

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, December 2, 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

19-434- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019.

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

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

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Conversation was held between the commissioners and Engineer Hook concerning the old bridge. The commissioners would like to repair and extend the life of the bridge. Engineer Hook is looking to close the bridge. The commissioners also brought up the fact that they recently contributed to passing the permissive tax in order to help the engineer on Issue 1, points and that county portion of the permissive tax would be going to assist the Memorial Bridge fund for repairs. In addition, the commissioners requested to see a copy of the bridge report by an independent bridge inspector. Engineer Hook assured the commissioners they would soon receive a copy of the report.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Travel Requests

-Kari Schaad 12/9/19-Athens, Ohio

-Contract with Morgan County Sheriff's Office for transportation of children to placements for 1/1/20-12/31/20 for \$15,000.

-Contract with Washington-Morgan Community Action for home delivery meals to senior citizens for 1/1/20-12/31/20 for \$60,000.

19-435- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to reappoint Lynn Mercer as a member of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library Board. Her current term expires December 31, 2019. Her new term will expire December 31, 2026.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- Muskingum Valley Health Center Urgent and Imaging - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 4:30pm.
- Business visit to Malta Dynamics
- Transit - Contracts for 2020 to be emailed this week. Mr. Sampson attending Transit Peer Conference at Maumee Bay Lodge leaving today and will return Thursday.
- Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting Wednesday at 1:00pm.
- Community Housing Improvement Program - Ads in the Herald and on Facebook. Informational session scheduled for December 4, 2019. Will be accepting applications December 10, 2019.
- Opera House audit tomorrow and Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) 2017 December 18th and 20th.

Morgan County Septic Install

Quote Deadline: 12/2/2019

7600 Marion Street

Septic Installation	Chesterhill, OH 43728	Total
M&M Excavating	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
LM Excavating	Declined	\$0.00
Wilkins Excavating	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00

19-436- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve entering into a contract with M&M Excavating for \$10,200.00 for the Home Sewage Treatment Program Contract 18-10C for the emergency repair of a septic system. This resolution is contingent upon funding. the following addresses will be provided service:

7600 Marion Street Chesterhill, OH 43728

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed an incident that occurred recently. Auditor Woodward informed the commissioners that there are still issues being uncovered that occurred in the Treasurer's Office from the previous treasurer. Although no action has been taken at this time the commissioners agreed they should speak to the prosecutor to see how to move forward.

Becky Aber, Health Department

-Ms. Aber presented an update from the Health Department. They are currently short staffed and are considering hiring a department float position. With the added job responsibilities that the current staff has been tasked with, the need for this position has been determined.

This person would be assessable to the entire office and be cross trained into a role that would benefit all daily operations. Recent State Surveys reflects the need. The environmental Director hold the program results that state the need for Administrative assistance.

The plumbing Program would see an increase in productivity from this position as well. With the Plumbing Inspector only being a one day a week person, the proposed candidate would be trained to generate the letters for billing, of the Backflow testing, thus helping in maintaining required documents which allow the Plumbing Inspector to concentrate on the inspections and enforcement of noncompliant businesses.

The Accreditation process has placed additional work requirements on all employees.

The Director of Nursing would benefit from this candidate as well in the benefit of having help scheduling patients, and under direction of her, preparing for the Tuesday clinics.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- On 27 November 2019, the IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council meeting in Zanesville. The topic of discussion was chiropractic care presented by Dr. Weaver of Apex Spine and Performance. The useful takeaways for Morgan County was that office workers should do some basic stretches at their desk every couple of hours to avoid posture-related problems with their neck, shoulders, and back.

On 27 November 2019, there was a series of brief power outages that affected several offices. The outages were likely due to the high winds experienced on that day. The UPS that protects the firewall and Internet modem at the Health Department failed. The Auditor's server rebooted during one of the outages as well.

A vendor for the Board of Elections (BoE) asked for an e-mail account on the @morgancounty-oh.gov domain so that they could complete the configuration of a State-mandated piece of software on the new server prior to installation. However, County policy is to only give e-mail

accounts to employees of the County. The software will have to be configuration using one of the existing BoE e-mail accounts.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

19-437- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$100.00 from other expense Line Item #001-0202-5309.00 to the Judge's Dues Line Item #001-0202-5325.00.

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

19-438- 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

19-439-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