

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY,
AUGUST 11, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, VICKIE KIVETT, DANIEL ELLIOTT, AND KELLY ALCALA. 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 (*Daniel Elliott*)

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the June 3, and July 6, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Dave Zoller. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriation:

• *Coroner*

Josh Messmer stated that as COVID kicked off, the county wanted to make sure that they are providing the proper protection at the Coroner's building and meeting CDC guidelines. They found out that this was not currently possible and enlisted Perfection Group to see what it would take to become compliant. Hopefully, this will be a reimbursable expense through the CARES Act. Mr. Messmer requested an additional appropriation of \$211,815 from the General Fund (1000) or Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138), Rainy Day Fund (1186) or Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) into Account #1186-107-4440.10 (Coroner HVAC Project).

Mark and Jon Wells, Perfection Group, handed out information regarding CDC guidelines and stated that the current system is recirculating the air back into the space and not bringing in any fresh air. Based on the CDC guidelines, Perfection Group recommends a system that brings in fresh air, heats, cools and dehumidifies. The current system vents right above a door and someone standing outside has the exhaust directed right at them. The new system would require a three-phase system, a new generator, and some additional work to create a negative air space. After several questions and discussion, Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the Rainy Day Fund (1186). Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

• *Coroner*

Annette Butcher, Morgan County Coroner, was present to request a transfer of \$1,672.92 from Acct #1000-107-4395 (Instruction/Education) to Acct #1000-107-4443.10 (Computers). Ms. Butcher stated that due to COVID, there have not been any education opportunities and they need new computers. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

• *EMA*

Mark Turney, Morgan County EMA Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$3,500 from the County General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-132-4363 (Maint/Repair) to pay for repairs to the siren at Heartland Crossing and run power to the pole for the siren at Robb Hill Road. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

• *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, requested an additional appropriation of \$31,611 from the General Fund (1000) or Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-135-4440 (Jail Renovations). Mr. Rogers stated that the second story penthouse were not bricked appropriately. The brick goes down below the membrane of the roof and over the years the bricks have started absorbing water. The water is flowing behind the brick and under the roof membrane. The penthouse on the right side was repaired approximately 10 years ago. They did not realize that the other side had the same problem until the ceiling was opened for the current renovations and found water damage. The same company that made the previous repair provided a quote for the repairs. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional

appropriation from Cumulative Capital Development. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Josh Messmer was present to request an additional appropriation of \$25,000 from the Rainy Day Fund (1186) into Acct #1186-133-4390 (COVID-19 Expenses). Mr. Messmer stated that they are getting close to the amount originally appropriated. This amount is expected to be reimbursed through the CARES Act. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Health Fund*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request a transfer of \$3,000 from Account #1159-000-4214 (Vaccines) as follows: \$2,500 to Account #1159-000-4442 (Equipment Furniture) and \$500 to Account #1159-000-4443.30 (Computer Software) for the purchase of new computers and software. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Salary Ordinance Amendment – Weights & Measures / Magistrate Court

Josh Messmer stated that the Council approved a range of \$18 to \$22 per hour for the position of Weights & Measures Inspector. There were 7 applications and the rate was set at \$21.00 for the person that was hired. Kim Merideth noted that this was in line with the job study. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance to set a rate of pay at \$21.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Josh Messmer stated that Judge Terry Iacoli has two employees on leave for an unknown time period and he would like to have a part time line item at a rate of \$12.06 per hour in the Salary Ordinance in order to hire someone part time to staff the court. Vickie Kivett made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance to add a part time rate for the Magistrate Court. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

2021 Maximum Levy and Property Tax Cap

Dan Bastin handed out information showing the 2021 maximum levy, estimated maximum levy, and the estimated property tax cap revenue impact to the taxing units. The allowable increase for the 2021 budget year is 4.2%. The DLGF requires a recommendation to the taxing units. Vickie Kivett made a motion to recommend that the taxing units stay within the 4.2% allocated increase. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff Deputies

Dave Rogers stated that there is a deputy on maternity leave, a deputy on military leave for a year beginning in October, a deputy with a medical condition, one out because of COVID-19, and a vacant position. Two new positions have been requested in the budget for 2021; they would like to hire one position this year (and they have funds) then add another position next year. Mr. Rogers stated that they did not want to hire someone now, just to have to let them go when the employees on leave return. The Council gave a consensus that the Sheriff's Department could pursue an additional position.

Tort Claim

Jim Wisco stated that the Ford/Russell tort claim revolves around an accident on State Road 37 and State Road 252 in July of 2018. The claim has been referred to Travelers and the county is one of nine defendants. The letter and the summons were addressed to the Council.

Meeting Date

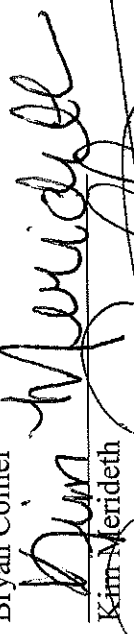
A meeting date of August 20, 2020 at 6 pm was set to review the job study.

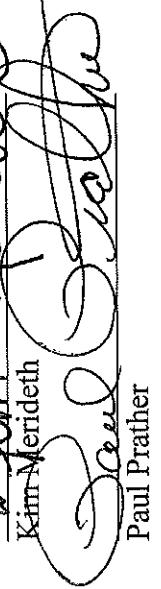
Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

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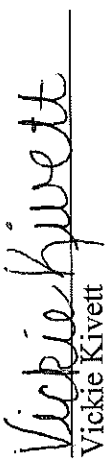

Bryan Collier

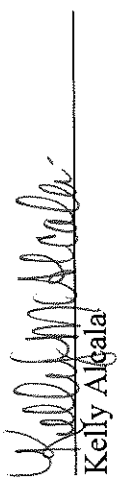

Kim Meredith



Paul Prather


Dave Zoller


Daniel Elliott


Vickie Kivett


Kelly Alcala

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor