

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, VICKIE KIVETT AND KELLY ALCALA. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND DALE COFFEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY. BRYAN COLLIER WAS ABSENT AND VICE PRESIDENT KIM MERIDETH CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER. DANIEL ELLIOTT WAS LATE.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kelly Alcala*)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Sheriff*

Dan Bastin stated that he has been working with the Sheriff's Department and Highway Department to replace a lift at the Highway Department that is used for maintenance of the sheriff and jail vehicles. The lift was unsafe and inadequate and was not able to lift the SUVs and vans. The quoted lift has a 12,000 pound capacity and includes two jacks. Mr. Bastin requested an additional appropriation of \$8,500 from the General Fund (1000) or Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) or Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). Mr. Bastin stated that the total needed is \$6,700. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$6,700 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-105-4441 (Vehicle Lift). Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 5-0. (Daniel Elliott was late.)

- *EMA*

Mark Tumey, Morgan EMA Director, stated that they built a pole barn last year and they have been having a mold problem. DC Metals installed vents, but the gravel floor is wicking the moisture. Mr. Tumey has funds in the Professional Services line (\$4,350) that can be transferred. The remaining amount (\$4,200) could come from the sale of the old ambulance that was purchased through a grant from the Kendrick Foundation. Mr. Tumey obtained a quote of \$8,550 to pour a cement floor and they might be able to lower that amount if the Highway Department is able to add a gravel base. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Highway Department*

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Department, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$86,147.92 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund (1229) into Account #1229-000-4361 (Contractual Paving). Dan Bastin stated that this fund is restricted to paving. This is the amount that is remaining in the fund. Paul Prather made a motion to grant the additional appropriation as requested. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Library*

Krista Ledbetter, Morgan County Public Library Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$1,674,000 from the Morgan County Library Improvement Reserve Fund and \$905,000 from the Library Rainy Day Fund. Ms. Ledbetter stated that approximately one year ago, she appeared before the Council to request a \$2.2 million General Obligation Bond to pay for the library addition/renovation. At the time they were still in the design process. The amount requested will come from the Rainy Day Fund and Library Improvement Reserve Fund. This is not a tax increase and is from funds they have on hand. Ms. Ledbetter presented an artist rendering of the addition and floor plan. There is a need for more meeting space and quiet reading space. Ms. Ledbetter stated that this amount is 5% over the \$4.533 bid. The addition/renovation will be finished in July 2020. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Harrison Township Fire Protection District*

John Forbes, Harrison Township Fire District Chairman, Tony Siefert, Mike Jackson, and Jon Kennedy were present to request an additional appropriation of \$67,300 from the Harrison Township Fire Protection District Fund as follows:

\$2,000 Professional Consulting
3,000 Legal Assistance
300 Meeting Room

\$62,000 Paid Standby

Mr. Forbes stated that the additional request of \$141,000 last year was to fund the entire year. Josh Allison, Fire Chief, informed Mr. Forbes that they took a loan out on the fire truck in order to continue the payments to the fire fighters. Mr. Forbes stated that in order to get the volunteers in, they must use paid standby. Mr. Allison stated that last year they had 126 EMS calls and 50 fire calls. Daniel Elliott stated that there were several unanswered questions regarding the amount for paid standby, but he would be happy to make a motion to approve the remaining \$5,300 requested. After receiving some suggestions for free meeting space, Daniel Elliott amended his motion to approve \$3,000 for legal assistance and \$2,000 for professional consulting. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. After much discussion and reviewing the 2019 budget, Mike Jackson stated that 75% of the paid standby funds were going to one person and there are other things that have happened that are questionable. Mr. Jackson stated that these funds could be better spent. Josh Allison stated that his father, Dave Allison, works 90% of the paid standby hours. Mr. Jackson stated that he met with Bargersville and the chief was onboard with providing services for the same amount of money that the board currently contracts with Harrison Township Fire District. Kelly Alcalá stated that they need to get everyone on the same page and she is willing to meet with anyone to discuss the questions. Paul Prather called for a vote. Motion carried 6-0. Daniel Elliott, Kelly Alcalá, and Paul Prather agreed to meet with the board in order to clear up any questions. Kim Merideth noted that this would not be a quorum of the Council.

- *Monroe Township Fire Protection District*

Danny Chenault, Monroe Township Fire District Fiscal Officer, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$60,000 from the Cumulative Fire Fund for the purchase of 22 new sets of turnout gear. Nine sets are expiring within the next year and ten sets are expiring within the three years following. This purchase leaves \$90,000 in the fund. There is a plan to rotate in replacement gear over the next few years. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfer:

- *EMA*

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, requested a transfer of \$4,350 from Account #1000-132-4362 (Contractual Services) to Account \$1000-132-4440 (Pole Barn). Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Tumey stated that he has been working with 911 Dispatch and the Sheriff Department to put together an emergency notification system. They are attending community events and there is a link on Facebook to sign up. Over 800 people have signed up so far.

Minutes

Paul Prather made a motion to approve the May 6, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfer:

- *911 Public Safety Dispatch*

Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, was present to request a transfer of \$158,030 from Account #1138-911-4480 (Motorola Lease) to Account #1138-911-4445 (Tornado Sirens). Mr. Hamilton stated that the first year's payment was already made on the lease and these funds could go towards upgrading/replacing tornado sirens in the county. Mr. Hamilton provided maps from a siren survey through ECS. The county has several different makes of sirens and they would like to change them all to Whelen and add sirens where there is no coverage. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 6-0.

DLGF

Dan Bastin stated that he received notice today from DLGF (Department of Local Government Finance) that the maximum allowable levy growth for 2020 is 3.5%.

Kim Merideth noted that budget assignments were emailed earlier in the week.

Adjournment

Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Bryan Collier

Kim Merideth

Paul Prather

Dave Zoller

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Kelly Alcala

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor