

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT 6:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, 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. KIM MERIDETH WAS ABSENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

**Additional Appropriations:**

- *Commissioners*

Kenny Hale, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$7,775 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-133-4359 (Vehicle Lease) for the lease charges on the Silverado, Traverse, and Equinox. The Traverse was to go to the 911 Dispatch Center, the Equinox was to be the Commissioner/County Administrator vehicle, and the Silverado was to go to the Parks Department. Mr. Hale stated that after hearing the Council discussion at budget time, the vehicles were not handed over to the departments. This amount will cover the charges until the end of the year and the Commissioners decide what to do with them. Bryan Collier asked if there were funds in the budgets for these departments. Mr. Hale replied that there are funds in the Dispatch budget and Park Department budget. Dan Bastin stated that there was not a specific line item in the budgets for this expense. Vickie Kivett asked if the vehicles could go back to the leasing company. Mr. Hale stated that it is an option. Kelly Alcala stated that the funding should have been obtained before the vehicles were leased and made a motion to deny the request and allow the Commissioners to transfer the funds. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0. (Kim Merideth was absent.)

- *Court Services*

Brian Foley, Morgan County Court Services Assistant Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$12,000 from the Supplemental Adult Probation Fund (1138) into Account #2100-000-4311 (Drug Screening). Mr. Foley stated that this should be enough for the remainder of the year. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Dave Zoller. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Commissioners*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$300,000 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138), or the Rainy Day Fund (1186), or the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191). Mr. Voyles stated that this amount is an estimate to remedy the mold situation in the Court Services basement. There are over 700 books to clean and microfilm, and cleaning of the storage area. Vickie Kivett asked what books were stored. Mr. Voyles stated that they appeared to be from the Clerk's Office. Daniel Elliott stated that the project should be looked at by multiple sources to make sure they are getting the best deal for the community. Norman Voyles stated that Moore Restoration, a company that has done this type of work for the county in the past, has taped off the basement area and installed air scrubbers. They are waiting on an estimate from the Clerk on microfilming the books. Mr. Voyles stated that this is not a situation you mess around with; you get in and get it done. Paul Prather made a motion to grant the additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138). Motion died for lack of a second. Daniel Elliott stated that they are being asked to throw out \$300,000 and just generally say "trust us with this," not that he doesn't trust the Commissioners, but he needs more information. Vickie Kivett stated that she would need an in depth report from the company as to how they would clean the books and documentation from the State of Indiana Public Records Commission that the books are needed records. Mr. Voyles stated that it might not take this amount, or it could take twice this amount. Kelly Alcala asked if there was anything written out as to what work the company would perform. Mr. Voyles stated that it was discussed during a meeting with the company. Daniel Elliott stated that if they could get the details, they might feel better about voting for it; it did not know enough about what they were doing in order to say "yea". Ms. Alcala stated that they need a contract that spells it out so they know. Mr. Voyles stated that when the Clerk receives an estimate for microfilming, they would have a better idea. Daniel Elliott made a motion to table the request for more information. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 5-1. Paul Prather was opposed.

A meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am to discuss this item again. Paul Prather asked what the expectations are as to who is going to bring what. Kelly Alcala stated that they need a contract or document with a company name on it. Daniel Elliott stated that he wants a contract, he wants to see the steps that will be taken, and he wants to see that other companies have a chance to look at the issue. Vickie Kivett stated that she wanted the book count, the procedure that will be used to preserve them, and a letter from the state saying that it is necessary to retain the records. Daniel Elliot stated that they need to know it will be a permanent solution.

**Transfers:**

- *EMA*

Mark Tumey, Morgan County EMA Director, was present to request a transfer of \$2,200 from Acct #1000-132-4213 (Operating Supplies) into Acct #100-132-4441 (Equipment). Mr. Tumey stated that this will be used for garage door openers for the barn and a dispatch desk for the EOC (Emergency Operations Center). They were inspected last month by the State of Indiana and with have an inspection on the operation of the EOC. They already have a dispatch consul to run during a disaster emergency. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Tumey stated that they have taken in just shy of \$300,000 in grants in the last two years and have purchased a lot of equipment. They are working to get the flood gates installed.

- *Court Services*

Brian Foley requested a transfer of \$500 from Acct #1000-140-4395 (Instruction/Education) into Acct #1000-140-4441 (Equip/Furn). Mr. Foley stated that they need to replace a couple of office chairs. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Highway Department*

Dan Bastin stated that the HVAC unit at the Highway Department was replaced and they planned on paying for it out of maintenance and repair, but it is a capital expenditure, so they have requested a transfer of \$4,739 from Acct #1176-100-4363 (Maintenance/Repair) to Acct #1176-100-4441 (Equipment). Paul Prather made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request a transfer of \$1,000 from Acct #1159-000-4363 (Maintenance/Repair) to Acct #1159-000-4443.10 (Computer Software). Ms. LaFary stated that they need to update windows on the Mac computers. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

**Prosecutor Investigator**

Steve Sonnega stated that he is requesting that Rick Lang, who works in Hendricks County, be allowed to work as a Morgan County investigator on the Jill Behrman case. The conviction was reversed and it is on appeal. Mr. Lang would be bonded on the county insurance. Mr. Sonnega stated that there are 33 boxes of files and Mr. Lang knows the case inside out. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 6-0.

**Meeting Schedule**

Bryan Collier stated that the election clerk has asked that the Council not schedule meetings the night before the election next year. They will need to set up the room for the election.

**Adjournment**

Daniel Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 6-0.

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ATTEST:

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Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor