

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 18, 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

19-415- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of November 12 , 2019.

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

Travel Requests

-Heidi Burns & Ginger Bowen 11/18-COG Meeting, Ohio

-Heidi Burns & Ginger Bowen 11/26-WIOA RFP Meeting, Caldwell

-Mandated Share for November, 2019 \$3,135.17

19-416- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter executive session at 8:55am with Heidi Burns pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) negotiations.

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

19-417- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session at 9:15am with Heidi Burns pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) negotiations.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

4-H Updates--Lydia Flores and Pam Montgomery

- CARTEENS program was held on August 20th. Next program is tomorrow night, November 19th.
- Packets are available for potential new 4-H volunteers.
- Older youth applications, interest forms for older youth in training, camp counselor applications and counselor in training applications have been mailed out to all eligible youth and they are due back to the office by 4:30pm on December 6th.

- January 2nd-2019 older youth 4-H members and Junior Fair Board FFA members will be having a celebration of their efforts by having a skating party at the Marietta Roller Rink from 3-5pm.
- Lydia is excited about getting started with programming in 2020.

Family and Consumer Sciences-Successful Co-Parenting

- The last class was held on August 27th 6:30-9pm and three individuals participated.
- The next class is scheduled for December 12th 9:30am-12pm and individuals can call the office at 740-962-4854 to schedule.
- UPDATE: Pam Montgomery will be adding back into her programming some FCS programming. Here are a list of items that are being planning: food preservation, family resource management (budget your family), and diabetes education.

SNAP Ed-Amy Kirkbride

- In all three elementary schools doing 2nd grade and preschool nutrition programs.
- After schools at the Jr. High and West Elementary, hands on cooking classes.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Update-Chris Penrose

- Finished up a successful session with the Farmers Market.
- Provided presentations in other counties on Lawn Care, Understanding Plant Growth and Mineral Supplementation for Livestock.
- Two Guest Lectures at OSU.
- Master Gardener Meeting, planning a Master Gardener Training consisting of 40 hours of training beginning in March.
- Weekly articles in the Morgan County Herald and a forage article in a national publication.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Recycling Budget for 2020 due to Mr. Rob Reiter (Joint Solid Waste, District Director)-
\$45,000 was 2019 request.

-Transit-met with Buckeye Hills last week to discuss mobility management in the region. Mr. Sampson and Mr. Garrett are going to Columbus Wednesday and Thursday for passenger Assistance Training.

MORGAN COUNTY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(CHIP)

The Morgan County Development Office will begin accepting applications for the Community Housing Improvement Program on December 10, 2019 at 9:00am.

Eligibility: Morgan County residents who own their home, it is their primary residence and meet the following income guidelines:

Program Income Guidelines (Gross Income)

Household Members	Income Guidelines
1 person	\$36,650
2 persons	\$41,850
3 persons	\$47,100
4 persons	\$52,300
5 persons	\$56,500
6 persons	\$60,700
7 persons	\$64,900
8 persons	\$69,050

Owner Rehabilitation: This program provides deferred loans of less than \$40,000 to homeowners for the purpose eliminating existing substandard housing conditions. Examples of projects includes: roofs, gutters, electrical, plumbing, furnaces, hot water heaters, insulation, windows, doors, accessibility and lead based paint abatement. 80% of the loan is forgiven after five years and 20% will be paid by homeowner when the home is sold or transferred. Mobile homes and land contracts not eligible to apply. Projects will be evaluated and selected based on housing inspection.

Home Repair

The program provides grant assistance of less than \$10,000 for one repair project for homeowners. Examples of projects include: roof replacements, furnaces, handicapped accessibility, hot water tanks, water taps, septic repair/replacement. Home repair applications are considered on a first-come first-serve basis. Emergency repairs will take priority. Land contracts are not eligible unless it is a recorded land contract.

****If the home cannot be successfully repaired or renovated without exceeding program limits, the home will be considered ineligible.****

Information Sessions (if unable to attend, please call or stop by prior to December 10th)

Tuesday, November 26th-10:00am at the Morgan County Development Office

Wednesday, December 4th-2:00pm at the Morgan County Development Office

Morgan County Development Office
Reicker Building, 1st Floor back of building

155 E. Main Street, Room 135
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
740-962-1322 Contact Shannon Wells or Traci Baker

*Commissioners attended Counsel of Government (COG) meeting in Caldwell, Ohio.

Jen Ponchak ; Gregg Hill ; Dan Dunn ; Stephen Wells, Lawn Waste Meeting

-The lawn waste meeting was called because the site is becoming hard to maintain. The commissioners currently lease the land from AEP for free in exchange for the commissioners to maintain the property. The engineer will only help maintain the site if his workers get paid by the commissioners. Mr. Hook says his budget is for county roads and bridges and can not be used on lawn waste site. The engineer quoted around \$600.00 in payment for labor, materials and equipment. The funds are there to accomplish this.

After much discussion, an idea was brought up that they could break into groups that would contribute quarterly financially to maintain the site. An update is scheduled for next Monday. The villages would pay for one quarter, the county one quarter, the Joint Solid Waste District, and maybe ODOT clean it one quarter.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

With the new phone system installation completed, investigations began into the Internet slowness experienced at the Riecker Building, Sheriff's Office, and Courthouse. At the Riecker Building, speed tests showed that the County is only getting roughly half of the speed for which they are paying. A new firewall was built, with more-than-sufficient hardware, to verify that the old perimeter firewall was not causing the problem. However, the speeds remained the same as before, so troubleshooting will continue.

Internet speeds at the Sheriff's Office were reported as being too slow to be usable. However, speeds tests showed that the connection speeds are as they should be (100 Mbps download, 10 Mbps upload). After some testing and investigating, it was discovered that the slowness was just that certain websites the Sheriff's Office use are running slow. Also, they reported that they would lose their connection when uploading files to the web. Again, this was found to be only affect certain websites.

At the Courthouse, Internet speeds routinely test normal. However, large downloads are almost always interrupted by network errors. This affects all large file downloads, like videos from the State and operating system and antivirus software updates. Unfortunately, the problem is intermittent and difficult to troubleshoot.

It appears that the 30 day grace period for free phone fixes has ended. Advanced Business

Communications is now asking that we forward all phone related problems to their service account.

While attempting to change the name servers for the County's website, it was discovered that the County does not own the HostGator account. DJH Computers is working to transfer control over to the County so that the requisite changes can be made.

The Health Department is going to need a phone line for their Sensaphone – the device that alerts officers when the temperature in their vaccine refrigerator gets out of its optimal range. The device appears to be working, but cannot communicate over the current digital phone lines provided by their internal phone system.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

-None

19-418- 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

19-119-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

