

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, 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 (*Daniel Elliott*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the August 5, August 19, August 20, August 26, and September 10, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Coroner*

Annette Butcher, Morgan County Coroner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$21,500 from the General Fund (1000) as follows: \$20,000 into Account #1000-107-4312.30 (Autopsy); \$500 into Acct #1000-107-4320 (Contractual Services); and \$1,000 into Account #1000-107-4211 (Supplies). Ms. Butcher stated that she just requested an additional appropriation last month, but they didn't anticipate recent fire and drowning events and the fund is close to being in the red again. Bio-hazard waste pickup is in the contractual services line and is in the red due to extra pickups. The supplies include body bags. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0. Bryan Collier asked if this increase is a trend. Ms. Butcher stated that she believes it is, although there have been some outstanding circumstances.

- *Commissioners*

Kim Merideth stated that she received a text from Commissioner Goodwin that he would not be able to attend the meeting and understood if they need to table the request. Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner who was present, stated that he voted against the request. Vickie Kivett made a motion to table the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Treasurer*

Terry Clelland, Morgan County Treasurer, was present to request a transfer of \$1,500 from Acct #1000-103-4361 (Contractual Services) into Acct #100-103-4441 (Equipment/Furniture). Ms. Clelland stated that this will be used for a counterfeit currency counter. They have not had any issues, but the clerk has and she wants to be prepared. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Jury Administrator*

Judge Pete Foley, Superior I, was present to request a transfer of \$792 from Acct #1000-148-4211 (Supplies) into Acct #1000-148-4325 (Contractual Services). This is the amount the budget was short to mail out the 6,000 jury notices on an annual basis. This cost includes everything except the postage. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

2020 Budget Adoption Hearings

- *Harrison Township Fire Protection District*

There were no public comments. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve \$79,865 for the Harrison Township Fire District. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Monroe Township Fire District*

Danny Chenault stated that they are requesting \$220,000 in the General Fund, \$30,000 in Rainy Day, \$88,000 for the Debt Fund, and \$50,000 for the Cumulative Fund. Mr. Chenault asked if a decision had been made about funds from the safety LIT. Bryan Collier stated that at this time, there is no additional money for the three departments that made the request. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Tall Oaks Lake Conservancy District*

Catherine Whittier stated that the budget has been adjusted since the last meeting and is now \$34,713 compared to \$71,405 because they are getting a line of credit at the bank. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the budget. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0

- *Morgan County Solid Waste District*

There were no public comments. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Morgan County*

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, stated that she misunderstood and did not put the items that were listed on the Capital Improvement Plan into the budget. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan is being updated this year and it is important to overhaul the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Control Ordinance as they are out of date and need to match the goals and objectives in the land use plan. \$50,000 was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Plan for this. Dan Bastin stated that they cannot adopt a budget greater than what was advertised; however with cuts that were made, there is enough in the Economic Development Fund to budget for this amount. Daniel Elliott made a motion to allow \$50,000 from the Economic Development Fund for this project. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the Morgan County budget as presented including the \$50,000 change. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance

Rod Bray, attorney for the Morgan County Regional Sewer District and Morgan County Redevelopment Commission, was present to request approval of an Ordinance of the Morgan County Council Authorizing the Pledge of Local Income Tax Revenues for Operation and Maintenance Expenses of the Morgan County Regional Sewer District of the Waverly Service Area (2019-8). Mr. Bray stated that bids have been received for the sanitary sewer system and they are close to making an award and breaking ground. There are a couple of entities that desperately need the new system, one being the Waverly Elementary School, because they are on a mound system. There are not a lot of customers in the area so the Redevelopment Commission became involved and they have done the engineering and will do the construction of the facility and the main line that will collect and bring the effluent to the treatment facility. The Regional Sewer District will then run the operation. As it begins, there will be a small number of users including the school and the park. They would like to keep the cost low for the residents and the sewer district is concerned that there will be costs that exceed their operating revenue as they go forward. This is an opportunity for the Council to back up the operation and maintenance costs for the sewer district for a period of five years from when is let, which will be later this year. There is a maximum of \$10,000 annually from the Local Income Tax Fund. Mr. Bray stated that they are in talks with Johnson County to work together in the future for more expansion. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the ordinance as submitted. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Appointment

Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation, stated that the Mooresville Economic Development Commission has been dormant for many years and in preparation for a new confidential project, they are preparing the town to do some bond work and need an appointment to the commission. This is an advisory board to the Mooresville Town Council. Mr. Dellinger stated that there are certain criteria to meet and Dean Mayfield has been suggested as an appointee. Mr. Mayfield has agreed to accept the appointment. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to nominate Dean Mayfield for the position. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Weights & Measures

Jeremy Belcher, Morgan County Weights & Measures Inspector, stated that the Council had requested additional information regarding his duties and he had several charts and information from Handbook 44 to present. Paul Prather stated that the confusion was regarding the division of duties that should be done by the state and duties that need to be done by the county. Mr. Belcher stated that the position is currently 25 hours per week and it needs to be full time in order to accomplish the duties of the position. Mr. Belcher stated that his objective is to make sure the consumer is getting what they pay for and the business isn't cheating themselves. Monroe, Johnson, Bartholomew, Hendricks, and Marion all have full time inspectors. Paul Prather made a motion to make the position full time. Motion seconded by Dave Zoller. Motion failed 2-5. Bryan Collier, Kim Merideth, Vickie Kivett, Kelly Alcalá, and Daniel Elliott were opposed. Mr. Elliott stated that he was not opposed to the concept, but he would like a list of things that Mr. Belcher is not doing that he should be doing. Vickie Kivett stated that she was not opposed to it either, but they are waiting on the job study results.

Public Comment

Terri White, Harrison Township resident, stated that she was at the last Council meeting regarding the Park Department budget and she would like to present a letter she wrote.

Adjournment

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

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Bryan Collier

Kim Merideth

Paul Prather

Dave Zoller

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Kelly Alcala

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor