

THE MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL MET IN A REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KENNY HALE, BOB O'NEAL, PAUL PRATHER, JEFF QUYLE, VICKIE KIVETT, AND RYAN GOODWIN. ALSO PRESENT WERE BRENDA ADAMS, MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR, DEB VERLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND PETE FOLEY, MORGAN COUNTY ATTORNEY. BRYAN COLLIER ARRIVED LATE.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*)

Minutes

Vickie Kivett made a motion to accept the March 4, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 5-0-1. Bob O'Neal abstained.

Additional Appropriation:

• *Highway Department*

Larry Smith, Morgan County Highway Department Engineer, stated that the department has a 1999 Gradall that should have been replaced last year and is in pretty bad shape. They did not budget for a new one because they had one more year of payments on some trucks they purchased. Since then, the county has been reimbursed for the claims that were submitted to the state for the 2008 flood. \$55,000 will be returned to the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Mr. Smith stated that he would like to get a six or seven year lease set up for a replacement excavator with a hydraulic extending boom and requested an additional appropriation of \$60,000 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund (1135) into Account #1135-000-4364 (Gradall Lease). Mr. Smith obtained a quote from Southeastern Equipment for a 3100XL Gradall for \$320,000. They would allow \$20,000 for trade-in of the old XL4100 Gradall. He also obtained a quote from RMP Equipment for a Badger for \$291,000 with a \$22,000 trade-in allowance. A six-year lease at 3% would be \$48,210 per year and a seven-year lease would be \$41,915. Mr. Smith stated that he thought the preference would be to go with the Badger, but they wanted to "test drive" the equipment to make sure it has the power they need before making a decision. Jeff Quyle asked if there were any maintenance issues with the Badger versus the Gradall. Mr. Smith stated that the mechanics told him that they have many of the same parts. The Gradall is switching to a different engine specification (Tier 4) and the Badger has a Cummins 6.7 liter engine, which the mechanics thought to be more durable. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$60,000 into Account #1135-000-4364 (Gradall Lease). Motion seconded by Ryan Goodwin. Motion carried 7-0. (Bryan Collier arrived late.)

Vickie Kivett asked how the winter was on salt and overtime. Mr. Smith stated that he did not keep track of the overtime like the superintendent does, but most of the employees take comp time, up to 80 hours, and they must use it before they take any vacation time. They have approximately 750 tons of salt left. The salt bid for the next season will be coming up soon and they will be allowed to purchase 20% over or under what they order. They will start digging the footers for the maintenance garage later this week.

Group Insurance Trust

Bryan Collier stated that the balance is still going in the right direction and there is a Trust meeting on April 18th at 8:30 am.

Vickie Kivett stated that she was told by an employee that there is a rumor that the Trust is in talks about discontinuing the health insurance for the employees. Mr. Collier stated that they have not explored that avenue and the employees are the county's greatest asset.

Special Guest

Noah, a twelve year-old boy scout from Camby, Indiana, stated that he is working on his communication merit badge and community communications badge. Noah stated that he attends school at Neil Armstrong Elementary School.

Adjournment

Paul Prather made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 7-0.

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Kenny Hale

Robert O'Neal

Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Jeff Quyle

Vickie Kivett

Ryan Goodwin

ATTEST:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor