

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, March 18, 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

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**19-103--** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of March 11, 2019.  
**Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried**

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***Vicki Quesinberry, Job and Family Services***

-The mandated share for State Fiscal Year 2019 is \$41,864.00. The bill for March is presently for \$3,488.67.

Vicki Quesinberry JFS: Submitted travel requests

Carrie DeWinter to Athens, Ohio on May 2, 2019 for training.

Carrie DeWinter to Athens, Ohio on June 26, 2019 for training.

Carrie DeWinter to Athens, Ohio on April 2, 2019 for training.

Carrie DeWinter to Athens, Ohio on April 3, 2019 for training.

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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 – *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
  - Working with county jurisdictions to evaluate damage from excessive rainfall/flooding event occurred between 2/5 -2/13. Disseminating paperwork and information for same. Met with several trustees, held Joint PDA with FEMA and all jurisdictions on 3/15 from 0700 1500
  - Received Preliminary Damage Assessments from County Engineer, Bloom Twp., Center Twp., Homer Twp., Marion Twp., Village of McConnelsville, Morgan Twp., Meigsville Twp., Windsor Twp., York Twp.
  - Working with State on information regarding SR376- ascertained it is a Federal Aid Route and as such USDOT will fund repairs.
  - More Townships have received reimbursement for public assistance grants from last year's flooding events.
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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

-Discussed moving forward with yard waste. Mr. Robert Reiter, Director of Solid Waste, plans to provide funds to maintain the yard waste.

**19-104-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission CenturyLink % Daniel Beckett from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Road 10, located in the Township of Bloom Twp, Section No. 15,16+22, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report-filed

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***Chris Penrose, OSU***

Pam Montgomery

Family and Customer Sciences

-Successful Co-Parenting: The program is being offered tonight from 6:30-9pm. Next program is May 23rd 930am-12pm. Individuals wanting to register can call the office at 740-962-4854.

4-H Youth Development

-Camp Counselors/Counselors in Training are working very hard to get the knowledge and skills they need to 4-H Camp this summer. Tonight will be their 3rd hour training session.

-Older youth in training are learning about opportunities available to them once they turn 14 years old and are busy planning Cloverbud Day Camp.

-Junior Fair Board will start working on sponsorship letters for awards this month and hope to have them all in by mail by the end of May 2019.

-4-H Junior Leaders are planning Officer Training for April 25th at the High School.

-Annual 4-H Enrollment is due April 1st so families in the community that are interested in the 4-H Youth Development program can call the Extension Office at 740-962-4854 and staff member will help them find a club near them.

- Nine individuals have completed the 4H Volunteer orientation and are planning to become 4-H Volunteers in 2019.

Pam is doing afterschool programming at the Junior High and West Elementary and School enrichment at West and the activities include yoga, team building, sewing skills, decision making skills and Stem activities.

Amy Kirkbride

-In SNAP-ed, i am continuing with schools and after schhols. Also doing programming monthly with Genesis. Preparing the grant for FY20.

Chris Penrose, Agriculture and Natural Resources

-Issues and Opportunities in the Beef Industry, two presentations, Marietta, each one hour

-Fertilizer Recertification-Co-Led OSU Extension Energy Outreach Program.

-Stockpiling Forages presentation at e-Fields meeting in Massillon.

-Master Gardener meeting;-Spring Grazing Management presentation, Carrollton.

-Three Pesticide training classes.

-Forages Testing program, part of a meeting w/Morgan SWCD

-Pesticide Recertification in Meigs and Licking Counties;-Pesticide Testing at the H.S.

-Presentation at the Appalacian Grazing Conference in Morgantown WV on Managing Mud in your Pastures-  
Weekly press releases in the Morgan Co. Herald; TV on WHIZ

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Tax Incentive Review Council-Meeting scheduled for March 25th at 1:30pm. Only three agreement to discuss for 2018. Mahle agreement expired. Miba, Sinter, Finley Fire Equipment and EZ Grout.
- Transit-Discussed transit budget, with methods of ordering tools for the mechanic. Proposed the dispatchers working four 10-hour shifts. Fare restructure-ODOT mailing approval this week.
- Chesterhill Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) Final Citizen participation meeting April 1st at 6pm. Great meeting yesterday planning for grant. Lots of ideas.
- McConnelsville Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NR)- Final citizen participation meeting April 2nd at 5:30pm.
- Bristol Waterline-Will be sending out specs soon and getting three quotes for contractors to install waterlines in six homes. 2nd pay application needs signed.
- Malta 3rd Street bid-Repair work still needing addressed by Shelly & Sands.
- NatureWorks 2018 Shelter House Project-Signed agreement received Friday.
- Health Department Handicap Door Buttons-Sent specs to Becky Aber and asked for suggestions on contractors to get quotes.
- Recycling-Rural Action report received for review.

**Suggested Plan of Action**

1. Reduce Waste.
  - a) If the water quality in McConnelsville is not an issue, advocate for building personnel to use reusable water bottles by installing a water refill station.
  - b) Potentially reduce use of disposable paper towels by providing a washable, reusable towel alongside the paper towels in each bathroom. Encourage office personnel to take turns laundering them.
2. Increase your recycling capacity:
  - a) Encourage all offices and business in the building to take Zero Waste Pledge. It will be for each of them to do so. They can learn a lot about how to recycle efficiently and effectively. We can assist with writing up a communication regarding such an initiative for the building residents.
  - b) Have all offices become aware, if they are not already, that they can mix their recyclables. Cans, plastics and glass bottles, paper and paperboard can be combined together in recycle bins. This can simplify recycling and increase recycling participation by all office personnel.
  - c) Having a training session for the building about what is and what is not recyclable, ect. We can provide that. Should other offices take the pledge, we can provide trainings to them individually.

- d) Reduce the number of trash cans throughout offices and designate an extra area or two where a trash can and recycle bin sit together.. Generally it is best to place recycle bins close to where waste is generated, and it is good practice to co-locate trash and recycle bins so that the recycle option is always available where disposable happens. We recommend that the recycling containers be distinct from the trash cans but be consistent in their type/design for ease of recognition. There is \$166 available for purchases that can help support your recycling program, such as bins. We suggest not necessarily limiting your container research to the recycling industry's selection of bins. Using bins with swivel or swing tops can help "hide" the (recyclable) waste in high visibility areas that you may want to have appear orderly. Let us know if you want us to help with container research.
  - e) Include signage for the bins that clearly illustrate what is recyclable (for display with recycle bins,) what is landfill trash (for display with trash bins,) and what is compostable waste (for display with compost collections.) We can provide those signs.
3. Start a Composting Program
- a) Compostable waste at the Reicker Building includes spent coffee grounds and filters, food waste, paper towels and napkins. Another option is to communicate to the community about the availability of food waste for pick up. People in the area are practicing more natural, sustainable land use and soil fertilization practices may be of interest in this waste if it is collected into compost buckets for their ease of pick-up.
  - b) Should collecting of compostables be initiated, paper towels and paper napkins should be included as well. In the kitchen, include a bin for compostables next to the usual bins with signage that informs which bin is for compost (food waste, paper towels and napkins,) which is for landfill trash and which is for recyclables. In bathrooms a bin for the paper towels can be set next to the usual trash bin with corresponding signage. Rural Action can assist with making and properly placing these signs.
4. Reduce the Amount of Reusable and Hard-to-Recycle Materials You Send to the Landfill
- a) Make sure that all those working in the building know to contact the custodial staff about items they wish to dispose of that may be stored for a future special collections event (i.e., computer hardware, electronics, batteries, paints, ect.) Here is the website to Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District's special collections information: [www.wasteabate.org/special-collection/](http://www.wasteabate.org/special-collection/)
  - b) Encourage donating unwanted/ but usable items in the building to a thrift or reuse store.
5. Encourage and Facilitate Use of Green Cleaning Products
- a) Whenever possible, use a more basic, greener cleaning alternative in the building instead of the stronger cleaning agents that are not good for the environment.(Save those for when they are needed for tougher jobs.) Eco-friendly cleaners, effective for general everyday cleanup, rely upon citrus-based solvents, vinegar, essential oils and natural abrasives to clean and disinfect without harmful chemicals.
- Opera House-Re-Opened on 3/15/19. Our Town movie premiere 3/24/19 at 3:00pm.

- Roundabout-1st payment towards roundabout loan made of \$45, 366.35.2nd payment made of loan \$99,340.97. Total repayment to date \$144,707.32.Requested documentation from ODOT for third payment \$55,634.45, in process.
- Septics-will be advertising in Herald and Facebook for 2019 systems.
- CHIP-Housing Advisory Committee meeting was on 3/13/19 and had good attendance.

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***Jim Greer; Steve Fate; Jeff Fleming; Medical Mutual-***

-Discussed the potential wellness program . Incentives were brought up such as an extra personal day if the employees' blood pressure, BMI, and other measurables are all under a certain percentage. There would be a wellness consultant assigned to go through details with participating employees. The commissioners are interested in allowing employees to take the lead with this. However, they feel the time is now to implement changes due to the turnover of employees. The commissioners discussed the prospect of being the wellness consult with Mrs. Alisha Webb. A decision has not yet been reached as to who is going to be the consultant if the program begins.

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***Linda Sheets, Senior Center***

-Submitted bills

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***Tammy Morrow, Concerned Citizen***

-Went over negotiations of her contract with the commissioners.

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***Toni Ferguson, Concerned Citizen***

-Wanted to speak to the commissioners in regards to potentially cleaning up trash that has been blowing onto her property for over five years. The commissioners noted they would work on trying to figure out who to talk with concerning this issue.

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

There has been an increase in the number phishing e-mails received by County e-mail users. Most of these e-mails are obviously scams. However, some of these e-mails are becoming more sophisticated, targeting specific individuals or offices within the County. Unfortunately, as the sending address changes frequently, little can be done on the technical end to stop these e-mails from reaching the desktop. County officers have been reminded to remain vigilant and consult the IT Director's office if there are any questions.

The buyer of the Public Transit's bus sold on GovDeals will be flying in from Houston, Texas to repair and remove

the bus. Unfortunately, due to flight schedules, he will not be here until 4 April 2019.

The Morgan County Board of Elections received a proposal from one of their vendors to address the Ohio Secretary of State's concerns about the security of their electronic infrastructure. While the technology in the proposal will adequately address the State's concerns, the price tag attached may not work for the County. The IT Director's office will continue to work with the Board of Elections to resolve this issue.

A new software suite was installed at the Morgan County Health Department to track plumbing inspections. The software suite will replace a cumbersome spreadsheet that had been in use for several years and will reduce the amount of time required to generate and send inspection letters.

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

**19-105-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following:

The following is a breakdown of the line items for the FY18/19 Community Corrections Grant #414:

Salary	\$53,705.00
PERS County Portion	\$ 6,182.00
Medicare County Portion	\$ 624.00
Workman's Comp	\$ 1,290.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 7,248.00
Equipment	<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
	\$71,049.00

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

**19-106-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

The following is a breakdown of the line items for the FY18/19 Justice Reinvestment Incentive Grant. \$26,493.00 was moved from program expenses to salary fringes.

Salary	\$53,059.00
PERS County Portion	\$ 6,790.00
Medicare County Portion	\$ 703.00
Workman's Comp	\$ 1,455.00
General Operating Expenses	\$ 0.00
Program Expenses	<u>\$48,110.00</u>
	\$108,117.00

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

**19-107-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$2,000.00 from Contract Projects Account (k-16) 004-0004-316.00 and place in Round About Account 004-0004-370.00.

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

**19-108-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$3,000 from Contract Projects Account (k-16) 004-0004-316-.00 and place into Small Equipment Account (k-4) 004-0004-304.00.

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

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**19-109-** 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**

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**19-110-Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to adjourn the Commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.  
Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Bragg yea, Motion Carried**

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**Adam Shriver, President**

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**Mike Reed, Vice-President**

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**Tom Bragg , Member**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

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