

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes – 6/6/22 and 6/6/22 Joint Commissioner Council Meeting

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 5-0. Troy Sprinkle made a motion to approve the June 6, 2022 Joint Meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 5-0. (Jason Maxwell and Melissa Greene were absent.)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Drug Free Community Fund*

Barb Dinwoody, Executive Director of the Morgan County Substance Abuse Council, requested an additional appropriation of \$72,040.40 from the Drug Free Community Fund (1148) as follows:

\$18,010.10 into Account #1148.32110.000.0000 (MCSAC Contract - salaries)
4,500.10 into Account #1148.35310.000.0000 (Morgan Co. Boys & Girls Club)
7,755.05 into Account #1148.35820.000.0000 (Stability First – Magdalene House)
7,755.05 into Account #1148.35840.000.0000 (Wellspring – Homeward Bound)
5,000.00 into Account #1148.35850.000.0000 (Youth First)
5,000.00 into Account #1148.35870.000.0000 (Churches in Mission)
1,010.10 into Account #1148.35880.000.0000 (Morgan County Solid Waste)
5,000.00 into Account #1148.36105.000.0000 (Martinsville Youth Development)
18,010.10 into Account #1148.44501.000.0000 (Canine Purchase – Morgan Co Sheriff's Dept)

Ms. Dinwoody stated that the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute collects countermeasure fees throughout the state and after the funds are disbursed to the counties, there is a grant writing process in the following categories – prevention, criminal justice, and recovery. Twenty-five percent goes toward administration and 25% goes to each of the other categories. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Chip Keller. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfer:

- *Highway Department*

Tony Hinkle, Morgan County Highway Engineer, requested a transfer of \$745,111.50 from Acct #1176.36107.000.0531 (Contractual Paving) into Acct #1173.36107.000.0531 (Contractual Paving). Mr. Hinkle stated that this is a sign of inflation for the Highway Department. The cost estimate for this project was \$650,000 and the low bid was approximately \$1.5 million. When the March paving bids were opened, the asphalt cost per ton was between \$77 and \$87. The low bid for this project was \$110 per ton. Fuel prices affect the Highway Department three ways; new emulsion, fuel for vehicles, and mobilization process. They have the funds to transfer if they push back some other projects, such as designs for two bridges, and a traffic study. Chip Keller made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 5-0.

Troy Sprinkle stated that the roadsides are getting mowed and look fantastic and asked that he convey thanks to the crews. They also did a great job on the road by the Lewisville store past the Alaska church.

Coroner Report

Mike Ellis, Morgan County Coroner, stated that they have 12 more cases than they did last year at this time and last year was a record. He is having more cases involving families that cannot afford a funeral home, people that don't have any family, or the family is in-fighting and

estranged and don't make arrangements. This does not fall on law enforcement or EMS, but this requires calls by his office.

Budget Schedule

Kim Merideth noted that budget schedules and assignments were distributed. Dan Bastin stated that at the August or September meeting they will be looking at additional appropriations and transfers due to increased fuel costs. The state released the allowable increase for property tax levies, which is 5% for next year. He is in the process of entering budget information and will distribute that when it is ready.

Adjournment

Chip Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Troy Sprinkle. Motion carried 5-0.

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Kim Merideth

Vickie Kivett

Troy Sprinkle

Kelly Alcala

Jason Maxwell

Melissa Greene

Chip Keller

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor