

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

**Minutes –**

Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 6-0. (Chip Keller was absent.)

**Additional Appropriations:**

- *Prosecutor*

Cassie Mellady, Chief Deputy Prosecutor, requested an additional appropriation of \$6,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000.38200.000.0009 (Witness Fee). Ms. Mellady stated that they are getting more OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) charges that are drug related along with alcohol. Tests are sent out of state and sometimes they have to subpoena the firm that does the tests as witnesses. The fees for this are increasing. There is a trial next week and the fee is \$3,000. The extra \$3,000 will be used if there is another case that comes up during the year. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Highway Department*

Grant Collinsworth, Highway Superintendent, and Tony Hinkle, Highway Engineer, were present regarding a letter requesting an additional appropriation from the Local Income Tax Economic Development Fund (1112) as follows: \$56,092.00 into Acct #1112.11015.000.0529 (Shop Foreman), \$50,770.00 into Acct #1112.11016.000.0529 (Assistant Superintendent), and \$103,751.00 into Acct #1112.11406.000.0529 (Crew Boss). Mr. Hinkle stated that they have determined that they will be able to do an internal transfer for these items.

Mr. Hinkle requested an additional appropriation from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176) Highway Administration (0530) as follows:

\$11,274	1176.16500.000.0530 (PERF)
7,700	1176.16510.000.0530 (FICA)
2,000	1176.16550.000.0530 (County Contribution)
13,000	1176.16580.000.0530 (Group Insurance HDHP)
2,000	1176.39500.000.0530 (Instruction / Education)

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as listed. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Hinkle requested an additional appropriation from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176) Highway Maintenance and Repair (0531) as follows:

\$4,550	1176.36308.000.0531 (GeoTab)
4,000	1176.36900.000.0531 (Trash Removal)
7,447	1176.37100.000.0531 (Equipment Rental)

Mr. Hinkle stated that they did not budget for the correct amount for GeoTabs. Grant Collinsworth stated that they have never paid for trash from their budget and have recently started to pay for it. They ordered a large dumpster for trash items that are picked up off the side of the road and are now paying the entire trash bill. Kim Merideth asked that they obtain quotes for this service. The equipment rental is the cost for tire balancers and tools for the shop and rollers, street sweeper and miscellaneous equipment for various projects. Dan Bastin stated that there are some negative balances; it sounds like items are being paid out of the wrong accounts. The equipment rental line is currently a negative \$9,440. Mr. Bastin stated that he would need to talk to his staff and work with the highway department to bring the budget back into balance;

hopefully through transfers or corrections. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$15,997 to get the clean-up started and asked that it not continue. Troy Sprinkle seconded the motion and asked that Dan Bastin research it. Motion carried 6-0.

Tony Hinkle requested an additional appropriation from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176) Highway General and Undistributed Expense (0533) of \$18,288 into Acct #1176.40000.000.0533 (Equipment). Mr. Hinkle stated that after a snowstorm this past year, and an after action review, a decision was made to purchase a radio frequency and distribute radios to several departments (EMA, Commissioners, 911 Dispatch, and EMS) in order to communicate with the Highway Department during an event. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to table the request. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, stated that at a previous meeting, she had requested funds to train someone to take her place. The Council asked that she request this from the state through Local Health Maintenance Funds. Ms. LaFary has done this and it has been approved. Ms. LaFary requested an additional appropriation from the Local Health Maintenance Fund (1168) as follows: \$26,000 into Acct #1168.11400.000.0000 (Office Manager), \$2,500 into Acct #1168.16500.000.0000 (PERF), \$2,000 into Acct #1168.16510.000.0000 (FICA) and \$9,500 into Acct #1168.16540.000.0000 (Group Health Insurance). Ms. LaFary stated that she will be retiring by the end of the year, if not before. Kim Merideth noted that there will be an additional temporary position and the Salary Ordinance will have to be amended. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Salary Ordinance Amendment**

Kelly Alcalá made a motion to increase the number of positions for Health Department Office Manager from one to two. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Additional Appropriations:**

- *Auditor*

Dan Bastin requested an additional appropriation of \$33,000 from the Plat Book Fund (1181) to Acct #1181.36300.000.0000 (Repair and Maintenance). Mr. Bastin stated that they will be transferring paper property transfer records to digital format. He obtained a quote for \$40,000 to do this and \$10,000 is already appropriated into the fund. The extra \$3,000 is in case they run into unexpected issues. Melissa Greene made a motion to approve the appropriation. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Commissioners*

Josh Messmer stated that this was discussed at the last meeting. The legal action taking place at Old Town Waverly Park for the boat ramp required appraisals and the amount was higher than estimated. Mr. Messmer requested an additional appropriation of \$3,000 from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) into Acct #1191.40002.000.0068 (Property Acquisition). Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Highway*

Dan Bastin stated that this request of \$55,347 from the Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund (9110) to Acct #9110.39999.000.9604 (CCMG Closeout) is to clean up funds from Community Crossing grants from the last two years. There was an overrun the spring of 2021 and money leftover from other grants. They transferred funds to cover as best they could, but needed an additional \$55,347 for the MVH Restricted Fund. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Melissa Greene. Motion carried 6-0.

- *EMS, Sheriff, Jail*

Dan Bastin requested an additional appropriation from the following funds:

\$15,000 from EMS Fund (1151) to Acct #1151.16580.000.0000 (Group Insurance HDHP)

\$20,000 from LIT Public Safety (1170) to Acct #1170.16580.000.0005 (Group Insurance HDHP)

\$15,000 from LIT public Safety (1170) to Acct #1170.16580.000.0380 (Group Insurance HDHP)

Mr. Bastin stated that he did a projection for the Group Health Insurance appropriations and they were able to transfer money for all the other accounts except for these three. They transferred money from the Group Health Insurance PPO Account into the High Deductible Account to cover the shortfall. When the budget was adopted, the high deductible plan was discussed, but was not yet in place. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as listed. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 6-0.

**Title IV-D Update - Payroll Matters**

Bob Hagee and Jerry Smith, Title IV-D, were present to outline a plan to use incentive funds and to change job descriptions for office personnel. Mr. Hagee stated that people are not applying for positions and there are several employees that are approaching retirement. An employee that has been there 20 years is retiring in April. The make up in the office will then be two employees with approximately 1-1/2 years, one with 0, and one with “a lot”. The employees will be changing child support enforcement tracking system software and now have extra IRS duties. Mr. Hagee is concerned about losing the senior person in the office when the other employee retires in April and plans to incentivize an employee to take on the financial duties by using incentive funds to pay a higher wage (\$1,400) and to increase the senior employee’s pay by \$2,000. There will be no additional cost to the county. Mr. Hagee would like to change job descriptions and plans to retire in a year to a year and a half. Vickie Kivett mentioned her concern with paying extra to employees through the incentive fund and how it has caused problems in the past.

**Resolution Supporting Dissolution of Solid Waste District**

Josh Messmer stated that this item has been discussed in prior meetings. The Solid Waste District employee has been treated as a county employee (county health insurance, benefits, etc.). There is an opportunity to make the district a county department operating under the direction of the Commissioners. There is little impact since they are already treated as an employee. Jason Maxwell made a motion to approve the Resolution Supporting to Dissolution of the Morgan County Solid Waste Management District (2022-6-6A). Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 5-0-1. Vickie Kivett abstained.

**Adjournment**

Melissa Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jason Maxwell. Motion carried 6-0.

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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Kim Merideth

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Vickie Kivett

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Troy Sprinkle

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Kelly Alcala

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Jason Maxwell

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Melissa Greene

ATTEST:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor

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Chip Keller