

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 4, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, PAUL PRATHER , KELLY ALCALA, TROY SPRINKLE, JASON MAXWELL AND CHIP KELLER. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Reorganization

Kelly Alcala nominated Kim Merideth as Chairman. Vickie Kivett seconded the nomination. The Council voted 7-0 to elect Kim Merideth as Chairman.

Jason Maxwell nominated Vickie Kivett as Vice Chairman. Chip Keller seconded the nomination. The Council voted 7-0 to elect Vickie Kivett as Vice Chairman.

Appointments

Plan Commission – Paul Prather and Jason Maxwell expressed interest in being appointed to the Plan Commission. Kelly Alcala seconded the nomination for Jason Maxwell. The Council voted 7-0 to appoint Jason Maxwell.

Morgan County Library Board – There was no objection to allowing Mary Krutulis to serve another term on the board.

Local Alcoholic Beverage Board - There was no objection to allowing Patty Dow to serve another term on the board.

Solid Waste District – Jason Maxwell expressed an interest in being appointed to the Solid Waste District. Troy Sprinkle seconded the nomination. The Council voted 7-0 to appoint Jason Maxwell.

Tax Board of Appeals – There was no objection to allowing Sharon Tirey to serve another term on the board.

Economic Development Corporation Board – Vickie Kivett made a motion to reappoint Kelly Alcala. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Group Insurance Board – Chip Keller expressed an interest in being appointed to the Group Insurance Board. Paul Prather seconded the nomination. The Council voted 7-0 to appoint Chip Keller.

Redevelopment Commission – Kim Merideth noted that there are two appointments for this commission. Troy Sprinkle expressed an interest in serving on this commission. Vickie Kivett seconded the nomination. The Council voted 7-0 to appoint Troy Sprinkle. Kim Merideth and Chip Keller expressed interest in being appointed. Paul Prather seconded the nomination for Chip Keller. Troy Sprinkle seconded the nomination for Kim Merideth. The Council voted 5-2 to appoint Kim Merideth. Chip Keller and Paul Prather voted in favor of Chip Keller.

Job Classification Maintenance Committee – Dan Bastin stated that there are three Council appointments for this committee. Kelly Alcala, Troy Sprinkle, Vickie Kivett and Paul Prather express interest in this committee. Vickie Kivett seconded Kelly Alcala's nomination. The Council voted 5-2 for Kelly Alcala. Kelly Alcala seconded Troy Sprinkle's nomination. The Council voted 5-2 for Troy Sprinkle. Jason Maxwell seconded Vickie Kivett's nomination. The Council voted 6-1 for Vickie Kivett. There was no second for Paul Prather's nomination.

Josh Messmer stated that the commission would only meet on an as needed basis.

Minutes

Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle.

2021 Salary Ordinance

Dan Bastin handed out proposed amendments to the 2021 Salary Ordinance. There have been a few corrections for omissions; the Auditor’s Office Payroll Administrator account number was corrected, the part time legal deputy account number was corrected, the Plan Commission Building Inspector account number was corrected, the Maintenance Director salary was corrected, part time corrections officer pay rate of \$19.16 per hour was added to the Maintenance Department, part time investigator was added to the Title IV-D Incentive Fund, instead of the Title IV-D General Fund. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the 2021 Salary Ordinance Amendments. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Kim Merideth stated that there are some nurses in the county that have come forward to help administer the COVID-19 vaccine at a much lesser cost than the contractual employees. Dan Bastin stated that the Salary Ordinance would need to be amended to establish a rate of pay for these four positions. Kim Merideth noted that there is a clerical position at a rate of \$13.57 per hour a COVID LPN at \$21.50, COVID RN at \$28.63 and COVID Medical Assistant at \$13.57. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance Amendment as outlined for the Department of Health Fund. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Bastin stated that at the first meeting in December, EMS Director, Donnie Warren discussed adding duty officer personnel to the department and the Council gave their approval to make these changes; however the Salary Ordinance was not amended. The three duty officer positions at \$17.50 is the equivalent of an annual \$59,000 per year. Mr. Warren felt that there should be an adjustment in the deputy director rate of pay so there is a little bit of separation in salary between the deputy director and the duty officer because the current rate of pay would put the deputy director less than the duty officers. Jason Maxwell made a motion to approve the 2021 Salary Ordinance Amendment. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Business

Mr. Bastin handed out updated financial statements and the 2021 Meeting Schedule. Kim Merideth stated that she would like a budgetary status report from the Highway Department for the next quarter.

The Council agreed that they would like the office holder or department head present at the meeting if they are requesting an additional appropriation. Kim Merideth stated that she would like to receive the meeting packet the Wednesday before the meeting on Monday.

Adjournment

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

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Kim Merideth

Vickie Kivett

Paul Prather

Kelly Alcala

Troy Sprinkle

Jason Maxwell

Chip Keller

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor