

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, August 19, 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

**19-293-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of August 12, 2019.

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

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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

- Children Services Assessor possibly contracting out temporarily
- August is Child Support Awareness Month, having luncheon Wednesday at 12:00pm.
- Fair booth "Teenage Pregnancy Prevention"
- Kinship Bid Opening at 10am
- Walls/Floors in Workforce
- Labor Management Meeting Thursday, August 29th at 1:00pm.

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***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continuing Review and Revision of County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) continues.
- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019.
- Working extensively with contractor regarding mitigation plan update. Sent out US Mail notices to all Township trustees and village mayors for Mitigation Planning Meeting. All villages except Chesterhill were represented and seven of the townships were represented. This was an organizational meeting to set up the steering committee and gauge interest. Meeting was a good first step. We will have a survey that we will be pushing out to County residents via various channels regarding mitigation issues.
- State will be replacing our radiation meters with new scanning wands that will be more sensitive- attended 2 hour seminar regarding this.
- Met with Homeland Security Region 8 partners in Cambridge regarding walkie talkie cache and new trucks. We will be receiving 10 new MARCS radios soon.

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***Chris Penrose, OSU Extension***

4-H Updates

- 4-H Camp 2019 held July 15-19, 2019. 67 campers, 14 camp counselors/counselor in training, 5 adult volunteer staff and Pam Montgomery. Great camp around the animal theme. Thursday night we welcomed JR Wilson to camp as our DJ for the evening and he did a great job.
- 2019 Cloverbud Day Camp was held on July 31, 2019 at Burr Oak State Park. We thank the park for welcoming us. 24 Cloverbuds (4-H members ages 5-8) registered and attended the camp with the space theme. 14 Older Youth in Training served as counselors for the day camp and 3 adult volunteers and Pam Montgomery.
- Junior Fair Board was trained by Rick Shriver on use of the microphone and Jenny Lindimore on the show books on July 23rd.
- Junior Fair Livestock skilathon was held at the fairgrounds on August 17th. A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the process.
- Next CARTEENS program is scheduled for August 20th.

Successful Co-Parenting

- Next program is scheduled for August 27th 6:30-9pm. Individuals can call the Extension Office to register. 740-962-4854.

Area Leader

- Continue meeting with staff in each of the counties once or twice a month.
- Muskingum County hired a new 4-H Educator in June 2019.
- Morgan County is hoping the new 4-H Educator can start in early September.

SNAP Ed Report, Amy Kirkbride

-Completed: Summer food service program

-Continuing: Handing out information at the farmer's market

Working with AllWell adult cooking group

-Nutrition information was taken to the backpack giveaway at Morgan DD.

-Ag and Natural Resource report, Chris Penrose

-Farmer Rancher Transport Quality Assurance and Professional Transport Quality Assurance, 16 total

-Ag and Livestock Field Day, 150 present, presentations on pasture management and Ag Outlook

-Numerous calls, office visits and four farm visits

-American Forage and Grassland Council Summer Board meeting in Lexington, KY, on board and Sr. VP

-Weekly PR's in the Morgan County Herald

-Weekly Farmer's Market

-Ohio Beef Team Letter: Grazing Options for Supplementing Poor Quality Forages

-Ohio Cattleman's Magazine Article: Grazing Options for Supplementing Poor Quality Forages

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Transit 2020 grant submitted
- SR 266/377 income survey for Morgan Meigs Waterline extension survey trying to wrap up.
- Hazard mitigation planning committee information given to RCAP.
- Chesterhill Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residential Public Infrastructure Grant \$750,000-working on grant now.
- Rural Economic Development Initiative webinar with Buckeye Hills.
- Paid for advertisement on Facebook for septic program to get more applicants.
- Community Housing Impact and Preservation program 2019 application was funded for \$400,000.

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***Amber Kohler, United States Census Bureau***

-The Complete Count Committee (CCC) Program is key to creating awareness in communities all across the country.

- CCC's utilize local knowledge, influence and resources to educate communities and promote the census through locally based, targeted outreach efforts.
- CCC's provide a vehicle for coordinating and nurturing cooperative efforts between tribal, state and local governments; communities; and the Census Bureau.

- CCC's help the Census Bureau get a complete count in 2020 through partnerships with local governments and community organizations.

### Benefits of a Complete Count

A complete count of every person living in the United States has tremendous benefits for you and for your stakeholders.

#### Census Data:

- Accurately determine how many representatives each state has in Congress and inform the redrawing of congressional district boundaries.
- Are used as the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to states, counties, communities to support resources such as schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Inform business decisions, policy, community initiatives and consumer advocacy.

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### ***Steve Hook, Engineer***

-Wanted to check and see if the commissioners had any issues with the roads this past week. The commissioners mentioned that Benjamin Road is rough and asked to check on Townsend Rd, had a resident tell commissioners the patches in Spring have washed away.

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### ***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-dog report-filed

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### ***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

The IT Director attended the County's Hazard Mitigation Meeting held on 13 August 2019. If needed, the IT Director can set up a place on the County's webpage to share information between the Morgan County Township Trustees and other County offices.

The Network Operations Center (NOC) is being cleaned out prior to the arrival of the new phone system and telephone handsets. Staging areas for all the equipment will be identified and cleaned so that work can proceed without interference.

The Sheriff's Office experienced an outage on two of their four POTS lines. CenturyLink advises that the telephone system is not properly releasing the line. They recommend pulling

and resetting the bridging clips on the affected lines next time an outage occurs.

The issue affecting outgoing calls in the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office returned this past week. They were able to receive calls, but could not make any calls over the PRI link. Pulling the connection on the PRIB card in the Riecker Building and resetting it cleared the problem.

The OSU Extension Office installed their new network connection and equipment this past week. The equipment was installed in the wiring cabinets in the 3rd floor conference room. The OSU technicians ran cable to the first floor where Spectrum had set up their circuit on their fiber. After the connections were plugged into their proper ports, the circuit was up and running.

The IT Director discussed the Secretary of State's information security requirements with board members from the Morgan County Board of Elections during the mock elections held on 14 August 2019. The mock election was held to show their new voting equipment to the public.

The Commissioners asked the IT Director to contact the 2020 Census Bureau to get some information to put on the County's website regarding census participation and its affects on funding and public projects over the next decade.

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

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***Raymond Insurance, Kinder's Insurance***

-Discussed seconded quarter claims with commissioners. Nothing out of the ordinary reported.

-All commissioners were invited to an upcoming Buckeye Joint Council meeting.

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***Linda Sheets, Senior Citizen***

-Submitted bills

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***Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations &Utility Applications***

**19-294-** Motion by Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$15,000.00 from 113-0113-5310-00 Debt Payment line item into the 113-0113-5309-00 misc. asst. item.

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

**19-295-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve this request the following supplemental appropriations for fund 085 revolving loan fund:

other expenses:085-0085-5309-00 \$10,000.00

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

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**19-296-** 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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-Commissioners met with Heidi Burns and offered her the position of Director of Job and Family Services. Mrs. Burns and commissioners agreed to meet on Tuesday August 20th at 4:00pm.

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**19-297-**Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to recess commissioners meeting until Tuesday Aug 20th at 4:00pm.

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

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Commissioners reconvened at 4:00pm Tuesday August 20th and met with Heidi Burns. Mrs. Burns accepted the offer the commissioners had made to her as Director of Jobs and Family Services, effective August 26th, 2019.

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**19-298-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to adjourn commissioners meeting Tuesday Aug 20th at 4:45pm.

**Mr. Shriver yea 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**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

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