

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A BUDGET REVIEW SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17 AND 18, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRYAN COLLIER, KIM MERIDETH, PAUL PRATHER, DAVE ZOLLER, DANIEL ELLIOTT, VICKIE KIVETT AND KELLY ALCALA. ALSO PRESENT WAS DEB VERLEY, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND JOSH MESSMER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

Budget Review:

The following budgets were presented by office holders and elected officials:

- *LIT Economic Development Fund, Cumulative Capital Development, Commissioner* - Josh Messmer, Morgan County Administrator
Mr. Messmer stated the following items were added or increased, which increased the budget: SharePoint, real estate, Courthouse window project, fiber line, EMS buildings, key fob system, group health insurance, liability insurance, HR system, and Humane Society
- *Weights and Measures* – Josh Messmer
State requires this position to be full time based upon population
- *Maintenance* – Michelle Cooley
Additional custodial employee
- *EMA* – Mark Turney
Tornado sirens, state is no longer reimbursing 50% of the salary, they have applied for \$314,000 in grants. The budget includes a \$4,000 increase for the Administrative Assistant, a Hazmat trailer, and an increase in the education line. In 2019 \$81,000 was requested in grants and \$225,000 has been requested so far for 2020.
- *EMS*
Have added three supervisor positions at \$62,000 each
- *Sheriff's Department, Jail, Work Release* – Sheriff Rich Myers
Additional positions, cars, maintenance, COVID related expenses, increasing jail population, retaining staff
- *Prosecutor* – Steve Sonnega
The following items were discussed: new building, IT budget, pre-trial deferment, online applications, possibility of a new website, cloud storage, cellphone issues, products to keep data secure, rotating out computers, salary study results, possible perks such as paying for dues, cell phones, wardrobes and/or student loans
- *Title IV-D* – Brian Deiwert
Essentially the same except for salary study

Transfer:

- *EMS*
Donnie Warren, EMS Director, requested a transfer of \$4,000 from Acct #1151-000-4323 (Travel & Lodging) to Acct #1151-000-4441 (Equip/Furn) to cover a shortfall of \$432.00 for personal protective equipment and to purchase two AEDs for the new Prosecutor's office. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.
- *Solid Waste Management District* – Erick Kivett
Increasing expenses, recommended a tax levy
- *Highway* – Anthony Hinkle
The following items were discussed: bridge plan, pavement management plan, online drainage complaints, contractual services, Stormwater Pollution Protection Plan
- *Parks* – Kenny Hale

Community Corrections salaries, Wilbur Community Center improvements

- *Board of Health* - Jeanne LaFary
Purchased new computers this year, so budget is lowered for next year
Discussed COVID testing
- *Assessor* – Julie Minton
Will reduce staff by one person and utilize technology for assessments
- *Soil & Water Conservation District* – Lisa Macphee
Introduced new Board President Doug Peine. Mr. Piney stated that they will be partnering with Purdue and Solid Waste, they have an increase in the tech budget for video programs for education access and have a part time educator on contract
- *Morgan County LEPC (renamed Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know)*
– Becky Waymire
Training to help first responders, funding is from user fees
- *Purdue Extension* – Rena Sheldon
Increases include a 5% wage increase and more overtime
- *Treasurer* – Terry Clelland
Budget increases are due to an increase in equipment for an electric letter opener, postage meter is five years old and working fine, but a new one would be around \$15,000
- *Recorder* – Jana Gray
Budget is close to the same as last year, I-69 has increased the work in the office
- *Surveyor* – Terry Brock
Budget is close to the same except for an increase in pay, consulting services to review plans, professional services to rewrite ordinances and contractual services for an educator in conjunction with the Partnership for Water Quality
- *Veteran's Service Officer* – Rick Baum
Mr. Baum stated that they brought in over \$4 million more benefits in 2019 than in 2018. They would like to see plans for a part time assistant in the near future and postage has increased. Mr. Baum also introduced Lindsey Smith, the Administrative Assistant.
- *Plan Commission* – Laura Parker
The budget has increased due to making the part time building inspector a full time position. The current inspector will be retiring soon and there should be a plan for a replacement as they are working with the Commissioners on a Public Nuisance Ordinance and the inspector will also spend time on code enforcement. Other increases include salary increases and IT expenses.
- *Convention, Visitor & Tourism Commission* – Tosha Daugherty
The budget request is \$100,000, which is less than last year. COVID-19 issues have caused revenues to be less than last year.
- *Auditor* – Dan Bastin
The budget includes increases due to salary increases based on the wage study, tech services and maintenance fees for the new tax system and payroll system, and license fees

Recess

Daniel Elliott made a motion to recess. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 7-0.

Reconvene

Paul Prather made a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:30 am Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Motion carried 6-0. All members present except for Kelly Alcalá who had a death in the family.

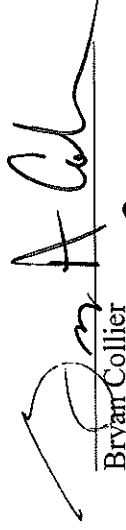
- *911 Dispatch* – Scott Hamilton
State has picked up some of the AT&T 911 costs and the IDAX lines budget is lower than 2021. They have also switched to a VOIP system which saved over \$400 per month.

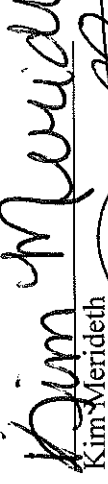
- *Clerk / Election* – Stephanie Elliott
Salary changes that follow the pay study, increase due to IT contractual services, furniture for office.
- *Court Services* – Brian Foley, Miranda Beauchamp
52% of funding comes from grants and user fees. \$120,000 reduction in collections due to COVID-19. Salaries based on pay study. There have been 207 pre-trial assessments.
- *Data Administration* – Joel Johnson
Salaries based on pay study, increase due to maintenance/repair projects, fiber optic project, SharePoint and contractual services. Have requested an additional employee. Council again asked for ticketing system.
- *Coroner* – Annette Butcher, Mike Ellis
Salary increase, deputy pay increased to \$100 per call, requested an administrative assistant, increased supplies (body bags and cleaning supplies) increase in gas, need two new office chairs and desks.
- *Superior II* – Judge Brian Williams
Close to budget from last year
- *Superior III* – Judge Sarah Dungan
Salary study
- *Superior I, Jury Administrator* – Judge Pete Foley
Salary study
- *Shared Court Services, Public Defender*

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am. Motion seconded by Daniel Elliott. Motion carried 6-0.

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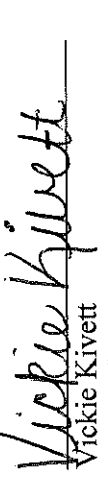

Bryan Collier


Kim Meredith


Paul Prather


Dave Zoller


Daniel Elliott


Vickie Kivett


Kelly Alcala

ATTEST:

Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor