

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 30, 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

**19-337-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019.  
**Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea Mr. Bragg yea Motion Carried**

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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

TRAVEL REQUESTS

- Carly Ferguson, Mallary Trout, & Brittney Work-CORE IV Assessment and Safety Planning-Athens, Ohio

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-Kim Foreman accepted the ER Supervisor Position for Workforce  
-Devan Vincent has accepted the ER Specialist Position for Workforce  
-Door pass code changed due to employee retiring.

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***John Wilt, EMA***

- Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019.
- Working with contractor regarding mitigation plan update. Collected and submitted surveys to contractor.
- Prepared and submitted FY2019 LEPC Compliance report to SERC (State Emergency Response Commission). This involves reviewing all Title II records, State spill reports and reconciliation of reports.
- As part of Compliance reporting I reviewed CAMEO data from 2019, pulled report from State EPA.
- Monthly MARC meeting.
- Received 2 MARCs radios from Engineer's Office. They wer not using them and did not want to continue to pay bill. The radios have been deactivated. These were purchased through Homeland Security grant money through EMA and are considered end of life.
- Met with Muskingum County EMA re: equipment
- Performed cleaning and maintenance of facility.

- Submitted a request for information regarding searching the status of the current EMA pickup to find out whether it can be re-purposed to a different agency/office within the County without requiring reimbursement to FEMA/DHS, as we discussed previously.
- Prepared for LEPC meeting to be held Wednesday, 10/02/2019 at 11:30 at EMA Offices. Will be discussing exercises, hazmat annex, 2020 meeting schedule, grants.
- I will be attending mandatory EMA Director's Conference/LEPC Conference in Pickerington on October 9 and 10.

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

-Commissioners brought up hot mix paving and County Road 2 needs patched as well as places on the old bridge.

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Chesterhill sewer project will be delayed bidding until December until environmental review is complete including archaeological study.
- Seraphinea's Crumb and Coffee waiting on additional financial information to be received as requested by committee.
- SR266/377 income survey for Morgan Meigs Waterline-will certify survey this week. Project does qualify for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant assistance.
- A transit employee is still voicing issues he has with his employer. Mrs. Wells is planning on taking further questions to the prosecutor.
- Opera House project-final payment

**19-338-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to award a septic quote M&M Excavating in the amount of \$10,500 for a repair project.

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

\*No response from Newberry Excavating, Wilkins Excavating and LM Excavating\*

-Mrs. Wells discussed transit applicants with the commissioners.

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**19-339-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following:

# Dude Be Kind Week

## Morgan County Commissioners' Proclamation

*Whereas* research in the fields of neuroscience and positive psychology suggests that kindness is something that is developed in adolescents by actually feeling it, not just thinking about it (Tenenbaum, 2012),

*Whereas* kindness is scientifically proven to increase our happy hormones (serotonin, oxytocin and endorphins) which cause all kinds of amazing benefits like reducing stress, creating a healthier heart, improving our mood, slowing the aging process, increasing concentration and more (Source: Ansell, 2015; Hamilton, 2011; Currie, 2015),

*Whereas* a Dude Be Kind week is a time where we change the routines of our lives and focus on devoting ourselves to spreading good vibes in our communities,

*Whereas* a Dude Be Kind week is designed FOR positive change and being kind not about being against or ANTI something,

*Whereas* a Dude Be Kind week inspires conversations about what "being kind" truly means and encourages people to brainstorm actions that promote kindness, connection and the opportunity to lead "kind" activities in our communities,

*Now therefore* we, the Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio, do hereby proclaim the week of November 10 - November 16, 2019, to be

### ***Dude Be Kind Week in Morgan County, Ohio***

and ask all citizens of this community to observe and take part in activities recognizing the importance of kindness in our lives, our families and our county.

Dated this 30 day of 2019



Commissioner Tom Bragg



Commissioner Mike Reed



Commissioner Adam Shriver

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

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\*Receipt of a letter from Mental Health Services and Recovery Board requesting the amount of \$126,600 which is .8 mill existing levy monies for their 2020 budget.

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-Discussion was had among the commissioners concerning details of the dog warden regarding the upcoming dog warden meeting in the afternoon.

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***Adawn Cook, Concerned Citizen***

-Ms. Cook had a dog complaint against the treatment of dogs, especially pit bull type. Mrs. Cook discussed the time period that the dogs are held. Dogs are required to be held 72 hours, though we typically hold onto them longer. The commissioners noted they are trying to create a form to assist in adopting out dogs. They assured Mrs. Cook they are currently working on raising money for getting land or a building to house a new dog pound. The commissioners and Mrs. Thompson (dog warden) agreed that they should begin posting pictures of dogs currently housed at the dog pound on the county website. Jeff Babcock will be setting it up and can add dogs we have in the pound as soon as he gets them. We will be starting with dogs that are adoptable by S.P.O.T.

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-dog report-filed

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***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

-The spreadsheets for direct dial numbers and programming data were completed this week and sent to CenturyLink and Advanced Business Communications (ABC). ABC will begin programming the new phone systems in their offices. They had to order an 8 port analog line card for the Sheriff's office switch to accommodate the additional POTS lines. CenturyLink now has a list of what numbers need to be assigned to which T1 line. They now require a new agreement be signed for the two T1 lines before they can schedule the T1 line move.

Advanced Heating and Cooling returned to service RTU-2 and RTU-3 at the Riecker Building. RTU-3 had been down for a week and a half. After the units were cleaned, it was discovered that a fan motor had burned up in RTU-3. The failed motor was bypassed and the unit returned to operation.

The Commissioners discussed modifying the Dog Warden's web page to show photos of the dogs that are currently housed at the Dog Pound. The IT Director will discuss what additional information should be included on the web page with the Dog Warden.

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**19-340-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE  
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES  
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
(BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)**

Revised Code, Secs. 5705.34, - 35.

The Board of County Commissioners of **Morgan County**, Ohio met in Regular  
(Regular or Special) session on the 30 day of September, 2019, at the office of  
the Commissioners with the following members present:

Commissioner Adam Shriver  
Commissioner Mike Reed  
Commissioner Tom Bragg

Mr. Reed moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, This Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of **Morgan County**, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part is within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners, **Morgan County**, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

<b>SCHEDULE A</b>				
<b>SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES</b>				
FUND	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to Be Levied	
			Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
(Regular or Special) session on the	Column II	Column IV	V	VI
General Fund		1,013,778	3.20	
EMS	500,185			2.60
Ext. Services	220,323			0.80
Mental Health	123,299			0.80
previously adopted a Tax Budget for th	50,568			0.60
MR/DD	782,226			3.95
Library	252,746			1.00
Children Services	137,702			0.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,067,048</b>	<b>1,013,778</b>	<b>3.20</b>	<b>10.250</b>

<b>SCHEDULE B</b>		
<b>LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES</b>		
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied</b>	<b>County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)</b>
<b>EMS:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/8/16	0.10	15,412
<b>EMS:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/08/16 for not to exceed five years.	1.00	146,005
<b>EMS:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/8/16 for not to exceed five years.	0.50	86,021
<b>EMS:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/4/14 for not to exceed five years.	1.00	252,746
<b>MR/DD:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/8/11 for not to exceed six years.	1.28	287,412
<b>MENTAL HEALTH:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/5/13 for not to exceed ten years.	0.80	123,299
<b>EXT. SERVICE:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/5/13 for not to exceed five years.	0.80	220,323
<b>MR/DD:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 6/8/82 for not to exceed continuing.	0.50	49,231
<b>MR/DD:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 6/8/82 for not to exceed eight years.	0.20	30,820
<b>MR/DD:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/8/16 for not to exceed five years.	1.97	414,763
<b>Library:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/4/14 for not to exceed five years.	1.00	252,746
<b>Senior Citizens:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/4/14 for not to exceed five years.	0.30	50,568
<b>Senior Citizens:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 11/8/16 for not to exceed five years.	0.30	75,926
<b>Childen Services:</b> Levy authorized by the voters on 5/6/14 for not to exceed five years	0.50	137,702
	10.25	2,142,974





**CERTIFICATE OF COPY**

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**The State of Ohio, Morgan County, ss.**

I, Sheila Welch, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, within and for said County, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original:

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now on file, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my signature, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

Sheila Welch  
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Morgan County, Ohio*

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A copy of this Resolution must be certified to the County Auditor before the first day of October in each year, or at such later date as may be approved by the Board of Tax Appeals.

MORGAN COUNTY TAX LEVY ESTIMATES 2020 (TY 2019)

AGR/RES	OTHER	UTIL REAL	UTIL PERS	PERSONAL	TOTAL
243,297,370	20,574,510	-	69,607,870	-	333,479,750

	DESCRIPTION	FULL	EFF A	EFF B	ODT PU Reimbursement	Levy Estimate TY 2010
1982	EMS	1.00	0.307088	0.455335	\$0	\$146,005
1987	EMS	0.10	0.032499	0.065888	\$0	\$15,412
1992	EMS	0.50	0.198067	0.367229	\$0	\$86,021
2010	EMS	1.00	0.742417	0.768535	\$0	\$252,746
	TOTAL	2.60	1.280071	1.656987	\$0	\$500,185
2014	EXT. SERVICE	0.80	0.672252	0.616084	\$0	\$220,323
1985	MENTAL HEALTHI	0.80	0.259998	0.527105	\$0	\$123,299
1990	SENIOR CIT	0.30	0.114345	0.220048	\$0	\$50,568
2012	SENIOR CIT	0.30	0.223166	0.230560	\$0	\$75,926
	TOTAL	0.60	0.337511	0.450608	\$0	\$126,494
1976	MR/DD	0.50	0.055594	0.169746	\$0	\$49,231
1983	MR/DD	0.20	0.064999	0.131535	\$0	\$30,820
2002	MR/DD	1.97	1.102827	1.514013	\$0	\$414,763
2006	MR/DD	1.28	0.794096	0.983724	\$0	\$287,412
	TOTAL	3.95	2.017516	2.799018	\$0	\$782,226
2010	LIBRARY	1.00	0.742417	0.768535	\$0	\$252,746
2014	ILDREN SERVIC	0.50	0.420158	0.385053	\$0	\$137,702
	GEN FUND	3.20	3.200000	3.200000	\$0	\$1,013,778
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>13.45</b>	<b>8.93</b>	<b>10.40</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,080,827</b>

LEVY	AGR/RES	OTHER	UTIL REAL	UTIL PERS	PERSONAL	PU REIMB	TOTAL
EMS	295,866.01	32,387.11	-	171,931.44	-	-	\$ 500,185
EXT. SERVICE	155,379.29	12,041.85	-	52,901.98	-	-	\$ 220,323
MENTAL HEALTHI	60,093.99	10,302.68	-	52,901.98	-	-	\$ 123,299
SENIOR CIT	26,428.85	4,301.01	-	19,838.24	-	-	\$ 50,568
MR/DD	466,313.52	54,709.00	-	261,203.53	-	-	\$ 782,226
LIBRARY	171,596.70	15,021.62	-	66,127.48	-	-	\$ 252,746
ILDREN SERVIC	97,112.17	7,526.16	-	33,063.74	-	-	\$ 137,702
GEN FUND	739,624.00	62,546.51	-	211,607.92	-	-	\$ 1,013,778
							\$ 3,080,827

Estimates are calculated based on Valuation Totals and Effective Rates from Tax Year 2018

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Board of County Commissioners

Morgan County, Ohio

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(Board of County Commissioners)

*Sheila Walsh*

Clerk

Filed 09-30, 2019

Gary D. Woodward

Morgan County Auditor

By *Katy Chapin*

Deputy

*Reed 09-30-19*

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

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

**19-341-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to Doug Horn from Morgan County Commissioners to bore under, span over, (construction within) County Road (multiple,) located in Township of Stockport, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

**19-342-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to CenturyLink from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Rd. 16 located in the Township of Union, Morgan County Ohio.

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

**19-343-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Rd. 56 located in the Township of Malta, Morgan County Ohio.

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

**12-344-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

<b>Amount:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
\$455.56	Supplies 001-01015303.00	Other Expenses 001-0101-5309.00
\$500.00	Equipment 001-0101-5304.00	Other Expenses 001-0101-5309.00
\$1258.49	Worker's Comp. 001-0101-5369.00	Other Expenses 001-0101-5309.00
\$702.36	Adv. & Printing 001-0101-5308.00	Other Expenses 001-0101-5309.00

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

**19-345-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg transfer the following:

<b>Amount:</b>	<b>From:</b>	<b>To:</b>
\$2000.00	Insurance 063-0063-5365.00	Septic permit fees 063-0063-5313.00

\*Please adjust PO#19-24439 TO 063-0063-5309.00 other expenses \$3000.00 please adjust PO#19-24422 and to travel\$1000.00 please adjust PO#19-24420.

\*From worker's comp. 063-0063-5369.00 \$3219.63 to vaccine 063-0063-5309.05 please adjust PO# 19-24423.

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

**19-346-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

- \$1325.00 from worker's comp. account number 001-0602-5369.00 to employees salary account number 001-0602-5102.00

- Requesting a supplemental appropriation from general fund in amount of \$939.31 for increase in recorder salary line item 001-0602-5101.00.

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

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**19-347-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

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**19-348-**Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg 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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