

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, April 10, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.  
The minutes of April 3, 2017 were read and approved.

Mike Reed, President  
Adam Shriver, Vice-President  
Tim Vanhorn, Member

**17-175-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to approve the minutes of April 3, 2017.  
**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

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\*A conversation was held among the commissioners concerning opinions of the public regarding the M&M roundabout project. The commissioners noted they received input, both positive and negative, from the community. They also questioned what decision making power they actually will have.

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***Vicki Queensberry, Job and Family Services***

Submitted bills

The mandated share for State Fiscal Year 2017 is \$41,403.00. The mandated share for April 2017 \$3,450.25.

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\*The commissioners as well as Mr. Hook discussed the public meeting held last week concerning the roundabouts. The second meeting contained more positive than the first. It seems the public are more in favor of the roundabouts than they previously were.

\*Neelyville road was brought up to Mr. Hook by the commissioners due to citizens of Morgan County having issues with how rough it is.

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**17-176-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to allow Mr. Hook to purchase 40 tons of salt at ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) bid price.

**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

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\*The commissioners discussed a space for a new dog pound. They would appreciate input from SPOT. The commissioners told Tammy Ray, Morgan County citizen making a decision on where to place the dog pound is now a 2017 goal with completion by the end of 2018. .

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***Erika Jackson, Steve Williams, Rick Fox, Ohio EPA***

\*The commissioners informed Ohio EPA they have contracted mowing for the Landfill. Ohio EPA will be requesting quarterly reports regarding seepage monitoring 15 days after the inspection has been completed. This will take the place of the former monthly landfill reports. The commissioners are required to submit a semi-annual ground water sampling (could potentially turn into annual depending on future data) if Gould Electronics fails to sample. As of now, Mr. Beegle, Advanced GeoServices, has not reached out to EPA or the commissioners. The commissioners said they will reach out to him. If Mr. Beegle does not do the

May ground water monitoring (corrective measures plan), the commissioners will be in violation. If Gould no longer wants to be involved, the commissioners will be responsible, they will then have to sue Gould to keep up with the corrective measures plan as laid out by Ohio EPA.

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

17-177-Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver allow engineer Hook to sell a truck on Gov Deals.

**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

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***Julie Tome, Coroner***

\*Presented the commissioners with the Coroner's Office Roster Call List: Deputy Coroners are listed as The Honorable Carl Ortman, MD, The Honorable Bradley Wilson, DO, Anthony Fahmy, MD

Coroner's Investigators are as follows: Rhett Matheny and Jake Woodward

While some of these positions are currently volunteer, Ms. Tome is asking the commissioners to consider compensating them hourly. There has not yet been any action by the commissioners for this request.

Summary of 2016 Morgan County Coroner Records

*ROLE OF THE CORONER*

- Availability of the coroner and/or staff is 24 hours
- Investigation of deaths within the county
  - a. Partner with jurisdictional Law Enforcement Agency (city, county or state)
  - b. Determine need for further investigation-BCI, Autopsy, toxicology
- Investigation of deaths of county residents that occur as a result of accidental, suspicious or unexplained circumstances within Morgan County
- Secure body of deceased, perimeter, belongings and evidence with law enforcement
- Pronounce Death, Assign Time of Death, Manner of Death and Certify Death if "coroners verdict" case or if no other physician attending (occurring within Morgan County)
- Release Body of Deceased for embalming or cremation
- Identification of Deceased & Assure "Next of Kin notification
- Public Records of Coroners verdicts and records of investigation
- Consult with family, reporters LE as needed
- Child Fatality review board, Public Records, Commissioner substitute
- "Suspicious, Unexplained or Unusual Deaths"
  - a. Accident, Suicide, Homicide
  - b. Children, infants, developmentally or mentally challenged or impaired
  - c. Unknown victim
  - d. Overdose, intoxications or poisoning suspected
  - e. Work related
  - f. Natural unanticipated
  - g. Suspicious, accidental or treatment related in a health-care facility

*CORONER'S CASE SUMMARY*

- 25 Death Investigated

- a. Males: 13
- b. Females: 12
- Manner of Death
  - a. Natural: 14            7 females
  - b. Accidental:8
  - c. Suicide: 3
  - d. Homicide:0

*CORONER'S CAUSE OF DEATH IN MORGAN COUNTY 2016*

- 6 Blunt Force Trauma
- 5 unexplained/presumed primary arrhythmia/cardiac arrest
- 3 Suicides-gunshot
- 3 possible/presumed drug overdose--no tox or autopsies done
- 2 alcohol intoxication or complications-natural
- 2 chronic lung end stage, 1 cancer
- 1 server morbid obesity and dilated cardiomyopathy
- 1 stroke
- 1 spina bifida complications
- 1 fall at home-hypoxemia trying to get oxygen for ES lung problem

*SUMMARY 2016-25 CASES*

- Approximately 1/4 of deaths reported to coroner were presumed to die of an arrhythmia or were unexplained.
- Only 4 of 25 files had any evidence of a coroner's investigation other than a death certificate signed by the coroner
- Cases that had investigation consisted of autopsy results (4 cases) and Ohio State Highway patrol reports (3 cases)
- No coroner's summary or verdict in any file other than a death certificate
- Non of suspected overdose cases had any toxicology or autopsy
- 2 autopsies done for MVA, 1 autopsy for tractor accident, 1 autopsy on 25 year old female found dead in bed

***Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor ; Wendy Gorrell, MCDD***

Discussed the letter addressed to MCDD board from Morgan Local Schools regarding the sale of the property. Mr. Howdyshell suggested the commissioner board should go to MCDD board and let them know they have a use for the building for a potential dog pound and to store archives. Mr. Howdyshell noted the commissioner board should respond to the Morgan Local School board as to what property is included in any transfer of ownership. The commissioners had assistance by Mr. Howdyshell as to respond to the letter from the Morgan Local School board. A response to the offer has not yet been acknowledged by the commissioner board. The commissioners have decided they would prefer Mr. Howdyshell to draft the response letter to the Morgan Local Schools to include exactly what is being negotiated.

***Jeff Babcock, Network Administrator***

Over the past week, several more phone extensions went offline. All extensions were on the old side of the first floor of the Riecker Building; all on the same 50 pair cable that runs under the Riecker Building. As phones go offline, the IT Director switches the station to a different pair of cables and transfers the extension using the phone switch's software.

A new court recorder PC was built for the Juvenile and Probate Court.

The PC will be installed in the Juvenile and Probate Court Room and files will be transferred from the old court recorder PC. The new PC has a newer version of the sound mixer as well. The new PC, running Windows 10, will replace a Windows XP machine. Fortunately, the court recorder PC was not connected to the Internet, so there was little danger in using the older machine for so long.

System and file backups continue at the Courthouse. Most users have had at least one good file backup onto their thumb drives. The server that runs the case management software (CMS) for the Courthouse has been backed up to an external hard drive. Unfortunately, the automatic system recovery (ASR) software requires a floppy disk to boot from. The IT Director had to bring in a USB floppy drive to use until one can be installed in the server.

System and file backups were started in the Economic Development office. Unfortunately, there is more files to backup than anticipated, so an after-hours backup plan will need to be implemented so as not to keep the users offline during the workday.

The Commissioners provided additional information to the IT Director with regards to invoicing the various offices for the reimbursement of IT expenses.

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**17-178-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to contact Myers Septic Tank & Portable Toilet Rentals for portable toilets to be placed by the grove.

**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

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**17-179-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea, Motion Carried**

**17-180-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea, Motion Carried**

**Mike Reed, President**

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**Adam Shriver, Vice-President**

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**Tim Vanhorn , Member**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

