

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, July 29, 2019.
The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Adam Shriver, President
Mike Reed, Vice-President
Tom Bragg, Member

19-267- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of July 22, 2019.
Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried

Steve Hook, Engineer

- Discussed with the commissioners an application to replace a septic system that Engineer Hook feels is a new septic. Engineer Hook advises the commissioners not to sign the applications.
 - It was also discussed the future of the old bridge.
 - The rough conditions of Nichols Road on the hill off Buck Run was mentioned by the commissioners.
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*The commissioners were in receipt of a letter from Recorder, Peggy Barnes stating her date of retirement will commence on August 1, 2019. Her last day will be July 31, 2019.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- No travel requests
 - Submitted bills
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Minnie Griffin, Concerned Citizen

-Noted to the commissioners that she feels she has been harassed by Job and Family Services (JFS.) Miss Griffin is a mother of six and has custody of nine children. She discussed issues she has been having with the juvenile officer. Miss. Griffin is concerned about losing her children. The commissioners agreed to discuss this issue with the supervisor of that department.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

- Dog report-filed
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John Sampson, Transit

- Discussed potential hires for transit.
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Tom Jenkins, Concerned Citizen

-Inquiring about an appointment of interim recorder.

*Commissioners discussed with Ms. Melissa Hivnor if she has interest in accepting the position of interim recorder. She agreed to take the position.

Randy Williams, Treasurer

-Discussed with the commissioners collecting bids from different banks for CD rates.

19-268- Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into executive session with Heidi Burns at 10:45am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried

19-269- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session with Heidi Burns at 11:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension

-Discussed phone transition

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Engineer Hook noted that he now has a detailed report of the old bridge. After he reviews the details he will share them with the commissioners.

19-270- Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to fill retiring Recorder, Peggy Barnes' position with interim Melissa Hivnor effective August 1, 2019 until the Republican Central Committee appoints a permanent Recorder.

Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Phone system replacement project update: Waiting on contract from Advanced Business Communications.

The Secretary of State sent out another directive to the Board of Elections to sign-up for Cloudflare's Athenian Project. The Athenian Project is similar to Google's Project Shield and provides protection against denial of service attacks. Since implementing this protection requires the addition of DNS entries, it can only be used on the County's website. This means that the Board of Elections webpage will need to be moved from Google Sites to the County's HostGator web servers.

The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber Safety Council meeting on 24 July 2019. The topic of discussion was Hazardous Material Transportation and was presented by David Dodd from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Agile Networks has completed phase one of the planning for their wireless rural broadband initiative. Phase one involves looking at all public vertical assets that can be used for their network and developing a coverage map. Later, they will fill in the gaps with other assets, if needed and available.

TRANSFERS, THEN & NOWS, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS & UTILITY APPLICATIONS

None

19-271- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Bragg yea, Motion Carried

19-272- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to adjourn commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Bragg yea, Motion Carried

Adam Shriver, President

Mike Reed, Vice-President

Tom Bragg , Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk
