

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Sheriff Rich Myers*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 6-0.

Additional Appropriation:

- *Commissioners*

Dan Bastin stated that this additional was mentioned at a previous meeting. Josh Messmer stated that this appropriation is the amount stated in the court order for the purchase of disputed property at the Old Town Waverly Park. The request is for \$20,000 from either the General Fund (1000), LIT (1112) or Riverboat Fund (1191). Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$20,000 into Account #1191.40002.000.0068 (Property Acquisition) from The Riverboat Fund. Dan Bastin noted that there will also be court-ordered appraisal fees. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, requested an additional appropriation of \$6,000 from the Local Health Maintenance Fund (1168) into Account #1168.16540.000.0000 (Group Health Insurance). Ms. LaFary stated that this is for the Vital Records Clerk. Ms. LaFary stated that after paying out the totals for the previous clerk, this item was going to be short by \$6,000. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Health Department*

Ms. LaFary requested an additional appropriation from the Local Health Trust Fund (1206) as follows: \$20,000 into Account #1206.11610.000.0000 (Part-time Environmental Health Specialist), \$10,000 into Acct #1206.12100.000.0000 (Extra Help) and \$3,000 into Acct #1206.16510.000.0000 (FICA). Ms. LaFary stated that the part-time environmentalist will help with septic systems this spring, and the extra part-time funds will be used for clerical help when someone is off or on vacation. Dan Bastin stated that this request has been approved by the state; the current balance in this fund is approximately \$151,900. Jason Maxwell made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0. (Troy Sprinkle arrived late.)

- *Commissioners*

Kim Merideth stated that the Board of Commissioners has requested an additional appropriation from the ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (8950) as follows: \$50,000 into Acct #8950.21201.000.0000 (Supplies), \$50,000 into Acct #8950.36102.000.0000 (Other Services and Charges), \$50,000 Acct #8950.40000.000.0000 (Equipment). Kelly Alcala asked if there was a plan in place for the expenses. Ms. Merideth stated that they are just forming the committee and getting things ready. The Board of Commissioners has made four appointments to the committee and the Council has three appointments to make. Ms. Alcala stated that she would like to know what it's being spent for. Don Adams, Morgan County Commissioner, stated that it is a placeholder, there are no expenses so far. Dan Bastin stated that the thought process is to have funds available so as a plan is developed, there will be a budget available. Mr. Bastin stated that anything expended must fall within the ARPA guidelines. One of the first objectives is to engage a consultant to make sure the guidelines are followed. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer

- *Veterans Service Office*

Lindsay Smith, Veterans Service Officer, was present to request a transfer \$1,076.66 from Acct #1000.29105.000.0012 (Memorial Flags) as follows: \$276.66 into Acct #1000.36103.000.0012 (Software License) and \$800.00 into Acct #1000.32300.000.0012 (Travel & Lodging). Ms. Smith stated that they order approximately 7,000 flags to put on veteran's gravesites around the county. The American Legion put them on the graves. They had funds leftover in this line item and would like to cover the Vetraspec license cost for a second license and a Kofax program. The travel portion would cover the cost for the National Association of CVSOs conference in Texas from June 5 through June 10. Vickie Kivett noted that there is a per diem for travel. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 7-0.

Veterans Service Office – Position Change

Lindsay Smith stated that approximately one year ago, her position changed from Administrative Assistant to Deputy VSO when she obtained her certification. Courtney Kemp, the recently hired Administrative Assistant, is a veteran and has obtained her certification and is now accredited with IDVA, American Legion and VFW. They are both pursuing accreditations with DAV a few others. They now have access to the Veteran Benefits Management System and are able to log into the VA system to check on claim status. The more organizations they are accredited through, the better chance they will have of accessing information and anticipating needs before someone comes into the office for their appointment. Ms. Kemp is filing claims and meeting with veterans and Ms. Smith requested that she be moved to Deputy VSO. This would put the annual pay at \$45,760 and is a difference of \$4,501.12 and would be an exempt 40 hour position. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the request with an effective date effective with the start of the next payroll period. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

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

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Kim Merideth

Vickie Kivett

Kelly Alcala

Troy Sprinkle

Jason Maxwell

Chip Keller

Melissa Greene

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor