The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, July 1, 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

19-234- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019.
Mr. Shriver yea  Mr. Reed yea  Mr. Bragg yea  Motion Carried

*Commissioners are in receipt of June expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

Vicki Quesinberry, JFS

- No travel requests
- Mandated Share for State Fiscal Year 2020 is $37,622.00. July $3,135.17
19-235- Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into executive session with Ms. Vicki Quesinberry at 8:45am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.
Mr. Shriver yea  Mr. Reed yea  Mr. Bragg yea  Motion Carried

19-236- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session with Ms. Vicki Quesinberry at 9:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.
Mr. Shriver yea  Mr. Reed yea  Mr. Bragg yea  Motion Carried

Steve Hook, Engineer

- Discussed progress of the new bridge. Discussed recently paved roads.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Let the commissioners know that one of their employees gave their notice and said they were resigning before giving a two week notice. Now, in this department, only two workers remain at the current time. JFS will be advertising more aggressively to fill the position.

*The commissioners went to the DD Building to discuss the possibility of purchasing the back building for a dog pound /records retention.
Tracie Wagner, Valarie McKibben

- Discussed the library levy getting on the election ballot in time. The commissioners also confirmed time travel for training purposes.

Adawn Cook, Concerned Citizen

Ms. Cook came in contact with a dog that didn't seem to have an owner. She decided to keep the dog at her home and notify Becky Thompson, the dog warden. The dog was in need of vet care when the dog warden took custody of the dog. The dog was eventually euthanized due to being vicious. Moving forward, Ms. Cook requested the dog warden keep better records of the dogs she takes in. Also, Ms. Cook requested the commissioners look into using Adopt a Pit Program. This is where pit pulls are fostered until they find their "forever homes."

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

19-237- Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to untable phone bids:

- Advanced Business Communications: $81,568.34
- DataTalk Telecom: $81,950.98
- ComNet Solutions: $82,136.85 ($67,753.50 for the equipment and installation, $14,383.35 for the five year warranty. All other vendors included their warranty in their final price)
- Integration Partners: $117,220.86
- Echo24: $141,394
- CenturyLink: $158,658.48

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

19-238- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to award the phone bid to Advanced Business Communications in the amount of $81,568.34.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

- On 26 June 2019, the IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber Safety Council meeting in Zanesville. The topic of discussion was weather related emergencies presented by NOAA. One thing of note for
Morgan County is the identification of storm shelter locations in County buildings and performing evacuation/cover drills.

A decision was made to accept the phone system bid proposal from Advanced Business Communications. The IT Director will notify all involved of the decision and start getting a count of non-baseline phones needed for each office. The Commissioners will further discuss financing options for the new phone system.

DNS entries were added and tested to HostGator for DMARC authentication on our County’s e-mail. DMARC (Domain Message Authentication Reporting and Conformance) is now required by the Secretary of State for the Board of Elections and will allow other e-mail domains to reject outgoing e-mails from Morgan County if the sending domain and envelope domain do not match; as is often the case with hijacked e-mail accounts for the purposes of spam.

The Board of Elections (BoE) is now required to have their website on a domain that ends in .gov or .us. Currently, the BoE website is on Google Sites, which is a .com domain. The IT Director created a redirect page for the County’s website (on a .gov domain) to send visitors to the BoE website. Currently, BoE and the IT Director was waiting for the State to respond as to whether this will satisfy the requirement. If not, the IT Director will create a new webpage for the BoE on the County’s .gov domain.

Work continues on a network monitoring and scanning computer for the Board of Elections (BoE). The State is now requiring that network scans be conducted on the BoE network and that alerts be issued with new devices are connected to the network.

Several County offices reported that the Internet was running slow earlier in the week. This was due to a major outage at Verizon that was forcing Internet traffic over other carriers. The slowness lasted for several days before clearing up.

JFS was having some problems with the laptops in their computer lab recently. Strange websites were showing up in the search results of the computers’ web browsers. This appeared to be merely the result of JFS lab users logging in to Chrome with their personal accounts and allowing items – such as search history and bookmarks – to sync with the computer. While cleaning the computers, the old Avast antivirus was removed and replaced with Comodo Internet Security.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

*Discussed the conversation the commissioners had with Ms. Cook earlier that day. Ms. Thompson was questioned to verify some of her practices. Also, Ms. Thompson was told about the visit the commissioners had today concerning the visit to the DD Building for a potential new dog pound.

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

*None*
19-239- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve payment of bills. *See attached*
Mr. Shriver absent  Mr. Reed yea,   Mr. Bragg yea, Motion Carried

19-240-Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed  to adjourn commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.
Mr. Shriver absent Mr. Reed yea,   Mr. Bragg yea, Motion Carried

Adam Shriver, President

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Mike Reed, Vice-President

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Tom Bragg , Member                             Sheila Welch, Clerk

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