

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER (*Kenny Hale*)

Minutes

Jeff Quyle made a motion to accept the June 3, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Bob O'Neal. Motion carried 4-0.

Additional Appropriation:

- *Highway Department*

Norman Voyles, Morgan County Commissioner, stated that the highway department has requested an additional appropriation of \$15,000 from the MVH Fund (1176) into Account #1176-102-4342 (Insurance/Liability). Mr. Voyles stated that this insurance will cover the new trucks and Gradall that were recently purchased. Jeff Quyle made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Motion seconded by Bob O'Neal. Motion carried 4-0.

Transfers:

- *Prosecutor*

Bob Cline, Morgan County Deputy Prosecutor, was present to request a transfer of \$2,000 from Acct #4906-000-4441 (Furniture/Equipment) into Acct #4906-000-4323 (Travel) to send two people to a conference on investigating and prosecuting crimes against children. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 4-0.

- *Board of Health*

Jeanne LaFary, Morgan County Health Department, was present to request a transfer of \$2,100 from Acct #1159-000-4342 (Liability Ins) to Acct #1159-000-4165.40 (Group Health Ins). Ms. LaFary stated that they added a new employee last year after the budget was set and they are running a little short. Bob O'Neal made a motion to approve the transfer. Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 4-0.

Energy Saving Plan

Norman Voyles stated that the deadline to advertise the energy savings project was missed and asked for a consensus to move forward with the \$1.2 million project. The project will include upgrades to the lighting, controls, mechanical, and plumbing in the Administration Building, Courthouse, Annex, and jail. There will be more work done in some buildings than in others. The annual savings before the project was scaled back was approximately \$32,000 so the savings will be less. Vickie Kivett asked for a detailed list of the work and the cost for each item. Jeff Quyle stated that the county is facing a major capital expenditure with the dispatch center and thought the Council would like to know what that will cost. Mr. Voyles stated that the expense for the dispatch center will be further down the road and the energy project will be paid as the work is done. The chiller at the jail is the first priority. The controls and mechanical at the jail would be \$473,700 and would include the chiller. Bob O'Neal stated that he did not have a problem with the project and suggested taking the funding from the Cumulative County Building Fund (1136). Vickie Kivett stated that she is not against the project but would like to see a breakdown of the expenses. Kenny Hale stated that he didn't have a problem with the project; they are putting a lot of monthly expense into the Freon for the chiller and suggested using the Cumulative Capital Development Fund (1138) for the project because it is replenished every year.

Personnel Policy Amendment - 1st Reading

Pete Foley stated that this amendment regards the definition of a part time employee and the hours worked. The Health Care Affordability Act provides that an employee who works 30 hours or more is entitled to health care benefits. The current policy states that a part time employee is one who works 35 hours or less. The amendment changes this to 28 hours or less. Mr. Foley stated that

there is a question of how the hours are calculated; an employee may work 35 hours one week and 10 the next and this needs to be clear to everyone involved. Bob O'Neal stated that this was discussed at the Council conference and it would be helpful to have an expert provide more information. Mr. Foley stated that it is not just what the policy says, it is what they do. The federal government will look at what is reported. Supervisors will need to meet the needs of their office while also maintaining the proper work hours. Kenny Hale stated that it will be up to the office holders to make sure the policy is being followed so that the county stays in compliance. Vickie Kivett made a motion to approve the amendment on first reading and asked that there be outside counsel at the next meeting to discuss the details. Motion seconded by Jeff Quyle. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Foley stated that supervisors will need to know how this applies to them.

Fire Department Request (LOIT)

Kenny Hale stated that several fire departments (A&A, Green, Paragon, and Madison) have requested LOIT funds under IC 6-3.5-1.1-25. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Group Insurance Trust

Brenda Adams stated that there will be a Group Insurance Trust meeting this month and the balance in the trust is \$720,000.

Economic Development Corporation

Jeff Quyle stated that the Executive Director, Joyce Sessing, retired at the end of May and Jeff Pipkin, Deputy Director, was appointed as the interim director. Mr. Pipkin received a job offer from a neighboring county and Friday will be his last day. They have hired an interim director while the board searches for a new director. The board has hired Pete Lieber, who has 20 years of economic development experience. The board has narrowed down the applications and will be conducting interviews in the next two weeks.

Adjournment

Jeff Quyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Kenny Hale. Motion carried 4-0.

MORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Kenny Hale

Robert O'Neal

Bryan Collier

Paul Prather

Jeff Quyle

Vickie Kivett

Ryan Goodwin

ATTEST:

Brenda Adams, Morgan Co. Auditor