

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019 AT 8:00 A.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, AND DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (Kim Merideth)

Appointment

Vickie Kivett made a motion to appoint Sharon Tyree to the Morgan County Board of Tax Appeals. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Safety Local Income Tax (LIT)

Mark Singer with Brown Township Fire Department was present to request a portion of the Public Safety LIT. Mr. Singer stated that their revenue is lower. Mark Harries, Brown Township Trustee, stated that he was in support of the request and it would be used to purchase apparatus equipment.

Mike Lang, Madison Township Fire Department, was present to also request a portion of the Public Safety LIT. Mr. Lang stated that their revenue is down and the runs are up. They currently have funds available for one and a half paramedics to be on duty, the additional funds would allow for two during the day.

It was noted that Brown and Madison are the only two townships not under the EMS taxing levy.

Devoney Collins with A&A Township Volunteer Fire Department stated that this money keeps their ambulance going. They would use the additional funds to purchase an additional used ambulance that would provide backup for the county EMS service. Ms. Collins noted that the county EMS does not cover school events or the fair. These events pay \$2,870 for the coverage and EMS wants more.

Kelly Alcala stated that Madison and Brown still provide service and not providing the additional \$20,000 from the Public Safety LIT does not make sense.

Mark Harris stated that fire and EMS work together; Madison and Brown Townships have helped EMS and EMS has helped the townships.

After discussion regarding volunteers and coverage areas, Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn and go into the workshop session. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. 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