

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, August 12, 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

19-281- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019.

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

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Wanted to check and see if the commissioners had any issues with the roads this past week. Commissioner Reed commented on the job done on C.R. 11 Cloud Hollow. The road is now in really good condition.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Training Request-Devan Vincent, Healthcheck/PERS Training in New Philadelphia on 9/26/19.
-Training Request- Carly Ferguson, Caseworker Core on 8/8, 9, 2, 22 &23 in Athens.
-Training Request- Brittney Work, Caseworker Core on 8/22, 23 in Athens.
-Back to School Clothing Program-around 700 kids came through this past Thursday and we have around 200 to put through on Tuesday.
-Kari and Heidi will be meeting with the schools regarding Truancy on Monday 8/12/19.
-Amber Kohler with Census will be meeting with our agency on 8/19/19 at 2:00pm.
-Jeff Bragg, Morgan Jr High School principal was excited regarding the DC money that Morgan JFS provided. Money will help offset cost for students to take the trip.

19-282- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to offer approximately ten (10) acres and county barn located on State Route 376 (by DD properties highlighted in attached map) to Morgan Local School District for the amount of \$25,000. Morgan Local School District will also incur all additional costs associated with the transaction.

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

-Discussion was held on the Morgan County Composting Facility located on North Monastery Road NW (St. Rt. 607) McConnelsville, Ohio no longer accepting yard waste, tree trimmings, chips or any similar yard wastes from commercial (for hire) landscaping, mowing contractors, and tree trimming companies. Mr. Rob Reiter, Director of Southeast Ohio Joint Solid Waste suggested closing site to commercial users.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- Septic quotes for one repair, and one new system. Wilkins Excavating only quote received. 7600 Marion Street Chesterhill, 4114 N. St. Rt. 78 McConnelsville

19-283- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to award one septic repair and one new septic system to Wilkins Excavating in the amount of \$15,000.

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

- Received chip grant in the amount of \$400,000.
- SR266/377 income survey for Morgan Meigs Waterline extension survey is now complete.
- Hazard mitigation planning meeting August 13, 2019 at 1:00pm.
- Chesterhill Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residential Public Infrastructure Grant \$750,000 permit to install sewer received and waiting for state to open application.
- Transit 2020 grant to Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) due August 14, 2019.
- Met with revolving loan fund applicants.

Minnie Griffin, Concerned Citizen

Ms. Griffin discussed her ongoing custody case. The commissioners explained that it is currently out of JFSs' department, and has been turned over to the court. Commissioners don't have any input on court cases or juvenile cases.

19-284- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to appoint Ms. Marilyn Horner to the Board of Trustees of the Burr Oak Regional Water District for a three (3) year term beginning November 1, 2019 and ending October 31, 2022.

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

19-285- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to raise rent from \$385.00 a month to \$400.00 a month on Morgan County Community Action kitchen located in the Reicker Building.

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

* The commissioners discussed the recent interviews concerning the JFS Director position.

Steve Hook, Engineer

19-286- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to authorize the following resolution allowing Steve Hook, Morgan County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local contracts as required.

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Morgan County Engineer is planning to make capital improvements to Morgan County Roads #16, #25, #40, #79, and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved by, the Board of County Commissioners:

Section 1: The Morgan County Engineer is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: The Morgan County Engineer is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

19-287- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter into executive session at 2:35pm pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

19-288- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session at 2:55pm pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-dog report-filed

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

Phone System Replacement Project Status: Awaiting payment of deposit to Advanced Business Communications.

Over the past week, an issue materialized on the phone link between the Riecker Building and the Sheriff's Office (and Courthouse). User in the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse were not able to make calls – either on an outside line or to an extension in the Riecker Building – but were able to receive calls without issue. This problem appeared and disappeared intermittently. Troubleshooting on the PRIB cards that link the two phone systems began. However, during troubleshooting, the problem resolved itself and did not return. The situation will be monitored until the new phone system is installed.

The Common Pleas Court received word from Equivant, their case management software vendor, that the Ohio Supreme Court is accepting applications for the 2020 Court Technology Grant during the month of August. The Courts can use the grant to make changes to existing case management systems or to perform security upgrades. Both Common Pleas and County Courts could use the grant to migrate their JuryTRAC software into the new CourtView 3 system.

Agile Networks e-mailed the County with their phase one coverage maps for rural broadband. One coverage map utilized public and commercial vertical assets. A second map only utilized public assets. Agile would prefer to use only public assets as the costs can be kept lower for the consumers. Agile is asking for the County's assistance with identifying other locations where radio equipment can be installed. The Commissioners recommended that Agile contact the Farm Bureau for possible assistance.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

19-289- Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to establish line item 001-1501-5304-00 equipment phone expense.

Supplementally appropriate \$85,752.36 to this line item.

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

19-290- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve this request to set up a line item for 415-2017-5300--00 for unspent grant funds and supplementally appropriate \$31,901.39.

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

19-291- 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

19-292-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

