

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 16, 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.

20-109- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020.

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills and timesheet

-Discussed different phases of the Cronavirus plan for JFS. Phase A in place now.

Chris Penrose, OSU

The coronavirus (COVID-19) has been forefront in the news this past week. The Ohio State University has been proactively implementing protocols to ensure the safety and health of our students and clientele. After consultation with the college and university leadership, OSU Extension is postponing, canceling, or going virtual with our educational events and meetings through at least April 20 and possibly beyond. We understand this may cause an inconvenience to many, but please know that health of individuals and the health of our community at large is our highest priority. We will share updates as more information becomes available. Thanks for your patience as we learn more about how this virus is affecting Ohioans.

Examples of cancelled meetings and programs include camp counselor training, CARTEENS program, Fashion Board, the Easter Egg fundraiser, the "Saving Jemima" presentation with Julie Zickfoose and the Cattleman's meeting on April 6th. Some of these meetings will be rescheduled including CARTEENS and the "Saving Jemima" presentation. Some meetings will be held virtually. 4-H enrollment has been extended until April 20th. In addition, all in-school programs are suspended until further notice.

Prior to the recent events, nutrition programs were being provided in schools by Amy Kirkbride. Chris Penrose provided five of the six weekly trainings for new Master Gardeners (the final week will be rescheduled.) He also co-taught a produce safety training course to over 40 folks in Chesterhill and provided three pesticide training classes (pesticide testing will be rescheduled.) Lydia Flores conducted Junior Fairboard and Junior Leaders meetings She also noted that May 16th and June 4th Quality Assurance programs are still scheduled. Provisions are in place to assure that all Junior Fair youth will have the opportunity to complete Quality Assurance prior to the fair, the 45-day prior to the opening of the fair requirement will not be enforced this year in the event that the training need to be rescheduled. Pam Montgomery has been meeting with Older-Youth-in-Training member who have been selected "Stuck in the Swamp" at the Cloverbud Day Camp theme. Camp Counselors are working on the 4-H camp daily schedule for July 13-17.

John Wilt, EMA

- Continuing Review and Revision of County EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) continues.
- Working on purging old files, per advice from Monitoring visit.
- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019.
- Continue working with contractor regarding mitigation plan update.
- New truck status – Truck in service
- Current Ford Truck disposition – FEMA Requires \$9330.00 reimbursement for truck.
- Met with contractor and Ohio EMA regarding upcoming exercise. Will occur May 21, 5:00 p.m. and will be an EOC functional exercise.
- COVID-19 meeting with state partners on 3/10
- Performed monthly MARCS test successfully.
- Met with Region 8 partners on 3/12 in Cambridge regarding regional hazard threat assessment plan.
- Meeting with Health regarding COVID-19 – approx. 4 hours
- Continue Monitoring COVID-19 (Corona Virus) in conjunction with Health Departments and State EMA.
- Hosted meeting for County government and other partners with MCHD at EOC on 3/13/2020
- Met with MCHD 3/13/2020
- Conference call with OEMA EOC re: Covid 19, Saturday, 3/14
- Prepared survey for medical providers and EMS, Saturday night, 3/14. Multiple conversations with State EMA, Muskingum County EMA, MCHD and others regarding COVID19.
- Prepared Declaration if needed.

- COVID19 will continue to spread throughout Ohio, including Morgan County. We need to remain vigilant to ensure that we continue to provide for the safety and security of County residents and visitors. It is vital that County offices have a succession plan and coordination of operations plan in case their office is hit with the virus.
- County EOC is at partial activation in conjunction with MCHD.

Gary Woodward, Auditor ; John Wilt, EMA

-Discussed the HIPA laws and questioned if county rescue squads could get a list of addresses (not names) of residents under quarantine for possible COVID-19.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

-Discussed implementing a digital format of the dog warden report instead of the written format that is currently in effect.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-A meeting was held with SEAT & MVHC last week to discuss a new MVHC van in Morgan County

-Audit questionnaire due tomorrow for transit.

-Daphne Weaver accepted the part time dispatching position at transit.

-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.

-Thrasher engineering group meeting regarding the Health Dept. tentatively scheduled for March 26th at 10am.

-A meeting was held with MS consultants on Thursday to begin planning for the McConnelsville neighborhood revitalization projects.

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

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Discussed the Cronavirus.

20-110- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following proclamation:

MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO
LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Date March 16, 2020

AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, on this 16th day of March 2020, the life, safety and welfare of the residents of Morgan County are in jeopardy due to the outbreak of a deadly infectious respiratory disease identified as the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19); and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is rapidly spreading, as persons throughout the State have been infected with the disease and the risk of serious illness is imminent. The resulting impact of the disease on Morgan County residents and businesses is potentially catastrophic; and,

WHEREAS, local resources in the area affected by these events have been or are likely to be exhausted and capabilities exceeded; and,

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. The Ohio State of Emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response and Morgan County must also engage in that effort.

Now, therefore, we, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the powers vested in us by the Charter of Morgan County, and the laws of the State of Ohio and Morgan County, and by virtue of the Ohio Emergency Management Act do hereby order and declare a **State of Emergency** within Morgan County.

We hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of Morgan County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.


Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Section 5502 of the Ohio Revised Code.

All public offices and employees of Morgan County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives-state and local. We further order and declare that all available emergency relief efforts be coordinated through the Morgan County Emergency Operation Center to provide appropriate assistance and coordination for required emergency measures to save lives and ensure the public health and safety in Morgan County.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operation plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers. We further encourage that all employees and residents of Morgan County engaging in personal travel only do so after carefully considering the most current Center for Disease Control travel guidance.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Emergency Operations Center or as so directed.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 16th day of March 20 20


Chairman Morgan County Commissioners


Morgan County Commissioner


Morgan County Commissioner

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- Research continued on the question of backups of the Board of Elections' Hyper-V based virtual servers. It appears that Windows Server Backup will indeed backup the virtual servers. However, without a proper test restore, the question cannot be definitively answered. Unfortunately, the test will have to wait until the 2020 Primary Election is over.

An update to the Riecker Building's perimeter firewall identified a problem with DNS settings on the County's network. New DNS tools available on the firewall following the upgrade showed that reverse DNS lookups were failing. Research is ongoing as to the cause of this problem.

An emergency out-of-cycle update was issued by Microsoft to fix a critical vulnerability in the server message block (SMB) network protocol. All County officers were advised to apply all Windows security patches to their workstations.

The Health Department and County's main webpages have been updated to provide useful information about the COVID-19 pandemic. Updates will be provided as they are sent from the Health Department and other County officials.

The IT Director will send a list of all the phone numbers on the County's T1 lines to Commissioner Reed, who is working with representatives at CenturyLink, so that they can be configured with the correct long distance code.

20-111- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to amend motion 19-461 from \$59,425 to \$45,000 for approximately 24.27 acres.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

-None

20-112- 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

20-113-Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to recess the commissioners meeting at 4:05pm.

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

*Note: The commissioner meetings will be in recess until further notice because of the Coronavirus.

20-114- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to reconvene Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 9:30am.

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

-With Auditor Woodward, commissioners discussed the county public building. It was decided effective end of business Wednesday, March 18, 2020 the county public buildings would be restricted to public. All doors locked. Employees reporting. If public needs access to any office they must call for access.

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk