

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, July 8, 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

19-241- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of July 1, 2019.
Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried

Johnnie Mudd, Concerned Citizen

-Phoned regarding a slip on state Route 376 near Hanwood and Taylor Drive. The slip isn't visible from the road but she could see it from her property which sits below the road level. Commissioners will pass the information along to Engineer Hook.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-No travel requests
-Discussed personnel changes in Children's Services Department.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden; Kelly Caldwell, SPOT

-Becky Thompson and Kelly Caldwell discussed dog issues in the county. Becky had reported that she responded to a dog bite incident. One dog had bit and killed another dog and that a person had tried to separate the dogs and that person had gotten bit. Discussion was held on the new pound site.

John Wilt, EMA

- 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.
- Flooding assessments for 6/19 incident continued with submission of data to state on 6/26. Damages did not rise to level for State or Federal declaration.
- Multiple meetings regarding Knowledge Center project (Homeland Security Grant project to share data within homeland security district). Kick off this week.
- LEPC Meeting on Wednesday – will discuss exercise, grant applications, update of by-laws. Obviously, Commissioners are all invited.
- Working on SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) Financial Status report for LEPC.
- All LEPC members are up for reappointment this year. Appointments will be considered at meeting on 10th and then submitted to Commissioners for approval.
- Flooding occurred again on Saturday. The areas of 7th and 8th Streets were again involved. Working with floodplain manager and others to determine if there is some cause besides weather. Sheriff's Office did

great job of communicating with me regarding multiple issues throughout County. I shared information both with residents and State officials, put out CODERED alerts regarding flash flood warnings.

- Working on 7th quarter cash request for RMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant).
- Mitigation planning will begin with a planning meeting with contractor to set schedule of meetings, etc. Planning will involve officials from villages, townships and County as well as the general public. Hopefully we can fast-track the process and produce a quality planning document that will be adopted county-wide.

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Bids for Asphalt /Motor Paving were opened.

Issue 1 Rd 33 Co. Rd. 49, 75,9

Shelly Co. \$494,735.08

19-242- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to table the bid for motor paving.

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

Hot Mix Asphalt

Ohio Public Works Issue 1 Round 33

Village of Malta (several side streets)

Village of McConnelsville (two streets)

Center Twp. Creek Rd.

Shelly and Sands \$319,919.99

19-243- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to table hot mix asphalt bid.

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

Suzanne Dulany, CEO of CCAO and Doug Foust of CCAO/CEBCO

-Updates about state budget

\$60,000,000.00 a year for indigent defense from congress for indigent defense.

+\$35,000,000.00 from Senate

\$95,000,000.00 total for all counties.

-Child Protective Services funding increase proposal.

-Discussed language for internet sales tax. New court ruling sets precedent for imposing sales tax collection. Will go back to counties based on zip code.

*Wednesday December 4-6 2019 Winter Conference. Proposal for Capital funding for Courthouse and Jail Renovations will be discussed.

-Susanne encouraged commissioners to talk to legislators about courthouse and jail and community.

CEBCO=35 counties including Washington/Athens are already included. Health insurance co-operative.

19-244- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to untable motor paving bids.

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

19-245- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to award motor paving to Shelly Company for \$494,735.08.

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

19-246- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed for resolution of intent to place a 0.3 mil renewal levy for Senior Citizens on the November 5, 2019 general election ballot.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

On 2 July 2019, the Sheriff's Office reported that all phone lines in and out of their office were down. After verifying that the County's phone system was functioning normally, it was determined that this outage was caused by an issue on CenturyLink's network. Phone connectivity was restored after roughly two hours with no further action required by the IT Director.

Over the Independence Day weekend, the McConnelsville area was hit with severe storms and this caused several power outages/fluctuations. The Internet connection at the Sheriff's Office needed to be reset following the outage. The air conditioning in the Riecker Building needed to be reset as well. Finally, a wireless access point at the Health Department failed as a result of the power outages. A new wireless access point was ordered for the Health Department.

The IT Director looked into the possibility of setting up network based workstation backups for the computers on the County network. This line of research is a result of findings from the State's IT audit that was performed earlier in the year. Unfortunately, the cost associated with hardware capable of storing these backups is too high compared to that of simple removable media.

The Commissioners further discussed the purchase of the new phone system for the Riecker Building, Sheriff's Office, and Courthouse. The IT Director will need to get an exact count of telephone handsets and what models each office will need so that the contract can be drawn up by Advanced Business Communications. The Commissioners decided to purchase the base model phone for all offices. Each office will have the option to upgrade to a more feature-rich model if they are willing to pay the difference in price.

TRANSFERS, THEN & NOWS, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS & UTILITY APPLICATIONS

*None

19-247- 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

19-248- 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
