

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 4, 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

19-391- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of October 28, 2019.

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

* Commissioners are in receipt of October expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

Krissa Murphy ; Wesley Moore, Concerned Citizen

-Discussed complaint they have with the dog warden. They own four dogs. One was taken, all four were confiscated multiple times by the dog warden for being at large. It was noted that the dog was running at large. There were photos taken of the dog from an unknown source. (All of their dogs were tagged.) This dog has yet to be located. Due to this, the commissioners noted it should be relatively easy to cross-reference and locate the dog. The commissioners agreed to speak with the dog warden concerning this situation.

*According to the dog warden the dog that was taken by the dog warden was held two weeks and SPOT took it for adoption was not wearing tags.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Travel Requests

-Ginger Bowen 11/15 TPOC Training-Columbus, Oh

-Heidi Burns & Missy Fisher 11/5 Director/Fiscal Meeting-Coshocton

-Tina Cooper 11/5 Childcare Roundtable-Zanesville

-Morgan Local Board Meeting @ 7:30 regarding after school funding

-COG Cancelled-Available dates for next meeting: Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 9?

-Community giving for Christmas-AEP, Shriver's, Betsy Martin

19-392- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter executive session with Heidi Burns at 9:22am pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) negotiations.

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

19-393- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session with Heidi Burns at 9:52am pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) negotiations.

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

Randy Williams, Treasurer

-Discussed bidding options with different banks on CD's currently held and that are maturing.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Seraphinea's Crumb and Coffee-loan closed and shop will open this week.

-Roundabout Loan paid off

-CHIP 2017grant complete

-Transit-Five vehicles on gov deals bids close today.

-Mrs. Wells met with Prosecutor Howdyshell Friday to discuss 2020 projects. Will begin work when receive grant agreement.

-Met with SEAT last week. They would like Morgan County to be a part of Mid-Ohio Mobility Solutions, non-profit organization where people call for transportation assistance.

-It was discussed among the commissioners how SEAT could benefit Morgan County. It is being considered to become partners with SEAT.

-Buckeye Hills meeting tomorrow for rural economic development imitative.

Randy Aires ; Jim Greer ; Steve Fate ; Jeff Fleming, Medical Mutual

-Discussed the fourth quarter report. Also presented the renewal rate for 2020 at 6.49%.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

-The commissioners brought to Mrs. Thompson the information Krissa Murphy and Wesley Moore had given them. Mrs. Thompson noted her experience of the situation. The commissioners noted they need to work to get pictures of captured dogs online.

-The commissioners attended a meeting with ODNR. In attendance were representatives from Morgan County Local Schools, Auditor Woodward, Engineer Hook, Commissioners and Assistant Director of ODNR, the COO, and the legal counsel.

The commissioners discussed the effect the loss of 14,000 acres of taxable land would have on the schools, county general fund, and townships. The townships would also have to make up the loss of revenue for funding the Health Department. Bristol and Manchester townships would be negatively affected as the majority of property is located in these two townships. The tax payers of the county also would have to pitch up the difference on millage for county levy's.

Commissioner's were requesting some type of financial assistance for everyone involved.

ODNR talked about the potential for increased tourism. Commissioners noted they don't feel there is any plan to help increase tourism in the region.

ODNR mentioned PILT(Payment in Lieu of Taxes) the state would pay. 100% of that goes to the school according to ORC 1531.27 and is approximately \$6.50 per acre.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-Per the Secretary of State's requirement that all removable media be encrypted at the hardware level, an order was placed for encrypted hard drives that require a code be entered on a built-in keypad to unlock access to the drive. The hard drives will be used as system backup drives for the two new workstations and the new server in the Board of Elections office.

The first couple of pictures of dogs in the Dog Pound were uploaded to the Dog Warden's website.

The IT Director was on leave from 28 October 2019 through 1 November 2019.

The issue with caller ID data not being sent for outgoing calls has been resolved. The number of the person calling now displays on the incoming caller ID. Now, the caller group data needs to be modified so that the users' respective office numbers appear instead of their actual desk phone number.

Troubleshooting is ongoing with Spectrum as to why the Internet in the Riecker Building, Sheriff's Office, and Courthouse is running slower than other offices in the area.

*The commissioners met with the OPWC-County Sub-Committee. (Ohio Public Works Commission)

19-394- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter executive session at 4:00pm with Ms. Morrow pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) property.

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

19-395- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to exit executive session at 4:05pm with Ms. Morrow pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) property.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

19-396- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners to bore under, span over, (construction within) County Road (multiple,) located in Township of Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

19-397- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$1,000.00 from Contract Repair Account (k-5) 004-0004-5305.00 and place into Large Equipment Account (k-13) 004-0004-5304.01.

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

19-398- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the renewal rate for Medical Mutual for 2020 at 6.49%

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

19-399- 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

19-400- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:05pm.

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

Adam Shriver, President

Mike Reed, Vice-President

Tom Bragg , Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk