

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, VICKIE KIVETT, DANIEL ELLIOTT VIA TELECOMMUTING, AND KELLY ALCALA VIA TELECOMMUTING. ALSO PRESENT WERE DAN BASTIN, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR VIA TELECOMMUTING; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY. DAVE ZOLLER WAS ABSENT.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

MINUTES

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the March 2, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0. (Dave Zoller was absent.)

Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator Update

Steve Lyday, Emergency Health Preparedness Coordinator, stated that his job is to exercise the plans for this type of event and coordinate the activity among the stakeholders. They have a phone call every morning and discuss the status of everything. They have had an issue obtaining PPE (personal protection equipment). There are 78 positive cases in the county and one death from the coronavirus.

Additional Appropriations:

- *Auditor*

Dan Bastin, Morgan County Auditor, requested an additional appropriation of \$20,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-102-4315 (Professional Services) and \$82,500 into Account #1138-102-4443.20 (Software) for payroll software, property tax software, license fee and support. Mr. Bastin stated that they are not happy with the current financial and property tax vendor and need to obtain a new vendor. Mr. Bastin requested \$40,000 at budget time to add a time keeping module to the payroll system, but this money can be used to purchase the new software. He has obtained quotes from Lowe for the financial/payroll system and X-Soft for property taxes. These programs will work with the Assessor and Treasurer's Office programs. Mr. Bastin suggested that the \$20,000 come from the General Fund and the \$82,500 be reduced to \$42,500 and come from the Cumulative Development Fund. Mr. Bastin stated that they are not able to create reports on the fly with the current financial system and there were issues with calculating tax bills with the property tax system. After more discussion regarding timekeeping software, databases, servers, and cloud storage, Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve \$42,500 from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) and \$20,000 from the General Fund (1000). Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 5-1. (Kelly Alcala was opposed.)

- *Commissioners*

The Morgan County Board of Commissioner requested an additional appropriation of \$100,000 from several different funds into Account #1186-133-4390 (COVID-19 Expenses). Josh Messmer, Morgan County Administrator, stated that each department is tracking any expenses related to COVID -19, which is \$58,486 to date. The biggest expense has come from EMS. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from the Rainy Day Fund (1186). Motion seconded Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board of Commissioners also requested an additional appropriation of \$100,000 from the General Fund (1000) into Account #1000-133-4318 (Copier Contract) for the purchase or lease of new copiers. Mr. Messmer stated that it was discussed at the last Council meeting to either purchase or lease copiers and the Council came to a consensus to purchase the copiers. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Jail*

The Morgan County Jail requested an additional appropriation of \$112,500 from the Cumulative County Development Fund (1138) into Account #1138-135-4444 (Jail Renovations). Dave Rogers, Morgan County Jail Commander, stated that this has been an ongoing project and the bids were higher than anticipated. This project renovates the old security area into attorney visitation rooms. The bids totaled \$261,000, which includes a \$26,000 contingency. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0.

Call Out Policy

Brian Foley, Morgan County Court Services Director, was present to discuss a call out policy for non-exempt employees. Mr. Foley stated that this policy gives the on-call staff one hour of comp time per day that they are on call. This would rotate between five on call employees. Mr. Foley stated that on call staff give up a lot to be on call. Judge Pete Foley stated that this policy is an attempt to recognize the burden that on call staff take on. Josh Messmer noted that the Board of Commissioners has approved the policy. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the policy. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion

Vickie Kivett stated that she would like to have a discussion regarding who would handle the paperwork for reimbursement of federal funds. Josh Messmer stated that EMA would be in charge of that.

Meeting Schedule Amendment

Bryan Collier stated that since the May election has been moved to June, he would like to move the May meeting from May 6 to May 4 and the June meeting date from June1 to June 3. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the changes. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjournment

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

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Bryan Collier

Kim Merideth

Paul Prather

Dave Zoller

Daniel Elliott

Vickie Kivett

Kelly Alcala

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor