

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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; AND JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes – 9/27/22 10/3, 10/19 and 10/25/22

Chip Keller made a motion to approve the September 27, October 3, 19, and 25, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriation:

- *Sheriff*

Sheriff Rich Myers was present to request an additional appropriation of \$50,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Acct#1000.22100.000.005 (Gas). Sheriff Myers stated that they have made transfers but are not quite going to make it to the end of the year. They have budgeted more for next year. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Sheriff*

Sheriff Myers requested a transfer of \$4,500 from Acct #1170.44409.000.0005 (Speed Sign Display) and \$5,000 from Acct #1170.1220.000.0005 (Overtime) into Acct #1170.36150.000.0005 (Air Cards) for a total of \$9,500. They were hoping to get a grant to pay for half of the cost of the speed sign, but did not receive the grant. The cameras the deputies are wearing are using a lot of data and this transfer will help pay for this cost. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriation:

- *Highway Department*

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, requested an additional appropriation of \$121,223 from the County Highway Fund (1176) into Acct #1176.40100.000.0531 (Brine System). Mr. Hinkle stated that they have the mixer and controller at the Highway Department. Mr. Hinkle stated that he misunderstood the previous request, which he thought included the mixer, but was for the spray tanks and did not include everything they needed. They will have three sprayers, but had to do some additional piping and electrical work. This additional is requested from the funds INDOT gave them in 2021 specifically for this system. Depending on how the system works, they may add three more sprayers or may increase the size of the mixer. The system should be up and running by the first week in December. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary and Cyndy Wells, Morgan County Health Department, were present to request a transfer of \$10,000 from the COVID ARP RNSFD Fund (8951) Acct #8951.21300.000.0000 (Clinic Supplies) into Acct #8951.40000.000.0000 (Equipment). Ms. LaFary stated that they depleted this fund for batteries for the refrigerator and freezers so that if the electricity goes out, it will hold it for four hours. If this happens, they have a company that emails and texts the nurses so they are aware. If the power is out longer than that, they are able to use the refrigerator at the Coroner's Office, where there is a generator. They wanted to replenish the fund in case they need it before the end of the year. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer request. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Lease Rental Petition

Zach Klutz, Taft Law, stated that this petition is the next step in the lease rental process. The statute requires that the county receive a petition of at least 50 taxpayers before proceeding with this type of financing. The petition has been verified by the Auditor and there are 59 signatures and the Auditor has included an affidavit attesting to the signatures. Mr. Klutz asked that the Council vote to accept the petition. Vickie Kivett made a motion to accept the signatures on the petition for the lease agreement. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance Introduction – 2022-17

Zach Klutz introduced Ordinance 2022-17, An Ordinance of the County Council of Morgan County, Indiana, Making Determinations Related to the Justice Center Building Project, Authorizing the Form of and Execution of Lease, Appropriation the Lease Rentals to Such Purposes, Approving the Issuance of Bonds and Related Matters. There will be a public hearing at the next meeting, November 28th at 5 pm. The Board of Commissioners will sign the actual lease, as well as the bond documents. Chip Keller made a motion to acknowledge that the ordinance and lease documents were introduced and received. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Substance Abuse Council

Barb Dinwiddie, Morgan County Substance Abuse Council, was present to outline what the Substance Abuse Council does for and in the county. MCSAC is the local coordinating council for the county. Every county in the state of Indiana has a coordinating council. This was created in the 80s and they talk about issues related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Any countermeasure fees collected go to the state and come back to the county and are used for grant applications. The grants are in three different categories, criminal justice, prevention and education, and treatment. A recent grant for the Sheriff's Office was to purchase two canine units. They have also used grants for programs at Wellspring, Stability First, Youth First, and Martinsville Youth Development Center. They average between \$42,000 to \$62,000 each year. They submit a comprehensive community plan each year. Programs are free and they provide programs for both adults and youth.

Job Committee

Kim Merideth stated that the Job Committee met to review some job descriptions and classification changes. Daree Fry, HR Director, stated that there is a position that is to be shared between the Auditor's Office and Treasurer's Office and the Council requested a job description. The committee approved the description. There was not a description for a part time position within the Treasurer's Office, and this has also been approved. Vickie Kivett stated that the committee asked that there also be job descriptions for other part time positions in the county. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the job descriptions as presented. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Guest

Kim Merideth asked Dan Bastin to introduce his special guest. Mr. Bastin introduced Griffin, his grandson and a freshman at Martinsville High School.

2023 Salary Ordinance

Dan Bastin stated that the Jail Commander and Jail Matron positions did not get updated in the Salary Ordinance and this has been corrected. Mr. Bastin stated that the ordinance contains the 3% salary increase plus the \$500 for all non-public safety positions that are compensated on an hourly basis. Melissa Greene made a motion to approve the 2023 Salary Ordinance. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 6-1. Kelly Alcala was opposed.

PTO Changes

Josh Messmer stated that they have put together a committee to look at PTO changes such as moving to an accrual-based system. There have been employees that earn a big chunk of time and then leave. They are also looking into the use of PTO before someone retires or quits and modifying the amount paid out. They hope to have something in place by the end of the year.

Financial Advisor Update

Mr. Messmer stated that Reedy Financial has been retained as a financial advisor and he and Deb Verley will be visiting offices to update the capital improvement plan.

Comments

Kim Merideth asked if provisions have been made for voting while they are under construction. Mr. Messmer stated that this is on the radar, but the building will be accessible while construction is underway. There will be improved ADA ramps from the parking lot all the way around the side of the building.

Adjournment

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

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ATTEST:

Dan Bastin
Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

Chip Keller
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