.11505.00000.0000 NURSES
\$ 3,500.00	1161.16500.00000.0000 PERF
\$ 2,500.00	1161.16510.00000.0000 FICA
\$ 300.00	1161.16540.00000.0000 GROUP INSURANCE PPO
\$29,807.61	1161.36100.00000.0000 CONTRACTUAL SERVICES
\$66,607.61	Total

These are carry-over funds that must be spent down. They are losing the immunization grant and the funds will be used for the remainder of the year for a full-time nurse. The remaining funds will be used for contractual services with community partnerships. There are other salaries funded through grants. Ms. Runningen stated that there are 10 funds that payroll comes out of and she will send the Council a spreadsheet. The Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Assistant funding is being used to fund the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator position because they are not rehiring for the assistant position. They are moving the coordinator position from Health First Indiana to PHEP. All three full time nurse positions are in the Health First Indiana Fund. Brian Culp made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

• *Sheriff*

Sheriff Rich Myers was present to request an additional appropriation of \$1,177.00 from the SWAT Donation Fund (4105) into Acct #4105.40000.0000.0000 (Equipment). Sheriff Myers stated that they received this donation in order to purchase a drone. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

• *911 Dispatch*

Zach Worth, Morgan County Dispatch Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$5,354.58 from the PSAP Operating Fund (4914) to Acct #4914.31508.0000.0000 (Contractual Service). The fund is no longer in use, but has a balance. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Brian Culp. Motion carried 7-0.

• *Morgan County Substance Abuse Council*

Barbara Dinwiddie, Morgan County Substance Abuse Council Executive Director, was present to request an additional appropriation from the Drug Free Community Fund (1148) as follows:

\$11,619.43	1148.32110.00000.0000 MCSAC CONTRACT SALARIES
\$11,621.00	1148.35810.00000.0000 MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
	JOINT TASK FORCE

\$ 2,000.00	1148.35840.00000.0000 WELLSPRING
\$ 4,580.00	1148.36105.00000.0000 MARTINSVILLE YOUTH DEV CENTER
\$ 5,547.00	1148.35870.00000.0000 CHURCHES IN MISSION
\$ 1,494.00	1148.34620.00000.0000 MOORESVILLE PASS PROGRAM
\$ 2,000.00	1148.35850.00000.0000 YOUTH FIRST
\$ 750.00	1148.35330.00000.0000 HOPE RECOVERY COLLABORATIVE
<u>\$ 6,871.00</u>	1148.35820.00000.0000 STABILITY FIRST
\$46,482.43	TOTAL DRUG FREE COMMUNITY (1148)

Ms. Dinwiddie stated that these are counter-measure funds that are collected and redistributed through a grant process. This year they collected just over \$46,000. They received \$105,000 worth of applications. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

• *Weights & Measures*

Kim Merideth stated that Weights & Measures Director, Scotty Manley, could not attend the meeting. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the requested transfer of \$78.97 from Acct #1000.22111.00000.0308 (Gas, Oil & Tires) to Acct #1000.40000.00000.0308 (Equipment). Motion seconded by Joe Crone. Motion carried 7-0.

• *EMS*

Brent Worth, EMS Director, stated that they have a remounted ambulance that is extremely heavy mounted on a gasoline engine and it does not have the torque to handle the terrain in the county. The vehicle has 13,000 miles on it and they would like to trade it in and obtain a more appropriate vehicle. Mr. Worth requested the following transfer:

\$ 30,000 from Acct #1151.22000.00000.0000 (Ambulance Supplies)
\$ 35,000 from Acct #1151.22111.00000.0000 (Gas, Oil & Tires)
\$ 10,000 from Acct #1151.24400.00000.0000 (Supplies – Training)
\$ 10,000 from Acct #1151.32501.00000.0000 (Claims – Collections)
\$ 10,000 from Acct #1151.36102.00000.0000 (Other Services)
<u>\$ 40,000</u> from Acct #1151.36400.00000.0000 (Vehicle Maintenance)
\$135,000

To:

Acct #1151.49002.00000.0000 (Ambulance Lease/Purchase)

Melissa Greene made a motion to approve the transfer as listed. Motion seconded by Brian Culp. Motion carried 7-0.

Salary Ordinance Amendment

Linda Pruitt stated that this amendment is to add a line for the School Health Liaison position that was approved at the March meeting. Kim Merideth made a motion to create the position on the Salary Ordinance. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 7-0.

2026 Real and Personal Property Tax Abatements

Linda Pruitt stated that the following have applied for abatements are appear to be in compliance:

- Indianapolis Power & Light
- Deckers Outdoor Corporation
- Westpoint Building V, LLC and/or related entities
- Woodland Caribou LLC (including affiliates thereof)

TIF Excess Assessed Value Pass Through

Kim Merideth gave the following list for TIF Excess Assessed Value Passthrough:

- Morgan County Redevelopment Commission
- Mooresville Redevelopment Commission
- Martinsville Redevelopment Commission

Morgan County Wheel Tax/Excise Surtax Estimations Report

Chip Keller stated that he had requested this report before going into budgets as it will be a factor for cities and towns.

Comments

Don Adams, Morgan County Commissioner, stated that he appreciated Council attendance at the Judicial Campus Ribbon Cutting. Mr. Adams stated that it is an exciting time and so many things came together. Mr. Adams stated that the Park Board has been an issue for several years and the Commissioners will be working on an ordinance to establish a board. Indiana Code specifies that there will be two appointments from the Board of Commissioners, two appointments from the Council and an (as yet unnamed) elected official may make an appointment.

Mr. Adams congratulated Tricia Runningen, Morgan County Health Department, on her recognition from the Kendrick Foundation.

Vickie Kivett recognized Lisa MacPhee, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, for her children's work at the Morgan County Fair. Ms. MacPhee reminded everyone of the Farmers Breakfast coming up and noted that the public is invited to attend.

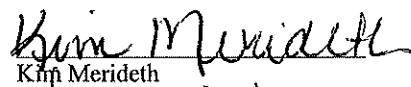
Budget Meetings/Next Meeting

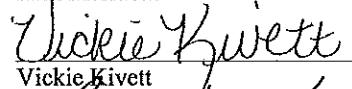
Kim Merideth noted that budget hearings will be August 6th and 7th at 9 am and the Budget Workshop is August 11, 12 and 14 at 9 am.

Adjournment

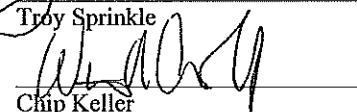
Brian Culp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Joe Crone. Motion carried 7-0.

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Kim Merideth

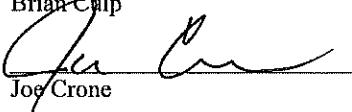

Vickie Kivett


Troy Sprinkle

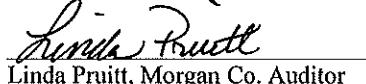

Chip Keller

Melissa Greene


Brian Culp


Joe Crone

ATTEST:


Linda Pruitt, Morgan Co. Auditor