

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 27, 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 Ohio commissioner meeting from 8:00am until 10:00am.

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

**20-167-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of April 20, 2020.

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

\* The commissioners discussed among themselves the safety of phasing the Riecker Building to re-open and also discussed when this should happen. It was decided that it would not happen for at least two weeks.

***Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services***

-Reminder: Council of Government (COG) Virtual Meeting Monday 4th at 12:00, RSVP by Wed, April 29th

-Ohio Means Jobs Center Improvement Money

-New Horizons-closed

-Building opening to the public; office place

***John Wilt, EMA***

Conference Call

Jeff Michaels-Gave COVID-19 update which included information concerning Ohio as well as Morgan County. Currently there are four (4) confirmed cases with two (2) recovered cases in Morgan County and 15,360 cases in Ohio. Governor DeWine will begin reopening some business as of May 1, 2020 in phases.

***David Brightbill & Mary Bogatay, Washington Morgan Community Action***

-Discussed the amount of time they should remain delivering meals to seniors. They believe it should last a while longer and the commissioner's agree. The commissioners also agreed not to lease the community room as Community Action needs the extra room for meal preparation.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Recycling special collections cancelled for 2020 according to website.

-Soil scientist quotes were submitted for septic work to be completed this year.

**20-168-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter into a contract with Good Ground LLC for \$500,00 for each home funded under the Home Sewage Treatment System Program Funding 2019 for soil reports and designs on gravity flowed systems. This resolution will be contingent upon funding.

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

-Emergency Shelter Grant-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded. State wants the county to have an MOU with Salvation Army directly. Commissioners need to discuss MOU with prosecutor. Need Commissioner Shriver to sign new grant agreement between county and Salvation Army.

**20-169-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to extend special duty pay in the amount of \$2.00 per hour for transit drivers for pay period.

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

-ARC pre-apps were submitted for Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and Riecker Bldg. Waiting on estimates to submit Health Department.

***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2018, 2019.
- 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.
- Working with Ohio EMA Recovery Branch on Public Assistance Grant for COVID-19 expenses.
- 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 at 9:50 a.m. for various officials and agencies.
- Coordinating on near constant basis with MCHD re: PPE supplies and messaging, etc.
- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls M, W, F at 1300 hours.
- Southeast Ohio EMA Coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours.
- Region 7 & 8 Homeland Security Coordination calls Tuesdays at 1100 hours.
- Southeast Ohio Health Care Coalition calls Tuesdays at 1200 hours.
- Picked up 32 gallons of hand sanitizer for County distribution.
- Ordered 2 infrared, no-touch thermometers for scanning.
- Ordered 2000 medical procedure masks for County office visitor use.

- Preparing plan for reopening of County Buildings- will work with all County elected officials, office managers, labor unions, health commissioner, etc. to develop plan and best practices. Will submit to Commissioners before end of this week.
- My office remains on lockdown and I am minimizing all public contact due to the ongoing situation and personal health status. Always available via email or phone....

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report-filed

***Rob Reiter, Joint Solid Waste Management***

Conference Call

-Discussed special collections and Mr. Reiter is planning to cancel due to person to person contact with COVID-19. Also discussed the grant that the EPA just released for the tire collection. Commissioners were concerned cancelling the collection will result in more illegal dumping of said items. Commissioners requested Mr. Reiter postpone them instead and revisit at a later date.

**20-170-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following road closure: Township Road 884 is in the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 10, Range 11 of Meigsville Township.

Beginning at the present-day intersection of County Road 11 (Unionville Road) and Township Road 884 (Gilliland Lane), and intersection is located 0.50 mile north and west of the intersection of County Road 11 (Unionville Road) and County Road 106 (Slivka Road). Thence from this place of beginning along the center of Township Road 884 (Gilliland Lane) in a northerly and northwesterly direction, 0.067 mile back to the center of County Road 11 (Unionville Road) for the terminus of this vacation request.

It is the intent of the petitioners to have all Township Road 884 officially vacated to the public.

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

***Gary Woodward, Auditor***

-Discussed policies concerning wearing masks beginning due to COVID-19 and when to re-open the Riecker Building.

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

- The long-standing caller ID issue with CenturyLink has finally been resolved. The caller ID problem affected a few DID numbers on our T1 lines in that they did not display the proper outgoing caller ID number. The problem stemmed from the fact that the numbers were not technically on our T1 lines. CenturyLink is unclear as to how the numbers in question got to that state, but they added the numbers to the correct T1 lines.

On Thursday, 23 April 2020, the Internet at the Riecker Building went down. After troubleshooting with a technician at Spectrum, it was discovered that Internet service was disconnected due to non-payment. However, the Auditor's office reported that the bills were paid, but Spectrum appears to have misapplied the payments (similar to what has happened with Verizon and CenturyLink previously). During the troubleshooting process, the Spectrum technician appears to have taken the modem at Public Transit offline as well. The modem at Public Transit had to be replaced as a result.

As the possibility of returning to normal operations grows closer, several offices have start thinking about a reopening plan and ordering supplies in preparation to implement those plans.

#### Conference Call

#### ***Commissioners, Mrs. Wells and Prosecutor Howdyshell***

\*Discussed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Homeless Grant.

#### ***Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications***

**20-171-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Washington Electric Cooperative from the Morgan County Commissioners to span over County Road 60, located in the Township of Windsor, Section No. 4, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

**20-172-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

Please appropriate \$75.55 into 105-0105-5301.00 Rural Homeless Initiative

Please transfer \$75.55 from Rural Homeless Initiative to Unclaimed Funds.

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

**20-173-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve a supplemental appropriation for fund 105 Rural Housing Preservation:

Expense: 105-0105-5301-00 \$56,311.07

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

**20-174-**Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

**20-175-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to pass thru CDBG for Emergency Shelter Grant in the amount of \$31,400.00 to salvation army in Muskingum County for shelter housing for residents of Muskingum Morgan and Washington counties.

**Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Bragg yea, Mr. Reed 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**