

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 13, 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.

*Due to COVID-19, the commissioner's meetings are currently being streamed through Facebook's Morgan County Commissioner Webpage.

20-152- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020.

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

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

-Discussed unemployment Claims by County for 3/21/20 and 3/28/20

-COVID-19 update

-Mandated share for State Fiscal Year 2020 IS \$37,622.00 April 2020=\$3,135.17

John Wilt, EMA

Conference Call

-Wind advisory until 8:00pm tonight.

-Remind everyone of the Stay at Home order, to stay six feet apart, wash hands as often as possible for at least 20 seconds.

Jeff Michaels-Gave COVID-19 update

Shannon Wells, Development Office (Conference Call)

-Mrs. Wells is working on approval from ODOT to provide grocery transportation. ODOT approved personal shoppers but don't have payment worked out yet. Will try and partner with United Way, National Guard, Food Bank for now to provide deliveries.

-Sheriff getting hand sanitizer, trying to find equipment to disinfect vehicles.

20-153- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into executive session with Mrs. Wells at 10:53am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel (compensation.)

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

20-154- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session with Mrs. Wells at 11:18am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel (compensation.)

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

(No action taken)

-ARC project profiles-sent to all villages and their engineers submitted SR60 water/sewer

-Health Department meeting with engineer from thrasher on Wednesday for spec writing on foundation work./other projects at Health Department for CDBG) allocation project.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Discussed a transit policy for special duty, pay.

John Wilt, EMA

-Continue working with contractor regarding mitigation plan update.

-LEPC Functional exercise is on hold-we are still waiting on guidance from the State Emergency Response Commission.

-Morgan County EOC remains on partial activation in support of the Health Department-virtual mode, for monitoring purposes. We are operating on 72 hour operational periods (for reporting purposes.)

-Continuing Unified Command calls each Monday and Thursday at 9:50am for various officials and agencies.

-Coordinating on near constant basis with MCHD re: PPE supplies and messaging, ect.

-Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls M,W,F at 1300 hours.

-Southeast Ohio EMA Coordination calls Thursday at 1300 hours.

-Region 7 and 8 Homeland Security Coordination calls Tuesdays at 1100 hours.

-BluMed trailer went to Muskingum County for possible deployment at Genesis.

-Mr. Wilt's office remains on lockdown and he is minimizing all public contact due to the ongoing situation and personal health status. He is always available via email or phone.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

-Discussed dogs at dog pound and increase in number of surrendered dogs

* Mrs. Mary Woodward sat in on the commissioner meeting from 1:00pm until 3:35pm.

Joel McCutchan, Spyglass (Conference Call)

-Mr. McCutchan discussed a more in depth look in which how the audit would proceed if the commissioners decide to move forward.

20-155- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into a contract with Spyglass to perform an audit of county communication bills and authorizing President Adam Shriver to sign the contract.

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

20-156- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

**MORGAN COUNTY TRANSIT
SPECIAL DUTY POLICY**

By Resolution Number ~~50-156~~ passed on the 13th day of April, 2020, the Morgan County Commissioners hereby establish a Special Duty Policy for employees of Morgan County Transit.

Special Duty shall be defined as times during which Morgan County Transit operates under extraordinary circumstances.

Extraordinary Circumstances shall be defined as conditions under which transit does not ordinarily operate or is limited in its ability to provide public transportation services. By way of example only, extraordinary circumstances may include, but are not limited to, public health emergencies, natural disasters, or extreme weather conditions.

During times of extraordinary circumstances employees of transit who are willing to work and maintain transit services may be paid at an hourly rate which is more than their normal hourly rate.

Special Duty pay shall not be paid unless the Morgan County Commissioners, in consultation with Transit Managers, declare the existence of extraordinary circumstances. The declaration shall state the nature of the extraordinary circumstances, the transit employees who may receive special duty pay (by class, not individual, for example drivers, mechanics, dispatchers), the additional hourly rate of pay to be added to their base rate (for example an additional \$1.00 per hour), and the pay periods for which special duty pay may be earned, not to exceed one two week pay period per authorization, renewable as extraordinary circumstances continue to exist.

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

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- With more meetings being held over the telephone, it was discovered that several County office phone numbers are not sending out the correct caller ID information. Advanced Business Communications was contacted to look at the programming of these lines in the PBX, but everything appeared to be programmed correctly. The IT Director is working with CenturyLink Government on the issue, troubleshooting is ongoing.

The Commissioners asked about CenturyLink Matchmaker on the phone bills. To the knowledge of the IT Director, this is what CenturyLink calls their long distance service. As of 27 March 2020, there should be no more CenturyLink long distance on the phone bills as this is when the PIC codes for all County phone lines was updated to First Communications through MCI.

At the request of the Commissioners, the IT Director talked with Spectrum about about the cost of adding an additional Internet connection versus the cost of upgrading our current connection speed. It will cost an additional \$35 per month to upgrade the Riecker Building's existing connection from 200/10 MB to 400/20 MB. It will cost an additional \$60 per month to add a second 200/10 MB connection that can be used only by high-priority offices. The first step in this decision is to find out why our current 200/10 MB connection only speed-tests at 100/10 MB.

The IT Director inquired as to whether live streaming of the Commissioners' meetings would continue once the Riecker Building is reopened to the public. If it will, then the office may want to invest in a permanent camera and microphone setup for the Commissioners' office/desks.

Chrome Remote Desktop has been working good for those employees that are working from home. The other free option, Microsoft Remote Desktop, requires a lot of firewall changes and desktop permission changes to work at the same level as Chrome Remote Desktop. Another finding from the implementation of remote access is that the employees using remote desktop are running it on older computers/laptops that need some work performed on them to be functional.

The IT Director has been working to find out what type of video conferencing system that the regional jail uses so that the Common Pleas Court can add that to a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court. The grant is for video conferencing systems and remote access. None of the people that use the video conference systems at the jail or courts seem to know who the central authority is for setting up the units or managing the calls. Investigations are ongoing.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

20-157- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation for the following account 035-0035-5301.00 Remote Technology Grant in the amount of \$19,179.71.

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

20-158- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following transfer: from Ebola Salary 083-0083-5102.00 in the amount of \$2,000.00 to 083-0083-5309.00 in other expenses and please adjust PO#20-28678.

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

20-159- 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.

*The commissioners reconvened the meeting from 9:00-10:05am Tuesday April 21st to enact a resolution concerning a Special Duty Policy for transit drivers. Mr. Bragg was absent from this portion of the meeting.

20-160- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following:



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Commissioners***

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Adam Shriver
Tom Bragg
Mike Reed
Sheila Welch, Clerk

Whereas the Morgan County Commissioners have enacted the Special Duty Policy for Morgan County Transit on Monday, April 13, 2020; and

Whereas the Morgan County Commissioners believe the Morgan County Transit driver classification are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic response for Morgan County; and

Whereas the Morgan County Commissioners believe the Morgan County Transit driver classification provide an essential function for Morgan County residents during the COVID-19 pandemic; now therefore, be it

Resolved, the Morgan County Commissioners hereby move to increase the Morgan County Transit driver classification hourly pay by \$2.00 per hour; and be it further

Resolved, the Morgan County Commissioners move to make this hourly wage retroactive to hours worked beginning April 1, 2020; and be it further

Resolved; the Morgan County Commissioners keep the Morgan County transit driver classification health insurance premium deduction at 5% while this resolution is in effect.

Respectfully,

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

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

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