

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 1, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, TROY SPRINKLE, KELLY ALCALA, JASON MAXWELL, MELISSA GREENE 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 (Sheriff Rich Myers)

Minutes – 7/5/22 and 7/15/22 *Joint Commissioner Council Meeting*
Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the July 5, 2022 minutes and the July 15, 2022 Joint Council/Commissioner Joint minutes. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Highway Department*
Grant Collinsworth, Morgan County Highway Superintendent, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$38,227 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176) into Account #1176.23100.000.0531 (Culverts). Mr. Collinsworth stated that this was money they received from scrap metal that was sold and they plan to use it to purchase culverts for 2023 paving. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Collinsworth requested an additional appropriation of \$153,582 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176) into Account #1176.40000.000.0533 (Equipment). Mr. Collinsworth stated that they had all the equipment appraised and had an online auction for equipment that would be too expensive to get into running condition. This amount is from the sale of a dozer and they would like to replace it. He has a quote of \$149,165 for a new Komatsu dozer through Sourcewell. Melissa Greene asked if the items brought in what they anticipated. Mr. Collinsworth stated that it was \$30,000 over what was expected. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

- *Parks & Recreation*
Kenny Hale, Morgan County Commissioner, requested a transfer of \$6,000 from Acct #1112.11422.000.0803 (Part Time Director) into Acct #1112.36100.000.0803 (Contractual Services). Mr. Hale stated that they budgeted \$50,000 for pit toilets at Burkhardt Creek Park, but prices have escalated and the price for one concrete toilet came in at \$127,000. There have been vandalism issues at the park and they are trying to make the restrooms units as secure and vandal proof as possible. Mr. Hale received a quote for a refurbished shipping container from Inmod for \$55,551 for two units. They would also need to pour concrete for piers and ramps. The quote from Inmod was approved by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hale would like to install cameras around the park to reduce the vandalism incidents. Kelly Alcala stated that she was happy to see restrooms going in and made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Highway Department*
Dan Bastin stated that the additional appropriation of \$38,227 that the Council just approved for the culverts must be transferred to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176) to Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted Fund (1173). Culverts are included in what is classified as preservation, construction, reconstruction expenses. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

Declaratory Resolution Tax Abatement – *Deckers Outdoor Corporation*
Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation, introduced David Madsen with EY, who is the tax consultant for the project. Mr. Dellinger stated that they submitted an SB-1 form. Earlier this year, the Council approved resolution 2022-3-7B creating an Economic Revitalization Area in Westpoint Business Park for Building V. The leasee, Deckers Outdoor Corporation, will have a \$55 million personal property investment and they are seeking a 10-year tax abatement on a sliding scale. Mr. Dellinger requested approval of a Declaratory Resolution

of the County Council of Morgan County, Indiana Approving Personal Property Tax Abatement. David Madsen stated that Deckers Outdoor Corporation makes Uggs and Teva footwear and are looking to expand their warehouse. They have a facility in the business park just on the other side of the county line. The average wages at the facility would be \$24-\$25 an hour plus benefits and there would be 80 positions with a possibility of up to 100. The current facility has 95 employees. Mr. Dellinger stated that if the Declaratory Resolution is approved, they will come back at the September meeting for a Confirmatory Resolution and public hearing. Jim Wisco stated that he had reviewed the resolution and it looks fine. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the Declaratory Resolution. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Job Descriptions

Daree Fry, Morgan County HR Director, was present to request approval of the following job descriptions:

Description change:

Civil Process Server – Sheriff This position previously reported to the jail commander and a change has been made to report to the Sheriff. This position also requires graduation from the law academy.

Assistant Chief Deputy – Recorder By Indiana Code, there are some positions that are entitled to a Chief Deputy. The extra duties take this position to another category and would also increase pay effective January 1, 2023.

Court Office Administrator – Courts The judges asked that all descriptions be uniform across all courts. A new employee would hire in as an administrator.

Bailiff – Courts This would be the next tier after administrator.

Court Reporter – Courts This would be the next tier after bailiff.

Superintendent – Highway The Council requested this description when the new superintendent was hired.

Accounting Clerk – Highway This description has added duties and moves the position from COMOT II to COMOT III, which is the same as the payroll clerk.

New Titles:

Chief Deputy – Recorder This item is added per Indiana Code

Driver Laborer – Highway This would be an entry-level position and would not require a CDL.

Equipment Operator – Highway This position would require a CDL-A, which is more of a semi-truck driver than a CDL-B and requires a greater awareness and skill than a truck driver.

Floater – Highway P/T The part time rate is currently \$14.11 and Mr. Collinsworth is having a hard time getting part time employees at this rate. Mr. Collinsworth asked that the rate be set at \$19/hr. The Job Committee requested that this description be amended to state that the position does not require a CDL.

Sign Shop Manager – Highway This position is currently vacant and was also classified as a truck driver. The position would be a full time position, requires computer skills and would include sign inventory. They would be proactive in placing signs as well as maintaining the current ones. Vickie Kivett mentioned the reflectivity testing. Mr. Collinsworth stated that there are reflectivity requirements for the signs, and they have the equipment, but they have not been utilizing it. The hourly rate for this position would be \$21.50.

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the job description and job title changes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Review of 2023 Max Levies and Property Tax Cap Credits

Dan Bastin stated that this review is an annual requirement per Indiana Code and must be done at the first meeting in August. The Council must make a recommendation on the allowable maximum levies for 2023. The increases are 5% except for the following: Baker Twp Civil – 9.7%; Madison Twp Fire – 6.4%; and Monroe Twp Fire – 176.8%. Monroe Twp Fire petitioned the state for a one-time increase in the levy.

The property tax caps are not a significant impact for Morgan County because the tax rates are well below the cap. The amounts on the worksheet are over 65 property tax cap calculations. If a property owner is over 65 and meets the income and assessed value limits, they can file an application in the Auditor's Office for a property tax bill that cannot increase more than 2% each year. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve all the levies except the Monroe Township Fire levy. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 7-0. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the Monroe Township Fire levy. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 6-0-1. Kelly Alcala abstained.

Overview of 2023 Budget

Dan Bastin presented the 2023 Budgetary Financial Statement and stated that the guaranteed distribution for local income tax is up a little over 2022. Mr. Bastin stated that the Council approved allocating part of the levy freeze LIT to a PSAP LIT Fund. This amount is estimated to be \$950,000. This falls short of the \$3 million total needed. Mr. Bastin recommended that the Council give consideration to funding part of the PSAP Personnel Fund with the PSAP LIT Fund. Another area that needs help, either from reducing the budget or finding revenue to fund the shortfall, is the Statewide 911 Fund. It would also make sense to use the PSAP LIT Fund for the budget that is in the LIT Public Safety Fund for Dispatch or PSAP. If they can free up money in the LIT Public Safety Fund, that will give them the opportunity to move some of the Sheriff and jail expenditures from the General Fund. The General Fund also needs help.

Mr. Bastin stated that it is generally accepted that the minimum amount of an operating balance for a property tax fund is 15% of the budget. The spreadsheet Mr. Bastin handed out shows what the 15% for each budget would be using the 2023 requested budget and what the property tax levy would need to be in order to generate that operating balance. The Cumulative Bridge would be short, along with a few others that will need to be cleaned up.

Other Business

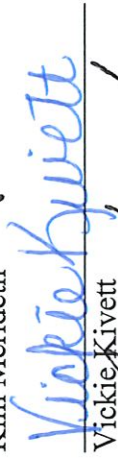
Vickie Kivett stated that Morgan County and Martinsville are celebrating their bicentennial and events coming up include Waverly Festival September 24th and 25th and the Governor will be attending. The City of Martinsville will be having a black tie event on September 15th at Brickhouse on Main from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets are \$100 and attendees will receive a special gold medallion.

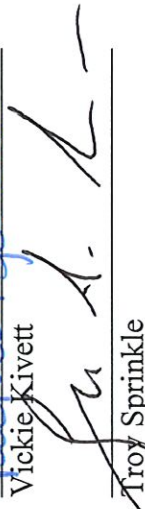
Adjournment

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

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Kim Merideth


Vickie Kivett


Troy Sprinkle


Kelly Alcala


Jason Maxwell


Melissa Greene


Chip Keller

ATTEST:


Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor