

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 25, 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

**19-420-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019.

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

***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019.
- Working with contractor regarding mitigation plan update. Next meeting December 4th.
- Received notice of change out of current State supplied radiation meters to two Ludlum 26-3 Frisker detectors. These are state of the art detectors. I will be speaking with the Sheriff to see if one should be assigned there. The Highway Patrol and PUCO Hazmat both carry these for vehicle checks.
- Still working on COOP/COG (Continuity of operations, continuity of government) planning operation. I need a clear organizational chart for all county offices to move forward.
- Finalized required paperwork for FY19 EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) will submit this week along with initial cash request.
- Received preliminary approval of the SFY 2020 Morgan County HazMat Plan Review. It will go before the SERC at their December 11, 2019 meeting for final approval. To refresh your memory- we can submit a no-change request for three years, this was the last year for no-change.
- Waiting on reply from State grant people on valuation of older EMA truck so I can complete request for release of truck.

\*The commissioners attended a Corrections meeting located at County Court beginning at 9:00am.

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

***Travel Requests***

-Heidi Burns 12/3-EODA, Lancaster, Ohio

-Morgan County Learning Center Service Agreement for computer lab use.

-Christmas Parade-Youth and Foster Parent Outreach

-Angel Tree is up for Foster Kids , can pick up an angel-have unwrapped gifts back to the agency by December 10th.

**19-421-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
006-0006-5102.00	006-0006-5102-02	\$28,000.00
006-0006-5309.01	006-0006-5309.00	\$40,500.00
006-0006-5367.00	006-0006-5367.02	\$ 3,000.00
006-0006-5368.00	006-0006-5368.02	\$ 350.00
006-0006-5345.00	006-0006-5340.00	\$85,000.00

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

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Mrs. Wells and commissioners discussed transit employee vacation time.

-Transit-Contracts for 2020 to be emailed this week.

-Met with Jennifer Ponchak & John Thompson on McConnelsville Neighborhood Revitalization grant

-Individual receiving a septic project by Leroy Miller. After installed, a slip was noticed. It is unsure if the slip was there prior to the septic installation or not. I was said it would cost \$15,000 to get the slip fixed. Mr. Jeff Michaels decided to enlist a second opinion of an experienced soil scientist. After the second evaluation it was determined that the septic was intact and the slip shouldn't be a problem. The second soil scientist provided his explanation in a very in depth report. As of now, the commissioners are choosing to not move forward with fixing the slip.

-Community Housing Improvement Program-Ad in Herald and in Facebook. Two informational sessions scheduled for November 26th and December 4th. Will be accepting applications Dec 10th.

-Two grant monitorings (audits) scheduled in December. Opera House December 3rd and CHIP 2017 December 19th 20th.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report-filed

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

-End of the year follow up meeting. Ms. Kohler was interested as to the progress the commissioner had made with setting up a "Complete Count Committee" for the county. The commissioners will choose a Chairperson and they will be in contact with Ms. Kohler for upcoming events such as the National Campaign being held the second week in January. Ms. Kohler recommended Becky Aber of the Health Department to chair the committee. She was contacted by commissioners and agreed to chair the committee.

***Valarie Mayle, Tracie Wagner, Morgan County Board of Elections***

**19-422-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve a purchase for a new ballot printer in the amount of \$20,734.60; that will be purchased with money from the Secretary of State Office that was awarded to Morgan County BOE.

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

***Jen Ponchak ; Gregg Hill ; Chris Hambel ; Ryan Mayle : Stephen Wells, Lawn Waste Meeting***

-Each gave an update to the commissioners on their respective Village's council as to if they will be able to contribute to help keep the lawn waste site available for public use. Some departments have agreed to contribute to help pay to maintain the site.

***Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor ; Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Discussed the transit employee policy vs. the county employee policy. It was discussed which policy to use in certain instances. The commissioners are considering combining the two policies for transit to follow for right now if there is a situation with a transit employee and that situation is not covered in transit policy then they revert to county policy.

**19-423-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to specify that transit employees abide by transit policy first and the county policy when transit policy did not apply or issues weren't addressed.

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

**19-424-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to specify that Development Office employees abide by the county policy even though they oversee transit program.

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

***Lori Ryan-Griffin ; Kenny White ; Brittney Wiseman, Morgan County Soil and Water***

### Strategy to Secure Funds

- RCCP-Assisted with 31 conservation contracts for the spotted knapweed program. There were 22 spotted knapweed contracts that were inspected and made payments to. The Soil and Water Office will receive technical dollars for the work.
- Contribution Agreement-The new Soil and Water District Technician is off to a great start. This quarter alone, 4,887ft. of fence, 230ft of access road, and 3,505ft of pipeline has been measured. The new District Technician has also had a hand in 0.4-acre Heavy Use Area Protection, a 745sq. ft. Roof runoff Structure, 8.4 acres of Bush Management, as well as 8 watering facilities, one pumping plant, and 986 feet of underground outlet.
- Office Rent-The Morgan SWCD Board of Supervisors continue to rent out an office space in the privately-owned building. There is potential to rent additional office space throughout the office. In the future there are hopes to have the funds to upgrade the additional space in the building with this purpose in mind.
- Filter Fabric Sales- Morgan SWCD continues to stock large rolls of filter fabric outside of the office. Customers from Morgan and the surrounding counties contact the office to purchase fabric for their conservation needs. This past quarter the office has seen a big increase in filter fabric sales.
- Equipment Rental- SWCD Brillion Seeder and No-till drill has been rented on numerous occasions this quarter. These funds continue to support. This office will continue to advertise both rentals in the district newsletters, on social media and through posted signs in the office.
- Plat Book Sales- Morgan SWCD continues to bring new faces and provide consistent funding to the office. The 2019 edition in the office is up for sale.
- CAUV-The staff has continued to work with the Morgan County Auditor this past quarter on CAUV, completing 45 applications. SWCD hopes to continue working with the Auditor in the future to provide a steady source of income for the office.

### Outreach & Development

- Cattleman's Meeting-Morgan SWCD partnered with Morgan County OSU Extension, the Morgan County Cattleman's Association and a local producer to host an evening filled with agricultural education, as well as an extensive farm tour. There was 140 men and women joined in for the evening. Dinner was provided through local donations.

- Morgan County Fair Booth-The Morgan County SWCD Fair Booth Display was a pretty good turn out this year. The booth was doubled in size, featuring educational information, SWCD events, a list of 2019 Affiliate Members, posters of farm equipment over the past 10 decades, and ever-popular Photo Contest, which took on a new twist this year. Thousands of people from Morgan County and the and the surrounding areas had the opportunity to visit this display and vote.
- 2019 Cover Crop Program-The Cover Crop application process is currently underway. This year, a total of 1,100 submitted acres, with 888 of those acres approved. The program was advertised in the District Newsletter, local newspaper and on social media.
- Livestock Exclusion and Stream Protection Program-The program is continuing to be advertised in the District Newsletter. As of now, there are two Stream Fencing Projects under construction.
- District Newsletter-The bi-monthly newsletter is filled with Morgan SWCD announcements, events coming up and educational articles. Nearly 900 producers or landowners continue to receive newsletters through mail or email.
- Social media-Events, announcements and pictures are frequently updated to the Facebook page.
- Pond Clinic-Morgan SWCD partnered with Steve Fender, Rick Felumlees, and Neil and Fayebelle Cherry all hosted and taught many of different things from pond management, fish habitats, aquatic vegetation, raising mushrooms, to an orchard operation. There were 46 people that joined in the evening and came out to learn all this information.
- ABN-Morgan SWCD had some donations to help bring Dale Minyo to the Morgan County Fair this year. Dale interviewed three people during his live broadcast, a 4-H member, a SWCD employee, and a fairboard member.

**19-425-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to declare the following items as property excess and for it to be purged or sold to the highest bidder.

- 2 Vodavi XTS Phone Systems with a total of 5 cabinets, 2 processor cards, 4 PRIB cards, 14 DTIB24 cards, 9 SLIB cards, and 4 LCOB cards.
- 2 Vodavi Digital TalkPath 4 line voicemail systems.
- Approximately 142 Vodavi STS 24 button handsets.
- Approximately 47 Vodavi 48 button DSS consoles.

- 6 batteries used as backup for the Riecker Building phone system. Probably can't trash these, need recycled.
- 1 UPS unit used as backup for the Sheriff's Office phone system.

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

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

The County received its static IP address for the Riecker Building's Internet connection through Spectrum this week. The address was programmed into the perimeter firewall and Internet connectivity was established. However, speed tests were initially much slower than they were on dynamic addressing. Over time, the speed tests came up to where they were before; about half of the advertised connection speed. The static IP address satisfies a Secretary of State requirement for the Board of Elections. Troubleshooting of the Internet speed issue is on-going.

The company directory feature of the new phone system was activated for those that wish to have their name searchable to outside callers. This feature is mainly used by Job and Family Services as their auto-attendant message gives callers an option to search the directory.

The Commissioners' Office is currently unable to call long distance using their main office number. After searching the IT Director's log, it was discovered that this number – and another number – need to be allowed access to long distance by CenturyLink. This problem was present several years prior when outgoing caller ID numbers were changed to match the office number. CenturyLink has been notified of the problem.

The elevator in the Riecker Building is once again out of order. The elevator started malfunctioning on Wednesday, 20 Nov. 2019, in that it would not stop level with the desired floor. Instead, the elevator would either stop below the desired floor and then return to the basement or stop above the desired floor and slam down into place, jarring everyone inside the elevator. For safety reasons, the elevator has been placed out-of-order until repairs can be made.

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

**19-426-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$200.00 from line item #001-0301-5103 "Poll Worker Salaries" to line item #001-0301-5307 "Travel" for Election Day travel and for meeting in Columbus with Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio Department of Homeland Security.

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

**19-427-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$12,000.00 from line item 001-0207--5102.00 (Salary) to the following accounts:  
\$7,000.00 to 001-0207-5304.00 (equipment)

\$2,500.00 to 001-0207-5321.00 (other fees)

\$2,500.00 to 001-0207-5303.00 (supplies)

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

**19-428-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Equipment 001-0102-5304.00	Contracts 001-0102-5306.00	\$ 685.01
Worker's Comp. 001-0102-5369.00	Contracts 001-0102-5306.00	\$1,179.29
Ad. . & Printing 001-0102-5308.00	Contracts 001-0102-5306.00	\$1,500.00

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

**19-429-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$500.00 from Other Expense line item #001-0202-5309.00 to the Judge's Dues line item #001-0202-5325.00. Funds are requested to pay Judge Favreau's Ohio Association of Juvenile Judges Dues for 2020.

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

**19-430-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2500.00 in sheriff's vehicles and equipment 001-0601-5304.01. This is money that was insurance paid 001-0601-4002.00 sheriff's claims for wrecked cruisers.

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

**19-431-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve a supplemental appropriations for fund 099 Grant Administration Fund:

Contract Administration: 099-0099-5306-00	\$5,000.00
Misc. Expenses: 099-0099-5309.00	\$1,000.00

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

**19-432-** 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**

**19-433-** 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**