

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Mike Ellis Morgan County Coroner-elect*)

**Minutes**

Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the October 5, 2020 regular and joint meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 5-0.

**Transfers:**

• *Auditor*

Dan Bastin, Morgan County Auditor, requested a transfer of \$1,500 from Acct #1000.39599.000.0002 (Instruction & Education) into Acct #1000.40000.000.0002 (Equipment). Mr. Bastin stated all the instruction has been online this year and they really need new chairs at about \$200 each. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 5-0.

• *Treasurer*

Terry Clelland, Morgan County Treasurer, was present to request a transfer of \$1,500 from Acct #1000.36100.000.0003 (Contractual) into Acct #1000.11310.000.0003 (1<sup>st</sup> Deputy). Ms. Clelland stated that an employee retired at the first of the year and she needs to replace the amount that was paid out when she left. Kelly Alcala made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 5-0.

• *Coroner*

Annett Butcher, Morgan County Coroner, was present to request a transfer of \$1,000 from Acct #1000.22200.000.0007 (Supplies) to Acct #1000.40000.000.0007 (Equipment). Ms. Butcher stated that this will be used to purchase a new flexible cot since the strap broke on the one they have now, and a baby bag. Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 5-0.

• *Plan Commission*

Laura Parker, Morgan County Plan Commission Director, was present to request the following transfers:

From - \$10,000 Acct #1000.124.000.0079 (Part-time Inspector)  
5,000 Acct #1000.17600.000.00079 (Plan Commission Board)  
2,000 Acct #1000.17700.000.0079 (BZA Board)  
5,500 Acct #1000.2211.000.0079 (Gas/Oil/Tires)  
4,000 Acct #1000.32300.000.0079 (Travel & Lodging)  
4,000 Acct #1000.39500.000.0079 (Instruction/Education)  
\$30,500 Total

To - \$30,500 Acct #1000.36100.000.0079 (Contractual Services)

Ms. Parker stated that because of COVID, they have some balances in funds that they will not be able to use. They put out an RFP for a consultant to help update the Zoning Ordinance. It looks like the funds originally budgeted will be too low and she might need a little more. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer as outlined. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 5-0.

• *Weights & Measures*

Scotty Manley, Morgan County Weights & Measures, was present to request a transfer as follows:

From - \$2,400 Acct#1000-36300.000.0308 (Repair & Maintenance)

500 Acct #1000.22200.000.0308 (Operating Supplies)  
690 Acct #1000.40000.000.0308 (Equipment)

To - \$2,900 Acct #1000.12410.000.0308 (Inspector)  
690 Acct #1000.23300.000.0308 (Supplies)

Mr. Manley stated that during the time when they did not have an inspector, the state required that this be made a full time position. Part of the requested transfer would go toward the salary since it was a part time position last year when the salary was set. The remaining amount will go towards parts to repair the prover. The equipment will then go to the state to be certified. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer as listed. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 5-0.

- *Health Department*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request a transfer of \$1,500 from Acct #1159.21400.000.0000 (Vaccines) to Acct #1159.40000.000.0000 (Equipment). Ms. LaFary stated that this will be used for a negative balance for computers and a lipid analyzer. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 5-0.

- *EMS*

Donnie Warren, Morgan County EMS was present to request a transfer of \$6,000 from Acct #1151.24400.000.0000 (Training Supplies) and \$3,000 from Acct #1151.27100.000.0000 (Uniforms) to Acct #1151.40000.000.0000 (Equipment) to pay for training equipment (intubation heads, IV training arms, and IO trainers) for crews. Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Warren also introduced the Council to Keenan Blair, the new QA/QI Training Officer.

**Job Classification System and Maintenance Plan Ordinance**

Daree Fry, HR Director, stated that there are two ordinances to approve; one is to accept the job descriptions that were compiled by WIS and one for the Maintenance Plan. The HR Director will be the keeper of the job descriptions. Bryan Collier noted that this is a living ordinance. Kelly Alcalá made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting the job descriptions. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Fry stated that there will be a committee of three Council members, the Auditor, Administrator, and HR as advisor. Daniel Elliott made a motion to adopt the job classification and maintenance plan. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 5-0.

**CARES Act Resolution**

Josh Messmer stated that the Board of Commissioners approved a CARES Act resolution and this will be put in place in order to reimburse salaries for employees. The county received the funds on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dan Bastin stated that this grant from the Indiana Finance Authority was planned to cover COVID expense, but the guidelines were changed after documentation was submitted and the county is allowed to reimburse the salaries of public safety personnel from March through September. The funds may be receipted into the County General Fund if the proper resolutions are adopted. Should the Council wish to reimburse the Rainy Day Fund (since this is the fund that was used for COVID expenses) the Council would need to authorize the transfer of General Fund monies to the Rainy Day Fund. The amount transferred must be equal to or less than 10% of the total budget (or approximately \$2.2 million). Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the CARES Act Resolution. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 5-0.

**General Obligation Bond Information**

Dan Bastin stated that he and Josh Messmer talked to Taft about general obligation bonds and Baker Tilly about being a financial advisor through the process. They learned that the process is not all that difficult, especially with bond counsel. Mr. Bastin handed out information showing several options for bond amounts and terms. Mr. Bastin noted that the Council needs to take into consideration the life of any projects they bond. Anything over \$15 million would require a referendum; anything over \$5.5 is subject to a petition and remonstrance process. The Council agreed they need to meet jointly with the Commissioners to discuss this further.

**Sheriff's Retirement Plan Amendment**

Sheriff Rich Meyers presented a long-term disability plan amendment for the Sheriff's Department that the Council agreed to put in place earlier in the year through One America. The

effective date is January 1, 2021. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the amendment. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcalá. Motion carried 5-0.

**Other Business**

Mike Dellinger, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation, stated that they have been working with the school superintendent in Eminence on broadband expansion and water and sewer infrastructure. They are also working with the Plan Commission on the future replacement of the overpass at Little Point and a beautification project in conjunction with the replacement. The town of Monrovia is updating their comprehensive land use plan and more homes are being developed in the area. Mr. Dellinger stated that Morgan County could be a big player in the housing needs in the future.


**Salary Ordinance**

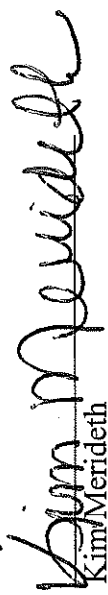
Dan Bastin handed out the 2021 Salary Ordinance draft and asked the Council to review it so it will be ready to finalize at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment**

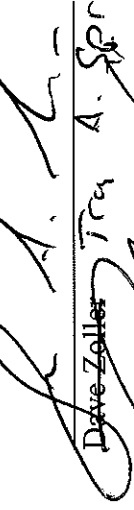
Vickie Kivett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Bryan Collier. Motion carried 5-0.

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Bryan Collier

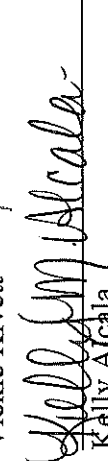
  
Kim Merideth

  
Paul Prather

  
Dave Zeller

  
Tracy A. Sprinkle

  
Daniel Elliott

  
Vickie Kivett

  
Kelly Alcalá

ATTEST:

  
Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor