

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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*)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Data Administration*

Joel Johnson, Morgan County Data Administration Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$37,702 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-125-4443.20. Mr. Johnson stated that the upgraded email system was not budgeted. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that the sewage grinder is a fenced in area at the jail and there are two grinders that grind up the sewage coming from the jail to prevent items from backing up the city sewer. The grinders alternate, but run 24/7 and one is down. They require a crane to remove and install. Five years ago, when one was replaced, the other soon followed so he add an amount to replace the second one in the 2020 budget. Mr. Rogers requested an additional appropriation of \$21,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-135-4442.30 (Septic Grinders). Mr. Rogers stated that they have since installed pins in the toilets to help prevent some of the larger items from getting into the sewer system. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Rogers stated that the control center is being updated since dispatch moved out and the old visitation area is being updated to allow for inmate/attorney meeting areas. Because of ADA and HVAC requirements, a wall must be moved, but this added to the cost. Mr. Rogers requested an additional appropriation of \$50,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-135-4444 (Jail Renovations). Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Highway Department/Commissioners*

Ryan Goodwin, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation into the following accounts from the Community Crossings Grant Fund (9110):

\$223,694.50	Account #9110-101-4301 Greencastle Road
154,078.47	Account #9110-101-4302 Paragon Road
257,673.95	Account #9110-101-4303 Goat Hollow Road
185,197.10	Account #9110-101-4301 Keller Hill Road
116,464.34	Account #9110-101-4301 Bill Smith Road
41,749.78	Account #9110-101-4301 Co Rd 250 North
116,706.45	Account #9110-101-4301 Warthen Road
100,678.00	Account #9110-101-4301 Skunk Hollow Road
75,389.20	Account #9110-101-4301 Hinshaw Road (Monroe)
19,769.10	Account #9110-101-4301 Hinshaw Road (Gregg)
31,695.79	Account #9110-101-4301 Liberty Church Road
45,526.62	Account #9110-101-4301 Godsey Road
73,119.60	Account #9110-101-4301 Gasburg Road
359,189.65	Account #9110-101-4301 Mann Road
<u>173,764.41</u>	Account #9110-101-4301 Herbemont Road
\$1,974,696.96	Total

Mr. Goodwin stated that this does not represent new money, it is the amount of the matching grant funds that the county received from the Indiana Community Crossings Grant program through the state of Indiana. The county was one of the recipients to receive the maximum

amount of funding, \$1 million. Kelly Alcala made a motion to grant the additional appropriation as requested. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfer:

- *Extension*

Rena Sheldon, Purdue Extension Educator, was present to request a transfer of \$1,900 from Account #1000-126-4361 (Rental) to Account #1000-126-4211 (Office Supplies). Ms. Sheldon stated that the bulk of the funds is printer ink. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the June 3, and July 1, 2019 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget

Dan Bastin stated that the Indiana Code requires the Council to review the maximum levies and the impact of the property tax cap on all of the units in the county. The statute requires that the minutes note that the Council reviewed them and any comments the Council wished to make on the levies. Mr. Bastin stated that the impact of the property tax cap isn't much of a problem in Morgan County as it only affects three properties. The property tax cap for properties with an over 65 exemption (the property tax cannot increase by more than 2%) affected the county by a total of \$40,870 in property taxes that will not be recouped.

In order to request a distribution of the Local Income Tax Public Safety Funds, fire departments are to submit a request to the Council before July 1. Fire departments that submitted a request are: Brown Township, Madison Township, and Monroe Township. The Council is required to act by September 1 on the requests. Mr. Bastin handed out the estimate for the LIT for 2020.

Mr. Bastin reminded the Council that the budget reviews with department heads and elected officials are on August 19 and 20. Both sessions begin at 8:30 am.

Comment

Rich Myers, Morgan County Sheriff, reminded everyone that school is in session and the Sheriff's Department received \$10,000 for the school bus stop arm enforcement grant.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Daniel Elliott 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