

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, October 29, 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

**18-381-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 22, 2018.  
**Mr. Reed yea Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

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**Becky Aber, Health Department**

-Gave her monthly report. Discussed creating a community garden by working with OSU Extension.  
-Addressed her concerns with the need for push button doors for handicap accessibility into the Health Department building.

**Vicki Quesinberry, Job & Family Services**

-Submitted bills  
-RC-2 changes-meeting date needs scheduled.

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**Vicki Quesinberry, Job and Family Services**

-COG Meeting scheduled Monday, November 5, 2018, at 12:00pm Caldwell, Oh  
-Ginger Bowen to Caldwell, Oh on November 5, 2018 for WIB Meeting  
-Ginger Bowen to Caldwell, Oh on October 25, 2018 for "Hi set 22 Plus program."  
-Requesting transfer between expense line items in the #006 PA Account.

**18-382-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following:

<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
006-0006-5102.00 (H1 Salaries)	006-0006-5340.00 (H5 PA)	\$50,000.00
006-0006-5367.00 (H12 PERS)	006-0006-5340.00 (h5 PA)	\$10,000.00

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

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**John Wilt, EMA**

- Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants
- Attended LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) conference in Columbus on the 17<sup>th</sup>, attended the Ohio EMA Director's Conference and EMA Association of Ohio conferences in Columbus on the 18<sup>th</sup>. These were held at The Ohio State University. There were a variety of speakers on various topics and information regarding grant rules, etc.
- Received preliminary notice of funding for mitigation planning grant in the amount of \$22, 050.00. Local share would be met by in-kind match of \$3,150.00 (12.5%) and would be from the value of the time for County employees involved in the planning process.
- Met with Red Cross and Amateur Radio Club to discuss alternate communications. Due to a lack of "extra" MARCs radios or in the case of infrastructure damage the County would need an alternative communications method. We do have a local chapter of ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) and this meeting was a discussion of how they can assist in filling communications gaps.

- Met with Region 8 Homeland Security Grant group, of which Morgan County is a member. The group is purchasing a variety of regional assets for use throughout Southeast Ohio as needed. These purchases include a cache of MARCs radios, mobile repeaters, and chargers, and easy up tents with climate control and generators (and a transport trailer) for mobile command post use.
- Attempting to track down the origin and responsibility for a trailer at the health department that is supposed to be stocked with first aid supplies but is empty.
- Received notification of the 2018 EMPG (Emergency Management Performance grant) in the amount of \$15,933.00. Preparing the necessary documents to access the grant monies. This is a 50% match grant and is the primary funding source.

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report-filed

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Dillaha offer to settle their mortgage with Morgan County Stay n Play business mortgage, \$20,800. Mr. Shriver has chosen to abstain from any future decisions and discussions regarding this matter. Prosecutor Howdyshell stated there was no legal reason to reduce or settle for less than the entire debt.

**18-383-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to enter executive session with Shannon Wells and Mark Howdyshell at 10:30am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

**18-384-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to exit executive session with Shannon Wells and Mark Howdyshell at 11:10am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

-Transit- painting of garage is now complete. Three complaints fielded last week from transit employees. Still waiting on Four Seasons Graphics for vehicle signage.

-Chesterhill EPA WPCLF - Water Pollution Control Loan Fund just announced Friday Chesterhill will receive \$3,573,000 in grant funds towards the sewer project. Next steps at November 5th council meeting.

-Bristol Waterline-Project to begin in December

Recycling-Rob Reiter wants Bristol contractor to push yard waste back.

-Malta 3rd Street bid-Milling 3rd Street today and paving tomorrow.

-Opera House-Architect to schedule pre-construction meeting.

-Roundabout-two weeks of trying to get copies of pay to Shelly & Sands from ODOT.

-Septics-several septics in process.

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***Jim Greer, Jeff Fleming, Randy Aires, Steve Fate; Medical Mutual***

-Revised insurance renewal meeting.

-Insurance came in at 7.8%.

-Discussed different option for employees.

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***Tammy Phillips; Concerned Citizen; Kelly Caldwell; Humane Agent***

-Ms. Phillips discussed how outraged she was on the housing of the dogs at the dog pound. She discussed in great detail the issues she experienced with the county dog warden. She was concerned about the amount of food they were being fed and how often, Pit-bull adoption polices, water buckets being secured, and unique number for dogs that are collected. She was highly critical of Becky's bookkeeping and records. She wanted to become a volunteer at the pound. She maintained that the dog warden had too much power. She should also go door to door to collect tag fees and fine those without proper tags.

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***John Walter Finley; Mayor***

-Discussed the improvement of the 911 system. Addressed replacing vintage fire equipment hardware as well as dispatcher equipment.

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-No report given

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**18-385-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and second by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to United Telephone Company of Ohio CenturyLink to bore under Co. Rd. 86, located in Township of Homer.

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

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**18-386-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn allowing Prosecutor Howdyshell to communicate and offer settlement for a lien the commissioners hold on a property. Commissioners will require \$58,577.03 for release of the lien.

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

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

\*None

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**18-387-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

**18-388-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and second 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**

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