

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 9, 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

*Mr. Richard Welsh sat in on the commissioner meeting from 8:00am until 10:00am.

20-102- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020.

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

Amanda Herron, Long Term Care Ombudsman

-The mission is to advocate for excellence in long-term services and also supports wherever consumers live.

-Structure-The office is a decentralized, but unified entity including:

- A state with eight staff employed by Ohio Department of Aging and;
- Twelve regional programs designated by the State Ombudsman with 75 paid staff and 208 volunteers. All staff and volunteers are certified by the State Ombudsman and undergo rigorous training and examination to represent the Office.

Key Ombudsman Functions

- Handle complaints
- Provides advocacy services
- Manage volunteer resources
- Establish a presence in long term care facilities with consumers and with long term care providers
- Review and comment on any existing and proposed laws, regulations and other government policies and actions that pertain to the rights and well-being of long term care consumers
- Provide professional development for representatives of the office
- Provide public or community education and information
- Overall program administration

Complaint Process

1. Intake from any complainant, including the ombudsman based on observation
2. Investigation to identify extent of problem, verify facts, look for root causes.
3. Resolution through negotiation, mediation, education and referral
4. Follow-up to determine effectiveness and sustainability of resolution.

Ombudsman in Action-The fourth most frequent complaint received by the ombudsman program is related to response to requests for assistance, most commonly related to delayed response to call lights.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Travel Requests

-Heidi Burns & Cathy Apperson-MCHC Zanesville-Transportation meeting 3/10

-Mandated Share-March \$3,135.17

20-103- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into executive session with Heidi Burns at 8:55am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

20-104- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session with Heidi Burns at 9:10am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

-Discussed the potential fence at the dog pound and the parameters as to where it might be placed.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-One engineering firm (Thrasher) submitted for the health department and grove project. References are being contacted.

-The part-time dispatcher position at transit should be filled soon. The position is being offered to Daphne Weaver.

-Reminder-Mandatory application workshop for public transit 2021 funding is scheduled for March 17th and the Development Office will be closed.

-Morgan County Public Transit will respond to Ohio Valley Employment Resource regarding a request for proposal on or before March 20, 2020. This is regarding providing transportation services for youth enrolled in various programs.

-Meeting at SEAT tomorrow afternoon to discuss transportation coordination with MVHC and Noble County.

-Quotes were received for M&M fire dept. for pants, boots and coats (5 each). This is community Development Block Grant fiscal year 2019 funding. Finley Fire Equipment was the only company to submit a quote in the amount of \$15,820. The grant is \$13,500 and the fire department will pay the balance. The request for quotes was sent to Finley Fire Equipment, Phoenix Outfitters, The Fire House and Fire Safety Services.

-EPA nomination forms were submitted last week for 60 North water extension (\$200,000 design, \$1,500,000) SR266/377 water extension.

20-105- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to award Finley Fire Equipment for the purchase of M&M Fire Department with 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$13,500.00 with remaining \$2,320.00 paid for by M&M Fire Department.

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

The commissioners attended a Southeastern Joint Solid Waste meeting in Caldwell, Ohio at 1:00pm and returned at 2:45pm.

Gary Woodward, Auditor; Terry Robison, Concerned Citizen

-Discussed the current EMA Director and the Homeland Security Grant that purchased the EMA truck. Mr. Robison stated that he had heard the truck was going to Muskingum County. The commissioners stated that was incorrect. The commissioners are keeping the truck but waiting on Homeland Security to establish a price.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed the compensation of his employees.

Randy Williams, Treasurer

-Expressed to the commissioners that CD rates are currently lower at all banks. It was decided that funds would be moved into checking account which pays a higher interest rate.

20-106- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to allow Appersons to replace heating unit at MCHD in the amount of \$9,762.50.

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

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- The Auditor's office received their new printer from Poynters on 3 Mar. 2020. The new monochrome Canon IR525 replaced their older Xerox 7556. The Commissioners' office will also use the Auditor's printer, removing the need for an additional printer. Firewall rules were created to allow the Commissioners' office to print to the Auditor's new printer. Scanning and printing was set up without any issues.

While installing the new printer on the computers in the Commissioners' office, it was discovered that two of the laptops were not receiving Windows updates and were two feature updates behind. The computers were updated and set to download updates automatically.

The IT Director's office worked with Kofile on a network issue on the Recorder's County Fusion workstations. The public search workstations will occasionally lose the ability to print. After working with Kofile, it was determined that the domain security policies may have been the cause. Kofile is still working on the issue.

The Election Results page was finished and placed online for the Board of Elections. Past elections from 2004 through present are now available online. Unofficial and official results of future elections will be available on the page.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

-None

20-107- 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

20-108-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

