

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, VICKIE KIVETT, DANIEL ELLIOTT, AND KELLY ALCALA. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR; DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Sheriff Rich Myers*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the December 18, 2019 and January 6, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Recorder*

Jana Gray, Morgan County Recorder, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$5,410 from the General Fund (1000) into Acct #1000-104-4113.20 (Second Deputy). Ms. Gray stated that an employee retired and after paying out vacation and sick time, and a 68-cent shortage in this line item, they need an additional appropriation. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Coroner*

Bryan Collier stated that he received a phone call from Coroner Annette Butcher right before the meeting and she is unable to attend due to illness. Ms. Butcher had submitted an additional appropriation request of \$5,500 from the General Fund as follows: \$1,200 into Acct#1000-107-4443 (Computer Software) and \$4,300 into Acct #1000-107-4443.10 (Computer Equipment). Mr. Collier stated that the computers are very old. Daniel Elliott stated that they should be replaced and there needs to be a rotation system for computer equipment. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Paul Prather stated that he did not want to get into the habit of not having office holders appear for their requests. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Title IV-D*

Robert Hagee, Title IV-D, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$840 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-141-4320 (Rental) for a postage meter. Mr. Hagee stated that once this department moves into the former Reporter Times building, they will no longer be grandfathered under the IRS regulations. They will not be able to share a postage meter with another office as they have been doing. They can get a postage meter with a three-year lease for a total of \$2,520. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

- *Commissioners*

Josh Messmer, County Administrator, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$167,000 from either the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138), Rainy Day Fund (1186), or the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund (1191) into Account #1186-000-4313 (Mold Remediation) for mold remediation at the Court Services (Annex) Building. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers:

- *Jail*

Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, was present to request a transfer of \$50,000 from Acct #1000-135-4211 (Supplies) into Acct #1000-135-4490 (Equipment). Mr. Rogers stated that some of the items they have been taking out of the supplies budget are not really classified as supplies, they are more like equipment (radio parts, kitchen parts, etc.) Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Rogers also requested an additional appropriation of \$4,000 from Acct #1000-153-4211 (Supplies) into Acct #1000-153-4490 (Equipment) for the Work Release. Paul Prather made a

motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution Amending Morgan County Employee Handbook – Vacation Benefits

Bryan Collier noted that the amendment to the Employee Handbook regarding vacation benefits was approved at the last meeting, but was not signed and requested that the Council sign the resolution.

Humane Society

Sandy Kirsch, Morgan County Humane Society Board President, was present to request an additional \$17,669 for the operation of the Humane Society shelter. Ms. Kirsch stated that each year they submit a budget request, but this was not submitted in time to be included for the 2020 budget last year. Vickie Kivett thanked Ms. Kirsch for the detailed report and stated that she was surprised that Morgan County funds a third of their budget. Ms. Kirsch stated that animal control for Morgan County is 82% of their animal control costs. They had to hire an additional animal control officer due to the amount of calls. Dan Bastin stated that typically, when an additional appropriation request comes before the Council, it is made by the elected official that is in charge of the budget. This item comes from the Commissioners’ budget, but there was no formal request from the Commissioners, nor has this been discussed by the Commissioners. Bryan Collier stated that a request from the Commissioners would be the first step.

Additional Appropriation:

- *Solid Waste*

Dan Bastin stated that it is the intent of the Solid Waste District Management Board to have the new director/controller (Erick Kivett) work with the present director (Leonard Huffman) for two weeks before Mr. Huffman retires, but there are not enough funds in the budget to do that. Mr. Huffman stated that they are requesting a transfer of \$1,999.20 to cover the two weeks. Mr. Bastin stated that this will require a Salary Ordinance amendment. Daniel Elliott made a motion to add the new position of Interim Director/Controller at \$28.56 per hour for 35 hours per week for two weeks beginning February 3rd. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0-1. Vickie Kivett abstained.

Other Business

Bryan Collier stated that he attended an I-69 meeting and noted that there will be a lot of changes in the very near future. Mr. Collier had maps available if someone wants to see them.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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