

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Tuesday, February 20 , 2018.  
The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

**18-092-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018.  
**Mr. Reed yea Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**18-093-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to allow Engineer Hook to pursue the purchase of a 1 ton pickup truck in the amount of \$42,837.50. Mr. Hook will go to the area banks to get interest rates.

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

**18-094-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to finance a diamond boom mower in the amount of \$21,500 from First National Bank at a rate of 2%.

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

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***Vicki Quesinberry, Job & Family Services***

-Kari Schaad to Cambridge, Ohio on March 22, 2018 for training, "APS Regional Meeting".

-Ginger Bowen to Mt. Sterling, Ohio on April 19th, 2018 for training, "OH Council on Welfare Fraud".

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***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continuing Review and Revision of County EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) continues.
- Continuing to work on inventory of grant purchases.
- Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
- Working through MARCS radio inventories with Dave Bailey. Many of our original radios are becoming obsolete. Seeking funding sources for replacements.
- Notified Chesterhill of grant opportunity (\$10,000) for generator for water plant. While they have a tie-in with Stockport (who has generator) for water, they need generator to pump up to their tower. Gordon is going to follow up.
- An individual member of the Morgan Amateur Radio Club (MARC), Randall Poore, is donating a HAM radio for the EOC. This radio will be installed in our communications room with our UHF radio and the State MARCS radio. EMA will seek money for antenna installation and will coordinate installation. HAM radio is a great backup to other communications methods (State EOC has HAM capabilities) and allows for expanded local communications in case of emergency.
- The river is rising- it is currently at 9.1 feet and is expected to crest near 11 feet Thursday night. This could change depending on the amount of rainfall that is received. We are expecting up to 3.5 inches (with possibility of more depending on weather track) over the next 7 days. Will continue to monitor situation and be available for contingencies.

**Chris Penrose, OSU Extension**

Pam Montgomery

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Successful Co-Parenting is scheduled for March 6, 2018 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Individuals interested can call the Extension Office to register at 740-962-4854.

4-H-Items

- January and February winter weather made it difficult to get the new year started a number of meetings with youth were canceled. We are hoping the rest of February and March are better.
- Junior Fair Board are scheduled to have their first meeting of the year February 27th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Secretary's Office on the fairgrounds.
- Camp Counselors/Counselor in Training had one training and one workday. They are very much excited about the upcoming year.
- Pam Montgomery visited all the classrooms at West Elementary to promote the 4-H program to all the students. She would like to thank Mr. Gifford and all the teachers for the opportunity.
- 4-H Clubs are starting to organize for 2018 and the deadline to enroll is April 1st so families interested in the program are encouraged to call the office.
- 4-H Fashion Board held their first meeting on 2/15/18 and they are very excited about the new year.

Amy Grove

4-H-

- Just started the Older Youth in Training program (February 20)
- Working with older youth planning to attend state camps
- Doing volunteer training with new master gardener class
- Continuing involvement with The Winding Road project-a regional tourism development project.

Amy Kirkbride

- Currently i am in preschool in all three elementary buildings, 1st grade at West, Play and Learn Headstart, and Allwell cooking group.

Chris Penrose

- Attended a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) "Train the Trainer" workshop and am now able to offer BQA training to beef producers. The first class will be offered Monday, April 9th at 7:00pm at the High School Vo-Ag room. Call the Extension Office for a reservation.
- The Morgan County Cattleman's Banquet was a success with 60 in attendance. In addition to a wonderful dinner by the Senior Fair Board, Rick Shriver will provide a very insightful picture presentation of some of the history of Morgan County.
- We also had pesticide recertification and started a new Master Gardener class.
- In addition to weekly press releases in the Morgan County Herald, articles on frost seeding were published in the Beef and Sheep statewide newsletters.

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18-095- Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into a contract with Noble and Washington counties for the use of their jails to house excess Morgan County prisoners.

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

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***Shannon Wells , Development Office***

- Submitted bills
  - Phil Lawrence got lighting finished at Transit. They have new LED shop lights now.
  - The commissioners had committed \$2,850.00 for the senior citizens CDBG project. Project is complete with Ohio Historic Preservation Office.
  - Opera House meeting is set for 1:30pm today, February 20, 2018.
  - Mayor of Malta, Greg Hill has a meeting scheduled with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) concerning a waterline under the sandstone bridge.
  - Individuals have begun applying to Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) for rehab projects. The commissioners are discussing forming a policy for individuals requesting repairs on their homes and that are for sale. Stipulations will potentially be placed on homes such as this.
  - Discussed taking out a loan for a period of time for the roundabout project-18 month term loan (loan due at the end 18 months)-principal is being paid with grant dollars-interest is being paid by the County Engineer. The loan is through Citizen's National Bank.
  - Interconnect meeting scheduled for next Monday, February 26, 2018.
  - Updated the commissioners on transit employees and hours. One employee resigned.
  - Discussed sources of funding for Becky Aber.
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***Tracie Wagoner; Valarie McKibben, BOE***

- Reported to the commissioners on the board meeting they recently attended. They noted they brought up the possibility of changing hours at the commissioners request. More discussion will be needed between both parties before a decision is reached.
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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

- Submitted report-filed
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***Gary Woodward, Auditor***

- Commissioner Vanhorn discussed possible funds owed to the Fair Board with Auditor Woodward. The fair board failed to request the allocated funds from 2016 and 2017.

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**Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator**

The previous Internet Service Provider, Horizon, contacted the IT Director requesting a signed disconnect form from the Commissioners to officially terminate service. The form was signed and sent back to Horizon.

A PC at the Morgan County Office on Aging failed due to a problem with its internal hard drive. The hard drive in the PC was replaced and the PC was rebuilt and put back into service. Unfortunately, the files on the hard drive were unable to be recovered due to the nature of the hardware failure.

The IT Director recovered files from a failed computer for the Board of Elections. The PC was an older Windows XP machine donated to the Board of Elections by the County Engineer's office and was used for address look-up. The Engineer's new website may be able to serve the same function for the Board of Elections.

A representative from Document Solutions (a division of Modern Office Methods) discussed their hardware and software options with the IT Director. Currently, most printers used throughout the County are under contract with another vendor. However, Document Solutions discussed one thing of interest for the Commissioners' office, digital record keeping. Document Solutions will digitize the paper records and make them available online (or on a local network). The IT Director will discuss this further with a representative that specializes in digital record keeping.

New laptops were installed in the Commissioners' office and e-mail was setup on them. The Commissioners' group calendar was also setup

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**TRANSFERS, THEN & NOWS, & SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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**18-096-** 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**

**18-097-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to recess the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.  
**Mr. Reed yea Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

**18-098-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to reconvene the commissioners meeting at

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**Mike Reed, President**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

