

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, June 10, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Adam Shriver, President  
Mike Reed, Absent  
Tom Bragg, Member

**19-213-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019.  
**Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed absent Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried**

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\*It was discussed to change Mr. Eltringham from part-time to full time. The commissioners plan to speak to Mr. Eltringham to see if he would like to be made full time. He is already working almost full-time hours now.

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***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continuing Review and Revision of County EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) continues.
- Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019 is pending at FEMA.
- EMA Truck repaired by Timmy V's, back in service on 5/28.
- Monitored severe weather and sent out multiple alerts on 5/27-5/28 early a.m..
- Responded to auto accident with spill on Taylor Hollow Road at 8 p.m. 5/28. Reported spill to EPA, worked with Stockport FD and Brock's to contain spill of motor oil and diesel fuel in creek. SVFD installed underflow dam, we deployed sorbent pads and booms at site and downstream. On scene until 01:00 a.m. with Brock's giving them instruction to remove contaminated vegetation, etc. Returned to site Wednesday to check out. Changed out some sorbent pads, removed from lower pool. Spoke with spiller regarding cleanup. Follow up with Brock's. Brock's removed pads, booms and underflow dam on Thursday a.m. Returned equipment to SVFD. I followed up with EPA. Brock's to replace booms and pads used.
- Attended mandatory meeting at Noble County regarding the mitigation grant. Received forms, etc. from State.
- Held annual LEPC/County exercise 5/30. Had 28 people in attendance. The scenario was an auto accident in Stockport with an anhydrous ammonia leak. We had participation from Stockport Fire, Chesterhill Fire, M&M EMS, Sheriff's Office, OSH, ODOT, Health Department, Red Cross, PUCO, OEMA, OEPA, Marietta Memorial Hospital, Muskingum County EMA, Noble County EMA. We passed all objectives and had good dialog among all participants.
- Prepared HMEP grant submission for reimbursement of exercise expenses. (80%) Will submit to State as soon as invoice is paid.
- Monitored severe weather potential during last week. Issued several weather related statements.
- Participated in state-wide WEB EOC drill on 6/7/2019.

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**10-214-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to allow a Fractural Critical I inspection on the old bridge lasting one week with the funds for the inspection coming out of the permissive tax fee fund (fund 016) in the amount of \$28,756.00.

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

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***Vicki Quesinberry, JFS***

-Leave request, Vicki Quesinberry

-Stage 11 Child Protection Oversight and Evaluation (CPOE)-Children's Services Final Report. Information is not being put in the system. Mandatory overtime was required and is proving to be a good solution.

-County A133 Final Audit, Items that were not addressed correctly

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-While installing a new computer at the County Garage, it was discovered that one of the e-mail accounts in use there is suffering from the same issue as several other accounts in the County in that if the account's password is changed, Outlook will not update the login credentials for the e-mail servers. Instead, the e-mail account has to be removed from Outlook and added again. While this works, it takes a while to download all the e-mail headers again and some data in the calendar and address book is lost. Troubleshooting on this issue is ongoing as time permits.

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

**19-215-**Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to apply to Ohio Department of Development, Community Development Neighborhood Revitalization Program in FY2019 for the Village of Chesterhill and for Adam Shriver to sign all necessary materials relating to this grant.

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

**19-216-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to apply to Ohio Department of Development, Community Development Neighborhood Revitalization Program in FY2019 for the Village of McConnelville and for Adam Shriver to sign all necessary materials relating to this grant.

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

- Recommendation to hire Tracie Rudek for full time driver effective June 10, 2019.

**19-217-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to award 18-3C for new aeriator and effluent pump repair at Larry & Pam Mangus 538 Downing Rd. Stockport, Ohio 43787 to M&M Excavating for \$3,280.00. Leroy Miller and Chris Wilkins did not submit quotes.

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

- Recommendation to increase wages for transit dispatchers to \$12.00 per hour.  
\*Discussion but no decision made.

**19-218-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to apply to the Ohio Department of Development, Community Development Allocation Program in FY2019. This resolution shall also hereby authorize Adam Shriver, President, to sign all necessary application materials.

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

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***Jason Baughman, Chief Building Official***

-The Mid-East Ohio Building Department is a state certified commercial building department. The department issues plan approvals and inspects all county regulated by the Ohio Code in Muskingum County as well as a region which includes four additional counties: Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, and Perry. The Muskingum County Floodplain Department functions out of the same office. The Floodplain Department issues permits and inspects all floodplain development activity in the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas of Muskingum County.

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

Dog report-filed

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\*The commissioners left the office at 2:00pm to attend a Land Banks presentation in Mrs. Wells Office. They returned to the office at 3:30pm.

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**19-219-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Ohio counties have experienced a collective \$351 million annual revenue loss due to reductions in the Local Government Fund, Medicaid Managed Care sales tax elimination, and tangible personal property tax; and

WHEREAS, Ohio counties are anticipating a \$50 million collective sales tax revenue loss by State Fiscal Year 2021 due to the implementation of the prescription eyewear sales tax exemption and the expiration of Ohio's grandfather clause to the federal Internet Tax Freedom Act of 1998; and

WHEREAS, county budgets have been strained for decades by the state passing down to counties its constitutionally-mandated requirement under the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)* that the state provide legal counsel to indigent defendants; and

WHEREAS, the state reimbursement rate to counties for indigent defense costs has only averaged 35 percent from SFY 07 to SFY 16, leaving counties to collectively spend tens of millions in county general revenue funds to fulfill this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine provided counties an additional \$60 million each fiscal year of his introduced state budget to provide counties with much needed budgetary relief of this state mandate; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio House of Representatives provided an additional \$35 million in SFY 21 to the state budget bill to reimburse counties for indigent defense costs and alleviate counties of this growing state mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO;

THAT, this Board applauds and sincerely thanks Governor DeWine for listening to county budgetary concerns and addressing indigent defense costs with his historic and impactful investment included in his introduced budget; and

THAT, this Board deeply appreciates and sincerely thanks the Ohio House of Representatives for further increasing the indigent defense appropriation by \$35 million in SFY21 which should fully reimburse counties for their indigent defense costs, assuming current conditions; and

THAT, this Board calls upon the Ohio Senate to maintain the House of Representatives' appropriation for indigent defense reimbursement in the state budget bill to ensure that this state mandate remains funded; and

THAT, this Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

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

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

**19-220-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$124,227.00 from the Gas and Motor Vehicle Fund.

Please place \$40,000.00 into materials account (k-12) 004-0004-5330.00.

Please place \$40,000.00 into Contracts Accounts (k-16) 004-0004-5316.00

Please place \$44,227.00 into Other Expense Account (k-37) 004-0004-5309.02

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

**19-221-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$118.00 from debt retirement account 004-0004-5306.00 and place into workers compensation account (k-22) 004-0004-6369.00.

Please transfer \$144.35 from office salary account (k-2) 004-0004-5102.00 and place into workers compensation account (k-22) 004-0004-5369.00.

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

**19-222-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$1,500.00 from 001-1501-5309.00 misc. other expense to 001-1501-5328.00 public defender.

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

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**19-223-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

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**19-224-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to adjourn commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

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\*Commissioners met with Al Eltringham to discuss him becoming full-time. He agreed to do it. Commissioners thanked him for all his hard work and willingness to do whatever is asked to help out.

**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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