

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
JUNE 4, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, DANIEL ELLIOTT, KIM MERIDETH, VICKIE KIVETT, AND VIRGINIA PERRY. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND ROD BRAY, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kim Merideth*)

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the April 2, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Coroner*

Annette Butcher, Morgan County Coroner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$4,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-107-4440 (Equipment/Furniture) for new cots. Ms. Butcher stated that each cot is \$1,593 and she would like to purchase two of them. The additional amount includes shipping and repair of the current cot. The current cot has been in service for over 15 years and has been repaired 20 times; it was donated and had previously been used on an ambulance. Virginia Perry stated that she was comfortable with the request. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$3,554 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-133-4350 (Ditch & Property Taxes) for property taxes. Mr. Voyles stated that this is the amount that was short from the amount that was budgeted. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Maintenance*

Bart Ewing, Courthouse/Annex Custodian, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$12,520 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-146-4111.10 (Assistant Custodian Courthouse/Annex). Mr. Ewing stated that since hiring an additional part-time custodian, he has had many comments on how well this is working out and he would like to make this a full-time position with shifts. Paul Prather asked if this could wait until budget time and take effect on January 1st. Mr. Ewing stated that he is concerned that things aren't getting cleaned. Vickie Kivett stated that it would help if the job duties were listed. Virginia Perry stated that this is an item to talk about at budget time. No action was taken.

- *Court Services*

Carole Kinder, Director of Court Services, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$3,059.98 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-140-4441 (Equipment/Furniture). Ms. Kinder stated that new carpet was installed and furniture was moved. In this process, some things were broken, including a desk and two doors. Ms. Kinder stated that the desk was very old and some other furniture items such as chairs are needed. Vickie Kivett stated that there is a lot of old furniture in the offices and maybe a rotation system should be considered. Ms. Kinder stated that they might be able to buy in bulk. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Bryan Collier asked that the office holders present furniture requests along with the budget request.

- *Landfill*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, handed out information regarding funds spent on the Landfill Capping Project and requested an additional appropriation from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) as follows: \$2,025 into Account #1191-000-4223 (Erosion Control & Landfill Seeding) and \$9,400 into Account #1191-000-4321 (Highway Department Labor/Equipment). Mr. Hale stated that the grass was not established last year and there was erosion in a few areas. This amount will be used to address these areas. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Reduction:

- *Highway Department*

Dan Bastin stated that this reduction is in order to put the Highway Department in a better position to meet the new legislative requirement that at least 50% of the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) money is spent on construction, reconstruction, or preservation of roads. There is a need to move appropriations that are now in Local Road and Street for paving and chip and seal to MVH and then to swap out from the Road and Street Fund the appropriations for the type of expenses that will not be considered part of construction, reconstruction, or preservation of roads as follows:

Local Road & Street Fund (1169)

\$1,700,000 from Account #1169-000-4361 (Contractual Paving)
350,000 from Account #1169-000-4363 (Road Maint/Repair)
\$2,050,000 Total Local Road & Street Fund

Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (1176)

\$130,000 1176-101-4231 (Stone)
120,000 1176-101-4234 (Bit. Patch)
70,000 1176-101-4235 (Road Salt)
8,000 1176-101-4236 (Brush Control)
30,000 1176-102-4231 (Culverts)
125,000 1176-102-4264 (Supplies – Vehicle Repairs)
\$483,000 Total Motor Vehicle Highway Fund

Wheel Tax and Excise Surtax, which has been revenue into Local Road and Street, will now be revenue into MVH.

Paul Prather made a motion to reduce the Local Road & Street Fund by \$2,050,000. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Virginia Perry made a motion to reduce the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund by \$483,000. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional:

- *Highway Department*

Dave Zoller made a motion to approve an additional appropriation into the Local Road & Street Fund as follows:

\$130,000 into Account #1169-000-4231 (Stone)
120,000 into Account #1169-000-4234 (Bit. Patch)
70,000 into Account #1169-000-4235 (Road Salt)
8,000 into Account #1169-000-4236 (Brush Control)
30,000 into Account #1169-000-4231 (Culverts)
125,000 into Account #1169-000-4264 (Supplies-Vehicle Repairs)
\$483,000 Total Local Road & Street

Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve an additional appropriation into the MVH fund as follows:

\$1,700,000 into Account #1169-101-4361 (Contractual Paving)
350,000 into Account #1169-101-4363 (Road Maintenance & Repair)
\$2,050,000 Total MVH

Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0. Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Engineer, thanked the Council for making the change.

- *Monroe Township Fire Protection District*

Dan Bastin stated that this appropriation is from a binding taxing unit (the governmental entity that established the taxing unit is required to approve or not approve the budget) and any time they appropriate additional funds, the Council must approve (or not approve) the appropriation. The Monroe Township Fire Protection District Board has approved the additional appropriation request of \$30,000 from the Monroe Township Fire Protection District Rainy Day Fund. Vickie

Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles was present to request a transfer of \$599.97 from Account #1000-133-4291.05 (Memorial Flags) into Account #1000-133-4441 (Equipment/Furniture). Mr. Voyles stated the funds will be used to purchase air purifiers. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *EMS*

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, was present to request a transfer of \$15,000 from Account #1151-000-4342 (Insurance) to Account #1151-000-4271 (Uniforms). Mr. Warren stated that this will establish a budget line item for uniforms for the rest of the year. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Coroner*

Annette Butcher requested a transfer of \$415.95 from Account #1000-107-4211 (Operating Supplies) to Account #1000-107-4440 (Equipment/Furniture). Ms. Butcher stated that the printer/fax machine broke down and she had to purchase a new one. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Morgan County Convention & Visitors Bureau Update

Tosha Daugherty, Morgan County Convention, Visitors, and Tourism Commission Director, stated that this is National Travel and Tourism Week. Tourism statewide generates 77 million visitors each year, they spend \$11 billion, and support more than 150,000 jobs. In Morgan County visitors spend over \$25 million and 70 cents of each dollar spent here, stays here. Tourism supports 454 jobs and generates \$5.5 million in tax revenues. The annual growth in 2016 was slightly over 9% compared to a statewide growth of 5.7%. Ms. Daugherty handed out new visitor guides that are available at the Main Connection, Hunters Honey Farm (and other similar attractions), and neighboring counties. Vickie Kivett stated that she liked their social media interaction.

Redevelopment Commission Report

Bryan Collier stated that Rod Bray sent him the Morgan County Redevelopment Commission report and shared a copy with the Council. Rod Bray stated that this is a report the commission is statutorily required to send to the Council.

Courthouse Gazebo

Bryan Collier stated that it has been brought to his attention, more than once, that they would like to see the gazebo on the Courthouse lawn removed. It is an eyesore, it is not fitting for the architecture of the Courthouse, and it draws problems. Mr. Collier stated that if he continues to hear negative feedback he will join the bandwagon to make sure it is removed. Kim Merideth, Vickie Kivett, and Virginia Perry stated that they had also received negative comments. Daniel Elliott stated that in the evenings it is not a place where families hang out. Mr. Collier asked that this be conveyed to the Board of Commissioners.

Correspondence

Vickie Kivett asked if anyone acts upon correspondence received as a group. Bryan Collier stated that the letter that was recently received is a legal issue and referred it to Mr. Bray. Mr. Collier stated that they should not respond with seven opinions on a legal situation. Ms. Kivett asked for confirmation that it won't be ignored. Mr. Collier stated that it is a Commissioner issue. Norman Voyles stated that it is being addressed.

Adjournment

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

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Dave Zoller

Kim Merideth

Virginia Perry

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor