

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*Virginia Perry*)

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

**Minutes**

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the August 6 and August 20, 2018 minutes. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 6-0.

**Additional Appropriation:**

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$36,365 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) or Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) or Rainy Day Fund (1186) into Account #11XX-000-4441 Lucille Sadler Room Sound System. Mr. Voyles stated that five different companies were contacted and Electronic Evolutions was the most responsive. They spent several hours inspecting and testing the current system, looking over the room, and speaking with personnel. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191). Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

**Transfers:**

- *EMA*

Davey Skaggs was present to request a transfer of \$1,000 from Account #1000-132-4213 (Operating Supplies) into Account #1000-132-4441 (Equipment & Furniture). Mr. Skaggs stated that they recently completed construction on a 30' X 50' pole barn and they must install gutters on it per erosion control requirements. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request a transfer as follows:

\$4,800 from Account #1159-000-4116 (Environmental Health Specialist)  
1,600 from Account #1159-000-4113.10 (Administrative Assistant)

To

\$ 800 Account #1159-000-4316 (Well Child Clinic Contract)  
1,000 Account #1159-000-4332 (Legal Notices)  
1,000 Account #1159-000-4362 (Insurance Billing Services)  
2,000 Account #1159-000-4363 (Repair & Maintenance)  
800 Account #1159-000-4221 (Gas/Tires)  
600 Account #1159-000-4364 (Vehicle Repair)  
200 Account #1159-000-4442 (Furniture & Equipment)

Ms. LaFary stated that they used funds from the 4300s earlier in order to pay for a computer maintenance contract. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request as listed. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

**Adjournment**

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

**2019 Budget Public Hearing**

Bryan Collier opened the Public Hearing and stated that total advertised budget for Morgan County is \$52,414,058 with a levy of \$11,516,212. Daniel Elliott made a motion to accept the budget as advertised. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

Dan Bastin stated that the notice for the public hearing of the Solid Waste Management District budget was not submitted. Mr. Bastin can submit a notice for a public hearing on October 1 when the other funds are adopted, and a special meeting to adopt the budget could be held two weeks later; or the Council could adopt a budget for the Solid Waste Management through an additional appropriation in January. Daniel Elliott stated that the first option of having a public hearing on October 1 and adopting the budget at a special meeting two weeks later is more transparent. The Council members agreed and set a date of October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for the special meeting.

**Harrison Township Fire #7 Fire Protection District**

Bryan Collier stated that the 2019 advertised budget is \$141,850 with a levy of \$53,382. Dan Bastin stated that all units discussed during the public hearing are within the maximum allowable levy. Paul Prather made a motion to accept the advertised budget and levy for Harrison Township Fire #7 Fire Protection District. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

**Monroe Township Fire Protection District**

A representative from Monroe Township Fire Protection District stated that the 2019 advertised budget is \$380,710 and the levy is \$228,459. The representative stated that by the end of the year, they will have \$200 left in their General Fund and will have to use the Rainy Day Fund until June. In the past, the LOIT Public Safety Fund has been 10% of their budget and they would like to have these funds if that ever becomes possible again. They have had problems with their truck and have spent over \$70,000 for repairs even though it is under warranty. The last payment is December of 2020 and they will attempt to purchase a new truck, using the current truck as a trade-in. The fire department is volunteer and the fire chief stated that the department is concerned with the rapid growth of the township; several new housing additions are coming in and industrial growth is coming to the north. The area is growing faster than the fire department can handle. They pay two firefighters \$10 per hour for 10 hours per day; volunteers are a thing of the past. Eighty percent of their runs are EMS runs. They will need to grow their budget as the township grows. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the budget and levy. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0. Discussion followed on the duties of the fire department and why they are busier even though they are going to fewer fires.

**Upper Wildwood Shores Conservancy District**

Bryan Collier stated that the 2019 advertised budget for Upper Wildwood Shores Conservancy District is \$54,283 and the levy is \$40,000. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion seconded by Virginia Perry. Motion carried 6-0.

**Close Public Hearing**

Virginia Perry made a motion to close the public hearing.

**Reconvene**

**Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment**

No action taken.

**EMS Presentation**

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS Director, stated that former Council member Bob O'Neal was present because he played a special role in the formation of the EMS service. As of September 11, 2018 Morgan County EMS would be in operation for one year. Because of the dedication and support of the Commissioners, Auditor, and Council, Mr. Warren presented a plaque.

**Adjournment**

Daniel Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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Bryan Collier

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Paul Prather

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Daniel Elliott

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Vickie Kivett

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Dave Zoller

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Kim Merideth

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Virginia Perry

ATTEST:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor