

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, November 6, 2017.

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

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

17-462- Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 30, 2017.
Mr. Reed yea Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Commissioners noted to Engineer Hook that County Road 79 and County Road 2 were brought to their attention over the past week. There are several pot holes in deck of Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

Vicki Quesinberry, Job and Family Services

-Submitted Bills

TRAVEL REQUESTS

-Carrie DeWinter to Columbus, Ohio on November 1,2, 2017 for training. "Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives Ohio Conferences".

Vicki Quesinberry, Job & Family Services, Shannon Wells, Development Office & John Sampson, Transit

-Mrs. Wells and Mr. Sampson explained to Ms. Quesinberry that new transit software demonstrates that JFS shows a reduction in revenue hours. For example, with the previous software, all hours were counted from the moment the client got on the vehicle to the moment they were dropped off at home. The new software stops the hours when the client leaves the vehicle (i.e.: doctor's appt.) and resumes the hours when they get back on. With this new billing procedure September, October and first week of November will need to be re-calculated.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Discussed with commissioners that she plan to apply for an ARC Grant.

17-463- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to apply for the Critical Infrastructure Grant through Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) in the amount of \$120,000.

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

*The commissioners signed the Morgan/Meigsville Water application.

2018 PROGRAM GOALS

- ❖ Put Conservation of the Land.
- ❖ Continue to provide a Conservation District office for the citizens of Morgan County.
- ❖ Keep growing our Affiliate Membership numbers.
- ❖ Provide Education Outreach field days for people of all ages.
- ❖ Replace our aged District Truck.
- ❖ Be prepared for Full Time Staffing if necessary.
- ❖ Make needed upgrades to the Office Building
- ❖ Purchase a new Copy Machine.
- ❖ Continue to look for ways to bring dollars for Conservation Practices to the producers of Morgan County.

WHAT DO WE DO

- ❖ NRCS Program Assistance: The office provides space for a NRCS employee so that producers may sign up in the county for Federal Programs.
 - In FY17 Morgan County was approved for \$404,750.00 worth cost share to assist producers in putting Conservation Practices on their Land.
- ❖ Cover Crop Program: Provides assistance in obtaining a cost-share rate for seeding cover crops to improve soil health. Morgan County producers have shown increased interest in the program. In 2016, 831 acres were approved, and now in 2017 we have been approved for 1,645 acres.
- ❖ Muskingum Watershed Livestock Exclusion & Stream Protection Fencing: We continue to assist producers in getting cost-share funding from this program. Morgan County currently has one stream fencing and one stream crossing project approved for installation, and another one that is in the process of applying.
- ❖ Equipment Rental: We currently keep a Brillion Seeder and a No-Till Drill available for our producers to rent throughout the year to seed their crops.
 - With usage throughout the year, the equipment does require maintenance and repair, which can be costly for the office.
- ❖ Plat Book Sales: The newest (2016) version of the Morgan County Plat Book is available for sale at the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Office.

EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Conservation education helps people of all ages understand and appreciate our county's natural resources, and learn how to conserve those resources, and learn how to conserve those resources for future generations. Our educational programs target both adults and children through the following:

- ❖ VFD Meeting
- ❖ Fourth Grade Field Day
- ❖ Hook Lake Field Day
- ❖ Hay Day Field Demonstrations
- ❖ Morgan Cattleman's Field Day
- ❖ Morgan County Fair Booth
- ❖ Annual Meeting/Dinner
- ❖ Annual Tree Sale
- ❖ Annual Fish Sale
- ❖ District Newsletters
- ❖ Educational Articles and Technical Support
- ❖ Pond Clinic
- ❖ ATV Conservation Tour

BEGINNING FARMER PROGRAM

Morgan County Beginning Farmer Program continues to grow and reach out to young farmers to their families to encourage them to put conservation to the land. We are currently in contact with over 50 farmers throughout the county.

Cinda Erickson, Realtor; Jeff McInturf, Engineer's Office; Alan Little, Concerned Citizen

17-464- Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to close the following alley:

McConnelsville, Ohio, October 20, 2017

The town of Ringgold is located in Union Township, Township 13, Range 8, and Section 22. The petitioned alley is located in the First Addition to Ringgold, as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 185. Said petitioned alley is located west of Lots 4 and 15 and east of Lots 5 and 14. Said alley measures 228 feet north-south (each lot measures 114 feet) by 16 feet east-west. Said alley will equal 3648 feet (0.08acre) and if vacated will be created in the name of Linda D. Lanning.

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

17-465- Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to accept Medical Mutual's insurance renewal rate for 2018.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

Nine new computers were picked up from DJH Computers and delivered to the Courthouse for installation in the Clerk of Courts office and the Common Pleas, Juvenile, and Probate Courts. The new computers contain up-to-date software that the Courthouse offices were forced to forgo when it was offered for free from Microsoft due to incompatibility issues with their old case management system (CMS). The new computers were installed and configured for all users that needed to be trained on the new CMS software.

In addition to the new computers being installed at the Courthouse for the new case management system (CMS), several older computers needed to be re-installed so that Court officers could compare data from the old CMS database following the data migration into the new CMS. This required additional network connections to be run.

The Commissioners verified that the IT Director would be able to get into GovDeals to sell excess vehicles if needed.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed the drug free workplace policy.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

17-466- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to allow Mrs. Wells permission to apply on behalf of the Morgan County Commissioners for a grant to the Governor's Office of Appalacian (ARC) for state ARC funds in the amount of \$131,000 for the Malta/McConnelsville roundabout project.

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

TRANSFERS, THEN & NOWS, & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

17-467- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to approve the following supplemental appropriations for fund 108 Mitigation Grant:

108-0108-5302-00 Property Acquisition-\$1,796.22

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

*The commissioners are in receipt of October expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

17-468- 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

17-469- 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

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Tim Vanhorn , Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk
