

THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A JOINT SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONER MEMBERS PRESENT WERE RYAN GOODWIN, KENNY HALE AND NORMAN VOYLES. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, VICKIE KIVETT, DANIEL ELLIOTT AND KELLY ALCALA. DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND JIM WISCO, COUNTY ATTORNEY WERE ALSO PRESENT.

PLEDGE.

PRAYER (Ryan Goodwin).

LONG-TERM CAPITAL NEEDS

Ryan Goodwin stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss long term capital needs that may or may not result in bonding. Josh Messmer stated that during the budget workshop, the Council mentioned that they would like to discuss bonding capacity. Mr. Messmer and Dan Bastin met with Baker Tilly and obtained some preliminary information. Mr. Messmer put together a list of items that departments heads or the Council mentioned. These items may be broken into different classes that could be bonded. Some items would need quotes or engineering work before being able to proceed. Mr. Messmer noted that the space needs study was available from DLZ.

Kim Merideth stated that she was staggered by the numbers presented for the study (\$4.6 million at the Courthouse and \$4.2 at the Administration Building). There was discussion regarding the age of the Courthouse and the expense of maintaining it, moving the highway department offices out of the flood plain, the façade of the Annex, and improvements at the jail. Additional EMS buildings were also mentioned. Daniel Elliott stated that they need a long term plan. Ms. Merideth suggested prioritizing the items listed. Mr. Goodwin stated that in his opinion, if they were willing to do a bond issue, then they should be willing to have a debt service instead of making the bond payment out of the regular cash flow. The Council agreed that they would be willing to look into the debt service. After more discussion, it was decided to request more information regarding a \$12 to \$15 million bond at 20 years; some projects could be more short term and the bonding could be done in phases. Kenny Hale outlined the projects as follows: priority 1 – DLZ study as presented; Courthouse furniture and gutters from Cumulative Capital Development; nothing on downtown master plan; EMS – public safety; fiber optic– Cumulative Capital Development; Highway – priority #4; Jail – Public Safety funds. Mr. Hale stated that these projects total \$12.8 million and with site plans and legal fees, costs would be close to \$15 million.

ADJOURNMENT

Daniel Elliott made a motion to adjourn the Council. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 6-0.

Norman Voyles made a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 3-0.

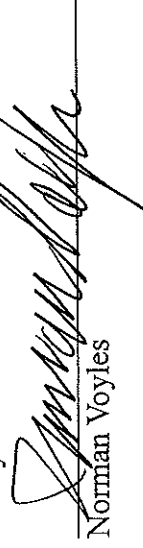
Morgan County Board of Commissioners



Ryan Goodwin



Kenny Hale

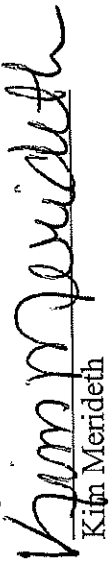


Norman Voyles

Morgan County Council



Bryan Collier



Kim Merideth

Paul Prather



Dave Zoller

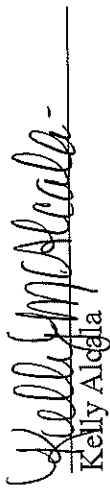


Daniel Elliott





Vickie Kivett



Kelly Alceda

ATTEST:



Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor