

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, KIM MERIDETH, DANIEL ELLIOTT, VICKIE KIVETT AND KELLY ALCALA. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Bryan Collier welcomed newly elected Council member Kelly Alcala.

Minutes

Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the December 3 and December 17, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Reorganization

Daniel Elliott made a motion to retain Bryan Collier as Chairman of the Council. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. There were no other nominations. Vickie Kivett made a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Kelly Alcala made a motion to appoint Kim Merideth as Vice Chairman. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. There were no other nominations. Dave Zoller made a motion to close nominations. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

2019 Meeting Schedule

Bryan Collier noted that there was a conflict for the September 9th meeting date. The Plan Commission will be meeting in the Sadler Room. Dan Bastin stated that this is the public hearing for the budget and because of publication requirements, they will not be able to meet any earlier than the 9th or any later than 10 days before October 7th. After discussion, it was determined that the meeting date would be changed to September 10, 2019 at the regular meeting time of 6:30.

Appointments

Alcoholic Beverage Commission – Kim Merideth made a motion to reappoint Patty Dow. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Morgan County Solid Waste District – Daniel Elliott made a motion to appoint Vickie Kivett. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Morgan County Regional Sewer Board – Vickie Kivett made a motion to reappoint Randy Taylor. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Data Board – Paul Prather made a motion to reappoint Daniel Elliott. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Economic Development Corporation Board – Kim Merideth made a motion to reappoint Daniel Elliott. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Park & Recreation Board – Kim Merideth made a motion to appoint Gary Swaim. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0. Discussion began regarding Park Board employees. Bryan Collier stated that there may be a future executive session.

Redevelopment Commission – Vickie Kivett made a motion to reappoint Carole Snyder and Daniel Elliott. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Other Business

Bryan Collier stated that he received an annual report from Centerstone.

Mr. Collier stated that Virginia Perry was appointed as the Council representative for the Comprehensive Plan steering committee and she is no longer a Council member. Kim Merideth volunteered to be appointed as the representative.

Salary Ordinance

Dan Bastin stated that an item in the Salary Ordinance needs to be corrected. The Administrative Assistant/Grant Specialist position for EMA is listed at \$18.27 per hour, but it should be \$15.65. The annual amount of \$28,600 is correct. Vickie Kivett made a motion to change the hourly amount for line item 4156.40 to the hourly rate of \$15.65 at 35 hours per week. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

2019 Budgetary Financial Statement

Dan Bastin handed out the 2019 Budgetary Financial Statement and noted that the encumbrances are not finalized. The appropriation balances carried forward from 2018 to 2019 have not been finalized and are not included on the statement. They begin with the cash balance at the beginning of the year, add the property tax levies, income tax distributions, other taxes and revenue for each of the funds, then subtract the 2019 approved budget to come up with an estimated cash balance for the year end. The estimated cash balance for the General Fund is \$8,690,286 – which is a \$3 million decrease from this year’s beginning balance. Mr. Bastin stated that his estimates are conservative and he expects the year-end balance will be more than \$8 million. The 2018 ending balance came in higher than what was estimated and he will do an estimate to actual to see where the differences are. He will then share this with the Council.

Mr. Bastin stated that the Park & Recreation budget is in both the General Fund and LIT Economic Development Fund and asked if the Council wanted to do a budget reduction in the General Fund, or if they want to leave the appropriation there. Bryan Collier suggested addressing this in the March meeting. Mr. Bastin stated that this situation also exists in the LIT Public Safety Fund. The bond payments for the jail are also budgeted in Riverboat Revenue Sharing. The payments are made from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing. There are three payments remaining.

Motor Vehicle Highway Fund

Dan Bastin stated that the State Board of Accounts issued a memo stipulating how counties are to administratively manage the legislation requiring the county to spend at least one half of the state distributions of MVH Funds on construction, reconstruction, or preservation of roads. The SBOA made a ruling that the current MVH distribution is to be divided into two separate funds; one is the regular Highway Fund (1176), and the other is Highway Fund Restricted (1173). The 2019 estimated amount of the distribution is \$5,958,722. At least \$2,026,982 of this amount will need to be transferred from the Highway Fund into the Highway Restricted Fund. There is still discussion as to what defines a preservation activity and the SBOA is working on guidelines. Mr. Bastin would like to meet with the Commissioners, Larry Smith (Highway Engineer), “Sport” Whaley (Acting Highway Superintendent), and a Council member to discuss what appropriations could be tagged as construction, reconstruction, and preservation. Mr. Bastin would also like to work with the Highway Department in developing a daily record that they would maintain indicating what tasks were performed. The record could then be used to allocate labor costs for road construction, reconstruction, and preservation. However, deicing, snow removal, and signage work are not identified as preservation costs. Mr. Bastin stated that safety should be included in the allowable expense. Once an appropriation is in the restricted fund, it cannot be moved back.

Adjournment

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

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Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Merideth

Kelly Alcalá

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor