

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, July 22, 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

**19-258-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of July 15, 2019.  
**Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried**

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**19-259-** Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into executive session at 8:45am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

**19-260-** Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to exit executive session at 9:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

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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.
  - LEPC Meeting on Wednesday, July 10th – discussed exercise, grant applications, and voted to update of by-laws, which require Commission approval. Finalized SERC (State Emergency Response Commission) Financial Status report for LEPC and forwarded to SERC.
  - All LEPC members are up for reappointment this year. Appointments were considered at meeting on 10<sup>th</sup>. Requires approval of Commission for submission.
  - Completed and submitted 7<sup>th</sup> quarter cash request for EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant). We again exceeded grant amount so will be submitting supplemental grant request.
  - Mitigation planning will begin with planning meeting this afternoon with contractor to set schedule of meetings, etc.
  - Received notification that EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) amount has been increased to \$21,509 from \$15,933.
  - Received notification that LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) grant has been increased to \$12,121 from \$11,990. This grant is largely dependent on fees collected from industry and with the low amount of industry in the county we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in the State.
  - I will be out of town from 7/24 through 7/28 and will likely not have cell service part of the time. Neighboring directors notified.
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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-No travel requests

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\*Commissioners discussed Muskingum County dog pound including the size and price. The project was rejected because it came in significantly over budget at nearly \$ 1,000,000.

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**Becky Thompson, Dog Warden**

-Dog report-filed

-Mrs. Thompson and the commissioners had an in depth conversation concerning the new dog pound. With the new dog pound Mrs. Thompson hopes to hold 16-20 dogs in the new pound. Discussion was mostly based around location and cost. They recommended Ms. Thompson present any suggestions for location to them. They are continuing to look for a suitable location.

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**Mark Howdysshell, Prosecutor**

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) now providing service at a county level and will continue to do so. Prosecutor Howdysshell advised the commissioners to stay away from taking funds from the state associated with (ODRC.)

**19-261-** Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into executive session at 1:45pm pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

**19-262-** Motion by Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit into executive session at 2:00pm pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

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**Shannon Wells, Development**

- SR266/377 income survey for Morgan/Meigs Waterline extension, surveying 49 home and have 10 left to do.
  - Meeting with John Wilt and Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) for hazard mitigation plan today at 1pm.
  - Chesterhill Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residential Public Infrastructure Grant
  - \$750,000.00.
  - Transit 2020 grant to Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) due in August.
  - Roundabout loan- estimated payoff in August or September. Progress meeting scheduled for July 30, at 9:30.
  - Septic change order for curtain drain. M&M Excavating, \$1400.00. Pending EPA approval.
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**19-263-** At the July 22, 2019 commissioner meeting a motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to affirm the commissioners intent to place a replacement levy of 1 mill, 1 mill, .5 mill and .1 mill with an additional .4 mill for total of 3 mill on the November 5, 2019 General Election ballot for the purpose of providing ambulance service for residents of Morgan County for five (5) years due in tax year 2019 first collected in 2020.

**Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Bragg abstain, motion carried**

**19-264-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to confirm the commissioners intent to place a .3 mill renewal levy mill for senior citizens service for purpose of providing service of senior citizens of Morgan County in five years beginning in tax year 2019 1st collected in 2020.

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

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

The final telephone handset count was sent to Advanced Business Communications (ABC) for the Riecker Building, Sheriff's Office, and Courthouse phone system replacement project. ABC provided an adjusted cost of \$85,752.36. ABC will send a contract for the Commissioners to sign when they receive word from their vendor that all the parts are available.

The Secretary of State has issued yet another requirement on the Board of Elections; they are now required to use Project Shield on their websites. Project Shield is a service provided by Google and Jigsaw to prevent distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks on websites at the DNS level. The service is available to news outlets and any entity that provides election results. The County has applied for the service, but has not yet received approval from Project Shield to use the service.

Triad, the Board of Election's hardware and software vendor, has decided that, due to the numerous requirements levied by the Secretary of State, they will no longer provide hardware for Board of Elections offices in Ohio. The Morgan County Board of Elections office was hoping to use Triad to meet the requirements mandated by the Secretary of State. Now, a new hardware vendor will need to be found.

The Morgan County Health Department (MCHD) will start using e-mail addresses on the County's .gov domain (morgancounty-oh.gov). The e-mail addresses have already been created, the IT Director will setup the e-mail accounts on the MCHD PCs in the coming weeks.

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

\*None\*

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**19-265-** 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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**19-266-** 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**

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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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