

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 21, 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

**19-370-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019.

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

\*The commissioners discussed meeting with State Senator Tim Schaffer about the lost tax monies with ODNR purchase of AEP property.

***Chris Penrose, OSU***

**4-H Updates---**Lydia Flores and Pam Montgomery

- Lydia, Jenny, Pam and Chris worked together to finalize the calendar for 2020. We are currently in the process of securing the sites and locations for activities and events.
- Lydia started a 4-H blog that both she and Pam can add posts to [u.osu.edu/4hmorgancounty](http://u.osu.edu/4hmorgancounty) regarding the 4-H program in Morgan County.
- Lydia and Pam have decided the 4-H program responsibilities, and both are excited about the upcoming year.

**Family and Consumer Sciences---**Successful Co-Parenting

- The next class is scheduled for December 12th 9:30am-12:00pm and individuals can call the office at 740-962-4854 to schedule.
- Pam Montgomery is working on finalizing the Successful Co-Parenting schedule for 2020.
- Pam Montgomery is also exploring adding back additional Family and Consumer Sciences programs.

**Offices Updates:**

- Next Extension Advisory Committee meeting is January 13th from 7:00-8:30pm.

**Agriculture and Natural Resources Update---**Chris Penrose

- Master Gardner Series continued with a presentation on Pollinators Habitat at Luke Chute and presentation tonight on Shitake Mushrooms.
- Presentation in Indianapolis on Land Access Issues for New and Beginning Farmers.
- Farmers Market ends next Thursday after a successful season at their new location.
- Weekly press releases in the Morgan Co. Herald and monthly live TV show on WHIZ.
- University Senator, journal reviewer, nat'l article in the American Forage and Grassland Council publication (AFGC), paper submitted to AFGC, and SR. VP for AFGC.
- Numerous calls and office visits and been planning winter meetings including Master Gardner training which begins February 12th.

Snap Ed---Amy Kirkbride

- Currently in five pre-school classes, six 2nd grade, one multi-handicap, afterschool at West Elementary and the Junior High teaching nutrition.
- Also attending the Farmers Market handing out nutrition information.

***Steve Hook, Engineer***

-Engineer Hook let the commissioners know that his workers will begin grinding McKendree Road either tomorrow or Wednesday.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Chesterhill environmental review work this week-archaeological survey and flood plain notice in the newspaper.

-Transit-Mr. Sampson attended Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting at Buckeye Hills. Mrs. Wells or Mr. Sampson will plan to attend these quarterly meetings in the future. Also, will be purchasing membership to OPTA (Ohio Public Transit Association). Mrs. Wells asked the commissioners if they would like to use the Morgan County Health Department only for transit employee physicals or give the employee an option of where to go? The commissioners decided to allow employees an option if they would like to go to their family physician.

-Discussed the Heritage Day attendance.

-Seraphinea's Crumb and Coffee- working with the prosecutor on closing documents to loan \$9,143.00 for equipment purchases with owner providing \$481.00 matching funds. Three (3) year loan at \$268.92 per month.

-N. SR 60 water/sewer - waiting for Morgan Meigsville water to decide if they would like to move forward with getting a \$350,000 loan for the water project. Will discuss further at board meeting at November 14th 2019.

-Septic program-trying to get four to five more septic complete this year.

-Discussed a situation regarding a septic project. The individual doesn't have any collateral. The Development Office is considering taking a mortgage out on their home.

-CHIP-Last two projects for 2017 grant wrapping up.

-Commissioners went to Judge Lowe's Office to see about maintenance issues of facility and he also addressed house arrests.

***-Gary Woodward, Auditor ; Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor***

-Discussed vacation/sick leave protocol of a former JFS employee. Mr. Howdyshell told the commissioners that they should have been signing vacation/payroll at all times for employees they directly employ and oversee.

-The idea of having employees sign timesheets was brought up. The commissioners will implement these changes moving forward with the new JFS Director, Senior Citizen's Office Director, and a few other employees.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report-filed

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

All remaining issues with the new phone installation have been cleared up except for the caller ID problem. Caller ID information is not being transmitted with outgoing calls. The County will have to work with CenturyLink and Advanced Business Communications collectively to resolve this issue.

An e-mail address was created on the County domain (morgancounty-oh.gov) for Dr. Clark, the Morgan County Health Commissioner.

Photos were taken of five excess vehicles at Morgan County Public Transit. The vehicles will be placed online for auction on GovDeals.com.

The IT Director will be on vacation next week (10/28/2019 through 11/1/2019) and return to work the following week (11/4/2019)

The County website will be updated to reflect personnel changes at the Health Department and the County Coroner.

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

-None

**19-371-** 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**

**19-372-**Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the 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**