

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, February 3, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Adam Shriver, President
Tom Bragg, Vice-President
Mike Reed, Member

20-066- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020.

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

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

Travel Requests

- Carrie DeWinter 2/4/20 to SEORTC in Athens.
- Carrie DeWinter 2/14/20 to SEORTC in Athens.
- Carrie DeWinter 3/6/20 to SEORTC in Athens.
- Carrie DeWinter 3/12/20 to SEORTC in Athens.
- Kari Schaad & Heidi Burns 3/12-3/13 to InterCourt Conference in Columbus.
- Kari Schaad & Heidi Burns 3/25-3/27 to Eastern Ohio Children Services Leadership Conference in Sugarcreek.
- OMJ Center
- Children Services-State Coaching

20-066- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following then and now:

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>PO Number</u>
104543	\$36,521.40	Morgan Co. Transit	006-0006-5340.00	20-24830

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

John Wilt, EMA

- Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019.

- Working with contractor regarding mitigation plan update. Committee meeting scheduled for 2/5 at 1300 hours
- LEPC grant application submitted for 2020 LEPC Grant.
- Checked with State on status of old truck status- it is with FEMA Region V for consideration.
- Completed work on annual inventory of grant assets and Annual Inventory Control certification and submitted.
- Per capita invoices for EMA funding for townships, villages are out.
- Met with Heather Byers at State EMA for final review of County EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) on Thursday, January 23. Overall the plan was accepted, working on some minor edits prior to submitting for Commission signatures.
- Morgan Amateur Radio Club held Winter Field Day on Saturday, 1/25. Radio propagation conditions were poor, so event was called at 5:00 p.m. There were a few people that stopped by.
- Hosted a meeting with ATT/FirstNet on Tuesday, 1/28. They will be providing DEMO phones for EMS, Sheriff and 911 Coordinator to try out. Dave Bailey to set up meeting with County Fire Association for demonstrations.
- Met with Region 8 partners on Wednesday, 1/29. New truck is having lights and decals applied. Will have it very soon. We are working on a regional hazard threat assessment and regional mass casualty plan. Both are in conjunction with contractors and should be completed by summer.

Al Eltringham, Maintenance

-Brought in the elevator repair person from Oracle Elevator. This individual explained what needs to be done to get the elevator in working order. It appears the problem was caused by an electric surge or a lightning strike. Commissioners will file a claim with the insurance company.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Mr. Woodward said he had received a call from a county resident saying they thought their taxes were too high considering the condition of the county road his property sits on. The commissioners informed Mr. Woodward that the road in question was up for major repairs this year.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Discussed the 2nd amendment constitution
 -Discussed Mr. Wilt's compensation

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Prosecutor Howdyshell has been stopping once a week to the Development Office and he has found it very helpful to see the projects she is working on. He noted Mrs. Wells is doing very well. Commissioners agreed and thanked Mr. Howdyshell for his attentiveness in helping with projects.

- Reinersville home not in tax foreclosure-prosecutor to discuss. Possible land bank acquisition.
- Conference call with state to discuss moving waterline funds for McConnelsville to fairgrounds.
- McConnelsville Annexation meeting Tuesday.
- Met with the prosecutor last week to discuss the building purchase between Morgan County transit and Morgan County DD.
- Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting on Wednesday.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

*The commissioners had an ally viewing beginning at 12:00pm and a hearing at 2:00pm.

20-067- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following:

Morgan County Ohio, October 23rd, 2019

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio;

The undersigned petitioners, freeholders of said County, residing in the vicinity of the proposed improvement hereinafter described, respectfully represent that the public convenience and welfare require the vacation of a street and alleys and order proper proceedings in the premises for vacating such road; the same not being a road on the State Highway System.

The following is the general route and termini of said road:

The town of Pennsville is Penn Township, Township 9, Range 12, and Section 2. The petitioned alleys and street are the First Addition to Pennsville, as recorded in Plat Book "A", Page 39. Said petition alleys are located southwest of Lots 41 thru 47 and Subdivision 66 (known as Walnut Alley) and southwest of Lots 25 thru 32 (known as Hickory Alley). Union Street is located between Lots 28 and 29 and Lots 44 and 45. The portion of Walnut alley being petitioned measures 33 feet wide by 693 feet long. The portion of Hickory alley being petitioned measures 33 feet wide by 528 feet long. Union street measures 49.5 feet wide by 363 feet long. If Union Street, Walnut Alley and Hickory Alley are vacated, those portions vacated will be allocated to the adjoining lot owners by the Morgan County Engineer's Office and the resulting parcel will be placed upon that lot owner's personal property taxes.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Discussed the language of the 2nd amendment Resolution requested by the local 2A group.

20-068- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

We, the Morgan County Commissioners, upon our election to the position of County Commissioners, took an oath to uphold the Constitutions and Laws of the State of Ohio and the United States of America. We reaffirm our commitment to uphold the Constitutions and Laws of our Country and our State in their entirety, including, but not limited to the Second Amendment. We believe, just as all people are created equal, all rights created under the Constitutions of our Country and our State are of equal importance.

Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Bragg yea Mr. Reed yea

Motion made and adopted February 3, 2020

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- The problem with CenturyLink's long distance billing for the County remains a problem. Though stated on 3 January 2020 that the long distance provider for the County's main phone lines was set to First Communications, the 25 January 2020 bill from CenturyLink shows that long distance service is still set to CenturyLink, at \$0.59 per minute. The Commissioners asked the IT Director to request that CenturyLink fix the billing a final time and then send the issue to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

Advanced Business Communications (ABC) returned to investigate issues on one of the Sheriff's outside phone lines. The IT Director and CenturyLink check the line previously and thought that maybe a port on the new phone system had gone bad. A deeper look showed that the issue followed the line, not the port. ABC's conclusion is that there is incorrect ring voltage on the line; which is why calls can be made on the line, but it will not ring for incoming calls. CenturyLink will be contacted to troubleshoot the issue.

Advanced Business Communication (ABC) fixed a programming issue on the Riecker Building phone switch for the Treasurer's fax line. Previously, the Treasurer's office was able to send faxes, but could not receive them. Once the call route was corrected in the phone switch, the Treasurer's fax machine was able to send and receive calls like normal.

All action items mandated by the Secretary of State for the Morgan County Board of Elections (BoE) were completed prior to the 31 January 2020 deadline. The last item completed was moving the BoE website to the County's .gov domain. The BoE website was previously on a .com domain hosted by Google Sites.

The on-going investigation into Internet slowness at the Sheriff's office discovered that the computers on the Sheriff's network are using their file server as their primary DNS server. Changing the DNS server on the workstations to the Sheriff's firewall resolved the slowness

issue, but caused other network functionality to stop working. The IT Director will contact DJH Computers for a list of network hosts to add to the firewall so that this issue can finally be resolved.

Equivant installed and configured JuryTRAC on computers in Common Pleas and County Courts. Having JuryTRAC migrated from the old GBS servers to the new CourtView servers means that the old servers can finally be shut down and decommissioned.

BIS Digital installed a new recording system in County Court to record trial proceedings. The software utilized on the new system is easier to use and less buggy under Windows 10 than the previous software suite. The new system was needed as BIS Digital bought out the company that both courts previously used for court recording support, Dolbey Systems Inc.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

20-069- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under 4997 E. Buckrun Road, Morgan County Oho.

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

*Commissioners were in receipt of a transfer request from Morgan County Soil and Water requesting the funds appropriated in county 2020 General fund budget.

20-070- 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

20-071-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

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

