

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 23, 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.

20-115- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020.

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

Steve Hook, Engineer

20-116- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to allow Engineer Hook to purchase 50 ton of salt at ODOT purchase price.

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

John Wilt, EMA

- River flooding over the weekend-35ft over normal at Dillon.
- At this time 351 cases of COV-19 in Ohio with three deaths.
- Stay at Home order by Governor DeWine-beginning tonight at 11:59pm.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Effective at the close of business on Wednesday March 18, 2020, Morgan County Job and Family Services will be closed to the public. We are committed to continue providing essential services to Morgan County Residents during this challenging time. Our agency phone number is 740-962-4616. There is an orange drop box located at the front of the building that can be used to drop off any documents to Nicole.Driggs@jfs.ohio.gov or Amy.Moore2@jfs.ohio.gov. The agency fax number is 740-962-5344. Please see below for specific information.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

You can apply online for SNAP, Cash Assistance, and Medicaid at benefits.ohio.gov; call 1-844-640-6446; or by contacting our office at 740-962-4616. Applications can also be emailed or mailed. Phone interviews will be completed upon receipt of the application.

GAS VOUCHERS

We are still providing Non-Emergency Gas Vouchers and Morgan County Transit services to our clients so that they can have transportation to their medical appointments. Requests for these services can be done by phone. The gas vouchers will be dropped off to to the local gas stations. Provider verifications can be returned via fax, mail, email, or at the drop box in front of the building.

UNEMPLOYMENT

You can apply for unemployment online at unenployment.ohio.gov or by calling 1-877-OHIO-JOB. They are recommending that you only call the toll-free number for issues and not to apply. For pin resets the phone number to call is 1-866-962-4062. At this time, the state has not given the county office access to reset pins or even access to a client's unemployment status. I understand people are on hold for a long period of time on the phone. I highly suggest that you don't hang up but instead be patient to ensure that you keep your place in the call log.

ABUSE & NEGLECT

We will continue to investigate child and elder abuse and neglect cases/ To make a report, please call 740-962-3838.

CHILD SUPPORT

If you need to make a child support payment you can do so online at oh.smartchildsupport.com or you can mail a check or money order to Ohio CSPC-PO Box 182372-Columbus, Oh 43218-2372. At this time, we cannot provide DNA services, we are told that it will be 6-8 weeks before we can do this.

We will continue to update the community on our services and other vital community services via our Facebook Page (Morgan County DJFS) as any changes occur.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

Judge Favreau, Probate Court

-Discussed allowing his employees leave the office due to COVID-19. He will stay along with one other employee. The commissioners noted that his employees should take sick leave if they will be taking time off.

Shannon Wells, Development Office; John Sampson, Transit

20-117- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter into executive session with Shannon Wells and John Sampson at 11:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

20-118- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to exit executive session with Shannon Wells and John Sampson at 11:20am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

-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.

-Morgan County Public Transit line of credit with Citizens National Bank needs renewed.

-ARC grant agreement for Chesterhill sewer project needs signed.

-Thrasher engineering group meeting regarding the Health Department scheduled for March 26, 2020 at 10:00am via conference call.

20-119- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to extend the loan moratorium for those clients of the Revolving Loan Fund and defer interest for six (6) months for new and existing loans.

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

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

Due to COVID-19 concerns, it is expected that many employees may work from home at some point in the coming months. To facilitate this, Chrome Remote Desktop was set up on computers that may be used for remote access. Chrome Remote Desktop only requires a Google account to work, no firewall modifications are needed for access. If the remote user has a PC at home and a good Internet connection, they should have no problem accessing their County workstations from home.

The issue that caused an outage on the Job and Family Services fax lines was identified and fixed by Advanced Business Communications (ABC). The problem was that the single-line interface card on the phone switch needed to be rebooted. Unfortunately, this also required the reboot of the entire phone system in the Riecker Building. After the reboot, service was restored to the affected lines. If the card locks up again, it may need to be replaced.

First Communications, the County's long distance provider, gave the wrong PIC code to CenturyLink to correct the County's long distance problems. When CenturyLink modified the PIC code, several offices lost the ability to call long distance. First Communications investigated and realized that they resell MCI long distance in this area of Ohio and provided a different PIC code. The updated information was sent to CenturyLink for immediate correction. Updates to the County's website, e-mail accounts, and phone system continue to address the evolving needs of the various County offices as they navigate the challenges of doing business under COVID-19 restrictions.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

20-120- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer the following line items: From 063-0063-5304.00 Equipment to 063-0063-5309.00 other expenses \$1000.00 please adjust po#20-28574.

From 083-0083-5102.00 salary to 083-0083-5309.00 other expenses \$1000.00 please adjust po#20-28678.

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

20-121- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 40, located in Township of Penn Section No. 4, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-122- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 53, located in Township of Marion Section No. 33, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-123- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 52, located in Township of Marion Section No. 23, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-124- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 79, located in Township of Marion Section No. 12, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-125- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 52, located in Township of Marion Section No. 23, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-126- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 68, located in Township of Penn Section No. 4, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-127- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 4, located in Township of Penn Section No. 17, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-128- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 68, located in Township of Penn Section No. 4, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-129- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 43, located in Township of Penn Section No. 35, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-130- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 53, located in Township of Marion Section No. 30, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-131- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 39, located in Township of Penn Section No. 16, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-132- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 43, located in Township of Penn Section No. 36, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-133- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 52, located in Township of Marion Section No. 5, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-134- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 4, located in Township of Homer Section No. 4, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-135- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from Morgan County Commissioners for construction within county road 85, located in Township of Homer Section No. 11, Morgan County Ohio.

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

20-136- 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

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

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

