

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Tuesday, February 19, 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

19-068-- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of February 11, 2019.
Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried

John Wilt, EMA

- Continuing to work on inventory of grant purchases – *will be doing actual physical inventory across the County over next few months.*
 - Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
 - Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018
 - Spent a lot of the last week monitoring the weather and issuing updates and warnings.
 - Polled all townships and villages to see what the extent of flood damage has been in the current situation. Village of Malta has indicated they have damage but have not followed up with estimates. Center Twp. is the only other jurisdiction I have heard from – they report no damage. I met with County Engineer on Friday, meeting again later this week. May request a declaration of emergency after I hear from all jurisdictions,
 - Weather is predicted to be poor again this week with potential for more rain. Dillon is currently 26 feet above winter pool, with little capacity. Mohawk is 40 feet above winter pool, also limited capacity. With the current saturation of the ground and potential for rainfall we could be facing further flooding.
 - Completed the initial data entry for Region 8 Homeland Security Knowledge Center database.
 - Received MARCS repeater and antenna from Homeland Security grant. This repeater can be utilized by any radio on the MARCS system and can be set up in remote locations to facilitate information on its specific talkgroup. It can be powered by a generator or battery. We are also slated to receive at least 5, possibly 10 walkies for an emergency cache.
 - Morgan Amateur Radio Club meeting tonight at 6 p.m. at EMA office.
 - Southeast Region EMA Director’s meeting in Nelsonville this morning at 9:30. Attendance is mandatory as State EMA will be discussing EMPG grant issues.
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Vicki Quesinberry, Job and Family Services

19-069- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the mandated share for State Fiscal Year 2019 is \$41,864. The bill for February is \$3,488.67.

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

19-070- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners do hereby resolve that: Pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and rule 5101:12-10-45 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Morgan County CSEA is authorized to contract with public or private agencies for the purchase of services. This particular resolution will allow for legal services with the Morgan County Prosecutor's Office.

Adopted this 19 day of February, 2019

Vote: Mike Reed, _____ Adam Shriver, YEA Tom Bragg, Yeg
Motion Carried

Vicki Quesinberry JFS: Submitted travel requests

*Kari Schaad to Columbus for training "Inter Court Conference."

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

Amy Kirkbride:

SNAP-ed is continuing with preschool programs at West Elementary and the Junior High. I just did a chopped style competition with the Jr. High School. There were 17 participants and the students did a great job. Parents and staff were impressed with the recipes that the kids created.

Pam Montgomery:

- The next Successful Co-Parenting Program is scheduled for March 18, 2019 from 6:30-9:00pm Individuals interested can call the Extension Office to register at 740-962-454.

4-H Youth Development

- Reports that 4-H Camp Counselors and Counselor in Trainings have completed two trainings session for 2019 and one workday. They are a good group of young people very excited about 4-H Camp 2019.
- 4-H CARTEENS held their first program for 2019. Nine youth attended the program with their older parents on 1/29/19.

- Older youth in Training (OYIT) the program designed for 4-H Members 13 years old is underway for 2019. It is the largest group in over 5 years with 16 youth participating. Many are interested in Junior Fair Board or Camp Counselors in the future.
- Junior Fair Board has held two meetings in 2019. They have 17 members representing both FFA and 4-H.
- The first new 4-H Volunteer training was held on February 4th and 4 new members were trained and interviewed. The next training date is March 7th and individuals interested can stop by the office to pick up a new volunteer packet and to get scheduled for an interview and orientation training.
- The 4-H Junior Leaders are underway for 2019. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019.

Chris Penrose

- Co-taught a program with Clif Little from OSU Extension in Guernsey County on Managing Invasive Weeds as part of Morgan SWCD's Spotted Knapweed control program, there were 60 in attendance.
- We had a Master Gardener meeting on January 24th and we are planning on Debra Knapke an author of many gardening books speak at Kate Love Simpson Library on Monday, April 15, at 6pm. Her topic will be "Simplifying your Garden without Diminishing your Joy." There is no charge, but call the library for a reservation.
- Recently completed a "Planning for the Future of our Farm" Estate Planning Series and had 26 in attendance.
- We also recently had the Morgan County Beef Banquet, Gypsy Moth meeting, pesticide recertification and Fertilizer Recertification.
- Fertilizer Recertification Pesticide training for adults and for FFA members is scheduled for the next month as well as pesticide Testing, and a hay meeting with Morgan SWCD.

Amy Grove

- Retired on 1-31-19, she is missed by many. Mr. Penrose thanked the commissioners for stopping up during her Open House which was held on 1/28/19.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) audit on Stockport 2016 Neighborhood Revitalization last week went well. Public Hearing for 2019 scheduled for February 25, 2019 at 10pm.
- Transit-BCI check came back for new hire and showed no convictions on file. Prosecutor advised to move forward with hiring. He is starting 2/20/19. Transit is considering when dealing with any trip changing the fee to \$10.00 one way for less than 50 miles plus \$5.00 for any additional stops made.
- Chesterhill Sewer-IBI Group applying for Transportation Alternative Funds (TAP) & will use Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) as match. Tap funds will be used for curb and sidewalks. Sewer \$2.9m, TAP \$500K. \$5.8m total. Citizen participation meetings scheduled for March 4th at 6pm, March 24th at 2pm, and April 1st at 6pm.

- Bristol Waterline-Six low income homeowners being assisted with Residential Public Infrastructure Grant for assistance on tap fees and line from tap fees to home. Approximately two dozen homes will receive water. Will be sending out specs and getting three quotes for contractors to install waterlines on six homes.
- Malta 3rd street bid-Repair work still needing addressed by Shelly & Sands. Will wait until Spring. Bond good for one year. Shelly responded by email to confirm work to be done. Drawing funds from ODOT Jobs and Commerce \$80,000 grant. Only able to draw \$79,356 until remaining \$5,000 spent to Shelly and Sands.
- Health Department Handicap Door Buttons-environmental review stage. Letter submitted to Ohio Historical Preservation Office and waiting for response.
- Recycling-Zero waste initiative. Rural Action to send waste report in a couple of weeks.
- Opera House-Progress meetings being held weekly.
- Roundabout-1st payment towards roundabout loan made of \$45,366.35. 2nd payment on loan made of \$99,340.97. Total repayment to date \$144,707.32.
- Septics-Elkins have applied. Need to tear down home and rebuild. At this time makes them ineligible for now.
- CHIP-Signed contract last week to install handicap ramp in individual's home.

Jim Greer, Jeff Fleming, Steve Fate, Medical Mutual

-Reviewed 1st quarter claims. Medical Mutual discussed a wellness plan for the county that would provide incentives being given to county insured employees who are in good health. *no action taken*

19-070- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter executive session at 1:19pm with Vicki Quesinberry pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employee Personnel.

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

19-071- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to exit executive session at 1:40pm with Vicki Quesinberry pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employee Personnel.

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

19-072- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter executive session at 2:38pm with Vicki Quesinberry pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employee Personnel.

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

19-073- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to exit executive session at 3:00pm with Vicki Quesinberry pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employee Personnel.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Internet was out across several buildings on the morning of 12 Feb. 2019. During the outage, the firewalls at the Courthouse were rebuilt using Spectrum's DNS settings. It was hoped that this would fix the issue of network errors during large file downloads. Unfortunately, the problem remains. It is looking as though the issue is with Spectrum's modem or their Internet settings at the Courthouse.

On 12 Feb. 2019, the County suffered a power outage when two of the three phases of power went down in McConnelsville. When power was restored, the phone switch at the Riecker Building had to be reset. One outside phone line at the Sheriff's office is in an out-of-service status. It is not clear if the issue is with the Vodavi phone switch or at CenturyLink.

The domain name transfer for the Auditor's website finally went through. Records were created to direct the morgancountyauditor.org domain to the Auditor's new website with ISSG.

The IT Director asked about the starting price for vehicles to be auctioned on GovDeals. It was decided to start each vehicle at \$250 and defer to Public Transit for the starting price of their bus.

The IT Director acquired some network switch equipment that will assist in transitioning the Riecker Building to new firewalls.

TRANSFERS, THEN & NOWS, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS & UTILITY APPLICATIONS

None

19-074- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

19-075- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to recess until Thursday February 21, 2019 at 9:00am.

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

The commissioners came in to sign a document for Engineer Steve Hook.

19-076- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commissioners operate, in conjunction with the Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District, the Morgan County Yard Waste Facility located on State Route 607 in Morgan County Ohio;

WHEREAS, yard waste is dumped outside of the designated area including on State of Ohio right of way;

WHEREAS, unapproved waste is disposed of at the facility;

WHEREAS, yard and other waste is dumped on the access road;

WHEREAS, said abuse has caused a danger to those driving on State Route 607;

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commissioners have repeatedly worked to maintain the site to the best of their ability;

WHEREAS, continued abuse of the facility has made it costly and ineffective to maintain;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Morgan County Commissioners hereby designate the Morgan County Yard Waste Site as CLOSED, effective immediately and until further notice, and also be it **RESOLVED**, that any person caught dumping on the site is subject to all penalties prescribed in the Ohio Revised Code for illegal dumping.

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

19-076- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to adopt a resolution that the Morgan County Commissioners increase a threshold of a then and now expense transactions according to O.R.C. 5705.41 Section (D) paragraph (2).

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

Adam Shriver, President

Mike Reed, Vice-President

Tom Bragg , Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk
