

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,
APRIL 1, 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 (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the March 4, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Superior II*

Judge Brian Williams sent a letter requesting an additional appropriation of \$7,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-145-4315 (Prof Svc/Interpreters). No one was present.

- *Commissioner*

Ryan Goodwin, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$32,100 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) or Rainy Day Fund (1186) or Riverboat Fund (1191) for a security system at the Highway Department. Mr. Goodwin stated that the current system is woefully inadequate with the concentration of equipment that is there. Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, worked with the vendor that provides the security system for the Administration Building, Courthouse, and jail to evaluate the options. The proposal from Security Automation Systems determined that there were 11 camera areas that would give a 365 degree view of the entire highway campus. The system will be secured in a locked box and only certain leadership personnel would have access to it. The video monitoring will need to be sent to a central location via an internet connection and they are working to make sure there is adequate internet available. There will be a computer based viewing station on the premises. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the Riverboat Fund (1191). Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Humane Society Presentation

Ryan Goodwin stated that the county has had a long-standing relationship with the Humane Society. The Humane Society operates as its own separate non-profit, it is not a government entity but partners with the county for assistance on animal control. There has been a communication breakdown regarding the denial of additional funds during the recent budget cycle. The Humane Society put together a presentation to better justify the request and Mr. Goodwin introduced Reva Carlson. Ms. Carlson stated that also present were five or six board members and the director of the shelter. Ms. Carlson stated that the Humane Society has been providing animal control support for 21 years. Ms. Carlson handed out a presentation showing that animal control calls have increased by 155% from 772 in 2015 to 1,971 in 2018. Several questions were asked about the types of calls that the Humane Society responds to and the fees charged when they pick up an animal. Ms. Carlson stated that if a dog is not spayed or neutered, the cost is \$140, if the owner voluntarily agrees to spay or neuter the dog, the fee is \$70, and if the animal is already spayed or neutered, the fee is \$40, and there can be other charges. Approximately one third of the budget, \$143,480 comes from the county. The City of Martinsville pays \$25,000 for services and Mooresville paid \$1,200 last year (per animal basis). They also have donations and fund raisers. Ms. Carlson stated that the drug crisis has also impacted animal control in the county. There is one animal control officer and an after-hours officer; however, they are struggling to keep up and office staff sometimes go on runs, which is a serious risk. They asked for increased funds in order to fund an additional daytime officer. The 4-wheel drive animal control vehicle is on its last leg and they are trying not to drive it. They requested an increase of \$39,226 in the 2019 budget, but are still short \$20,140.12.

Financial Information

Dan Bastin handed out the 2018 Budgetary Financial Statements spreadsheet showing the balance as of December 31, 2018, the 2018 Estimates to Actual Comparisons, and the 2019 Budgetary Financial Statements as of April 1, 2019. The spreadsheets show the revenue and expenses for 2018. The General Fund ended the year with an \$8 million balance, Highway Fund \$444,000, Local Road and Street \$550,000. The actual cash balance was \$3.6 million higher than the estimate because of higher revenues, an increase in interest, and a conservative estimate.

Adjournment

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

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Bryan Collier

Kim Merideth

Paul Prather

Dave Zoller

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Kelly Alcala

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor