

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A BUDGET REVIEW SESSION ON  
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019 AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE  
ZOLLER, DANIEL ELLIOTT, VICKIE KIVETT AND KELLY ALCALA. ALSO PRESENT  
WAS DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Budget Review:

The following budgets were presented by office holders and elected officials:

- *Recorder* – Jana Gray  
No major changes to the budget.
- *Assessor* – Julie Minton  
Budget has been moved out of the General Fund and into the Reassessment Fund except for the Assessor salary. Job titles have been changed to Data Analysts and Assessment Specialists.
- *Circuit Court* - Nikki Kukman (on behalf of Judge Matt Hanson)  
No major changes.
- *Clerk* – Stephanie Elliott  
Included in the budget are 5% salary increases, a copier, and furniture.
- *Election* – Stephanie Elliott  
The budget includes raises and a copier as well as election software and printers for the presidential election.
- *Superior I* – Judge Pete Foley  
Changes for the budget are 3% wage increases, moving psych exams and interpreters to the Shared Court Services budget, and a VASIA program, which is a matching grant program through the state.
- *Jury Administrator* – Judge Foley  
The budget includes the contract amount for jury pool notices.
- *Shared Court Services Budget* – Pete Foley  
The budget includes psych exam and interpreter costs.
- *Public Defender* – Judge Foley  
The budget has increased by \$20,000 for a contract to do bond hearings.
- *Treasurer* – Terry Clelland  
The budget has a slight increase for travel, bond, and furniture.
- *Veterans Service Officer* – Rick Baum  
The biggest change to the budget includes moving the part time assistant to full time.
- *Plan Commission* – Laura Parker  
Budget increase requests include a chief deputy position for an employee that will be the flood plain administrator and do the 911 addressing, a leased vehicle for the building inspector and a \$6,000 salary increase for the inspector.
- *Superior II* –  
No changes except for furniture.
- *Superior III* – Sara Dungan  
Essentially the same except for salaries and a request for furniture and a copier.
- *Magistrate* – Terry Iacoli  
There is a need for courtroom furniture and copiers in the Courthouse. The budget is the same except for a 3% salary increase.
- *Surveyor* – Terry Brock  
Budget is the same except for 5% wage increases and a decrease in equipment.

- *Coroner* – Annette Butcher  
The 2020 budget includes several increases, supplies, building maintenance, travel, lab and X-ray, and vehicle maintenance. A vehicle to transport bodies and a salary increase, along with a change to full time, is also requested but not in the budget.
- *Auditor* – Dan Bastin  
Included in the budget are requests for 5% salary increases, a part time position, a copier, human resources consultant, and an electronic payroll system.
- *Data Administration* – Joel Johnson  
The budget request includes an increase for software licensing, a hosted cloud system, and while not in the budget, a VOIP phone system.
- *Court Services* - Brian Foley  
The 2019 budget was \$767,127 – the 2020 budget request is for \$837,404. The main difference is a pre-trial probation officer. This has also been requested in a DOC grant. They have requested an additional \$10,000 for drug screens. There are 31 positions on staff.
- *911 Dispatch Center* – Scott Hamilton  
The budget includes an increase to cover the cost for cell phones for supervisors, a leased vehicle, contractual services for the Spillman program that will be split between departments, a part time administrator, Certified Training Officer stipends, a location system (or part time or overtime for dispatchers), and a law enforcement repeater.

**Budget Information**

Dan Bastin stated that the maximum levy for 2020 is \$11,820,710. All funds are within the maximum levy, although there are concerns. The Highway Fund will receive less money from the state in 2020 and the fund will be short by \$2 million. The Local Road and Street Fund is short by \$133,000. The Statewide 911 Fund, which funds dispatcher salaries, is short by \$427,000 but the LIT Public Safety Fund has a \$2.7 million surplus and can cover this shortage.

Mr. Bastin handed out a chart showing how longevity converts to a rate per hour for employees' overtime. Once the salary ordinance is set, the Auditor's Office will need to calculate this rate for every employee so the payroll department is prepared should an employee earn overtime. Per the Fair Labor Standards, if a bonus or longevity is incorporated into a salary, then it must also be incorporated into the overtime rate.

**Adjournment**

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

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Daniel Elliott
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ATTEST:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor