

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
JULY 5, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, PAUL PRATHER, KELLY ALCALA, JASON MAXWELL, TROY SPRINKLE 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*)

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

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Additional Appropriation:

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$60,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000.36300.000.0380 (Maintenance). Mr. Rogers stated that there have been several repairs and breakdowns that have put the account in a deficit. They are \$8,000 in the hole and this amount should get them through the rest of the year. This will be used for a heat exchange unit for the boiler, inspections, certifications on the fire suppression system, and any other maintenance issues that arise before the end of the year. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request of \$60,000. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Surveyor*

Terry Brock, Morgan County Surveyor, requested an additional appropriation of \$10,000 from the Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality Fund (4904) into the following accounts: \$5,000 into 4904-22200.000.0000 (Supplies-Other) and \$5,000 into 4904.21201.00.0000 (Supplies-Operating). This will be used for the education program. They hope to get back into the schools. Chip Keller made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$10,000 as requested. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, requested an additional appropriation of \$143,525.70 from the Vax for Children Grant Fund (8907) as follows:

- \$80,000.00 into Acct #8907.11510.000.0000 (Part-time Nurses)
- 8,985.94 into Acct #8907.16510.000.0000 (FICA)
- 4,399.37 into Acct #8907.21100.000.0000 (Supplies Office)
- 20,000.00 into Acct #8907.21300.000.0000 (Clinic Supplies)
- 4,305.77 into Acct #8907.32300.000.0000 (Travel & Lodging)
- 14,352.57 into Acct #8907.36100.000.0000 (Contractual Services)
- 11,482.05 into Acct #8907.40000.000.0000 (Equipment)

Ms. LaFary stated that the grant is for outreach and education on the COVID vaccination and targets vulnerable populations such as the homebound. They have hired two part time nurses to administer vaccinations now that they have moved back into the Administration Building and closed the COVID clinic. The nurses will also conduct compliance site visits to providers in the county and provide required reports. This is a reimbursable grant. Jason Maxwell made a motion to approve the appropriation. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

- *Coroner*

Mike Ellis, Morgan County Coroner, requested a transfer of \$5,000 from Account #1000.31220.000.0007 (Lab & X-rays) into Acct #1000.40000.000.0007 (Equipment). Mr. Ellis stated that there are three double stack tables in the autopsy room that are dangerous. The tables are high, narrow, and top heavy. When a body is moved from a cot or exam table onto one of these tables, the table tips. One reason the price of the table is so high is that the price of steel has gone up

80% since February. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

- *EMA*

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, requested a transfer of \$1,000 from Acct #1000.22200.000.0361 (Supplies - Operating) to Acct #1000.12100.000.0361 (Part-time). Mr. Tumey stated that they have had interns for the last four years from a program at Vincennes. The intern serves 200 hours and are a part of everything EMA does. They are given a major project to complete and Mr. Tumey stated that the county is getting a lot of “bang for the buck”. Mr. Tumey would like to compensate the intern for that. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Weights & Measures*

Scotty Manley, Morgan County Weights & Measures Director, requested a transfer of \$1,500 from Acct #1000.37100.000.0308 (Equipment Rental) to Acct #1000.22110.000.0308 (Gas, Oil and Tires). Mr. Manley stated that with fuel prices increasing and extra travel at the beginning of the year, his budget is dwindling. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

Morgan County Health Department COVID Clinic Report

Jeanne LaFary stated that they used the \$80,600 they received from the state for salaries. Out of the \$179,000 from the Rainy Day Fund, they have \$103,210 left. They will have a few final utility bills to pay out of this amount.

They have received a new grant from the state. Once billing is turned into the insurance companies for administering the COVID vaccinations, each county will receive funds for the vaccinations they’ve given. To date, Morgan County has administered 15,487 and will be paid approximately \$150,000. Ms. LaFary was hoping that this could be used for a new generator (\$50,000 to \$80,000) or an electric sign for the building. Kim Merideth suggested that American Rescue Plan Act funds could be used for this purpose.

Tax Levy Increase

Dan Bastin stated that the increase in the property tax levy has been calculated by the state budget agency and the allowable percentage increase of 2022 is 4.3%. This year (2021) was 4.2%. Statewide income in Indiana grew by 5.85% (2020 compared to 2019).

AIC

Vickie Kivett stated that she, Kelly Alcala, Kim Merideth, and Chip Keller attended the state called Council meeting in Plainfield and noted that AIC is September 20 – 23 and the first day to register is July 14th.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 7-0.

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Kim Merideth

Vickie Kivett

Paul Prather

Kelly Alcala

Troy Sprinkle

Jason Maxwell

ATTEST:

Chip Keller

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor