

**THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Vickie Kivett*)

Minutes

Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the August 11, 17/18, 20, and 24/25/27, 2020 minutes. Motion seconded by Vickie Kivett. Motion carried 6-0. (Daniel Elliott was late.)

Additional Appropriations:

- *Morgan County Library*
Krista Ledbetter, Morgan County Library Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$19,469.82 from the Construction Fund into Capital Outlays in order to finish up the building project. The \$1 million bond covered a portion of the construction costs, the rest would be coming from Rainy Day and LIRF Funds. This would allow them to keep the Rainy Day Fund for other projects. Paul Prather made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 6-0.
- *Solid Waste*
Erick Kivett, Morgan County Solid Waste Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$6,669 for collection site improvements. Mr. Kivett stated that they need to move a transformer at the transfer station on Rose Lane in order to access a new site. Dave Zoller made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Kim Merideth. Motion carried 5-0-1. Vickie Kivett abstained.
- *Health Department*
Dan Bastin stated that when the budget was approved for 2020 for the Local Health Maintenance Fund, the actual budget approved by the Council was less than the amount that was approved by the state. They need to be one and the same. The difference was in personal services (salary) and they need to match. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$2,132.00 from the Local Health Maintenance Fund (1168) into Account #1168-000-4165.10 (FICA). Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 6-0.

- *Public Safety Dispatch*
Scott Hamilton, Morgan County Public Safety Dispatch Director, was present to request an additional appropriation of \$171,664 from the Rainy Day Fund (1186) into Account #1186-911-4440 (Remote Call Taking/Dispatch). Mr. Hamilton stated that this allow the dispatch center to set up a remote call center should they need to evacuate the dispatch center or social distance more than what they already are. Josh Messmer stated that they hope this is not necessary, but should something happen to the dispatch center, they would be able to operate seamlessly. This amount should be reimbursed through the CARES Act. After further discussion, Kim Merideth stated that there were several areas in the contract that mentioned additional charges. Bryan Collier stated that Johnson County was the back-up dispatch for the county and this would be a duplication of a duplication. Item died for lack of a motion.

Transfer:

- *Park & Recreation*
Josh Messmer requested a transfer of \$31,068 from Acct #1112-149-4114 (Parks Director) to Acct #1112-149-4315 (Professional Services). Mr. Messmer stated that there is a property dispute at the Waverly Park and this amount will be used for attorney fees. Mr. Messmer stated that it would likely go to a jury trial. Daniel Elliott stated that the dispute involves very old surveys. Daniel Elliott made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Kelly Alcala. Motion carried 7-0.

Morgan County Library – Declaration of Fiscal Body

Krista Ledbetter stated that there is a new requirement this year for libraries at a result of Senate Enrolled Act 410. It requires the library to declare who the fiscal body is (Morgan County Council) and in some districts there can be an additional entity that can have a binding review on a library's budget. Kim Merideth made a motion to approve the document stating that the Morgan County Council is the fiscal body over the Morgan County Library. Motion seconded by Paul Prather. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearings

Bryan Collier opened the public hearing for the following:

- *Tall Oaks Lake Conservancy District*
Catherine Whittier, representing Tall Oaks Lake Conservancy District, stated that they advertised a high budget knowing that they will come back to reduce it. They have a grant for the water system; however, it will take a while before the funds are available and they will be under a large burden to pay for the operation. There were no other comments.

- *Harrison Township Fire District*
Daniel Elliott stated that they are working hard to make sure the residents of Harrison Township are being served efficiently. Vickie Kivett stated that they are below their levy. There were no other comments.

- *Monroe Township Fire District*
Robert Berling, Monroe Township Fire District, stated that the board is appointed to oversee fire protection services for the citizens of Monroe Township. The General Fund budget for 2020 is \$220,431; the proposed budget for 2021 is \$445,472. The primary purpose of the increase in the budget is to provide two firefighters on station 24/7. Chief Stephan Lathan stated that there are huge warehouses that will require additional services as well as added subdivisions. Dan Bastin advised them that the DLGF will not approve the budget because it is over the percentage the state allows for growth. The District will need to start the process for a 2022 levy appeal; it is too late for 2021. Mr. Bastin stated that the fire departments need to band together for county-wide fire protection as there is just too little tax base to provide the services they need. Kelly Alcalá suggested using a professional accounting firm.

- *Morgan County Solid Waste District*

There were no comments.

- *Morgan County*

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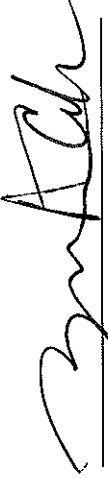
Vaccine Distribution

Steve Lyday, Health Preparedness Coordinator, stated that he is not requesting funding at this time, but will be for the next meeting. Mr. Lyday handed out information outlining the planning for vaccine distribution. The first phase is expected in the third quarter of the year and will be distributed in a tier system. The first tier will be health care workers, the second tier will be essential employees, and the third tier will be long-term care facilities. Mr. Lyday stated that the essential workers would include first responders and government personnel. The plan calls for four points of distribution with 25 workers at each location for four days. Mr. Lyday will be asking for an additional appropriation of \$50,000. Depending on the vaccine, they will have to issue a second inoculation at either 21 days or 28 days. They will be faced with a lot of challenges. The remaining public will be phased in throughout the next year. Getting the vaccine will be voluntary.

Adjournment

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

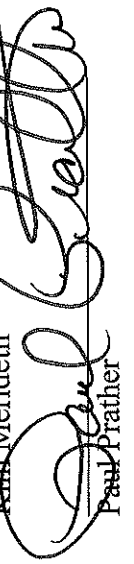
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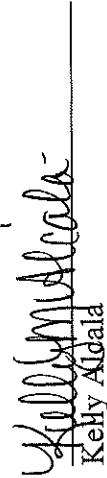
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ATTEST:



Dan Bastin, Morgan Co. Auditor