

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, May 18, 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.

20-203- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020.

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

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

-Screener details-how many/hours/wages/duties

-Cleaner update

-Pandemic EBT-Morgan Local School district children Kindergarten through twelfth grade will get \$302.10 P-EBT Card

-Out of State Travel-quarantine policy?

Chris Penrose, OSU

Ag and Natural Resources, Chris Penrose, Jenny Lindimore, Rachel Larimer

Jenny Lindimore has set up group mailing lists for Master Gardeners and Farmers Market vendors to allow conversations and notices for the groups. We have had Zoom meetings with both groups a well. The Master Gardeners will have their next meeting on Thursday, May 21st, 9:30 a.m. as they plan future events and projects. The Morgan County Farmers Market vendors met May 7th with Extension staff and Jeff Michaels from the health department to discuss plans that will be put in place for the market. The market will open on schedule on Thursday, May 28th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Main St. Church of Christ parking lot.

Chris has been working with colleagues at Rural Action and other co-workers on a \$100,000 USDA grant for Business, Retention and Expansion for businesses in Morgan, Meigs and Vinton Counties. The grant has been submitted.

Chris has also worked on administrative and service activities for the university and colleagues, conducting teaching evaluations, reviews and planning a statewide Energy program.

On the local level, farm and garden questions continue to be answered, weekly press releases are submitted to the Morgan Co. Herald, and 17 farmers received their Transport Quality Assurance certificates to haul livestock to processors that require this document.

4-H Youth Development, Lydia Flores, Pam Montgomery, Jenny Lindimore, Rachel Larimer
There are currently 364 youth enrolled in the 4-H program for this year and another 6 possible. Staff are working with the Senior Fair Board and committees along with the health department to come up with a plan for the fair this year.

4-H staff is working with advisors virtually with bi-weekly check-ins and youth with virtual meetings/programs (Yoga is just one example) to remain connected to our 4-H members and volunteers while we are all at home for now.

In addition to Pam's responsibilities as the Area Leader, she continues to meet with the camp counselors and hope to plan an event this fall.

While all of us are still working from home, you can reach us at our Extension phone number, 740-962-4854. If you have a gardening or farm related question, call Chris at 740-557-3154.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed Health Department employee changes.

20-204- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to return FEMA share in 2004 Ford 450 since it is no longer being applied to the purposes stipulated by the grant it was purchased under. To remit \$9,330.00 to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio.*Pd for by the Dog & Kennel Fund.

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

20-205- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve statutory appropriation to the Agricultural Society in the amount of \$2,400.00.

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

20-206- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to apply for a second phase of 911 Next Generation grant and giving President Adam Shriver the authority to sign all documents.

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

John Wilt, EMA

-Gave an update to the commissioners on out of state travel for employees and potential quarantine. Mrs. Burns (JFS) sat in on the meeting.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- Small business relief fund has now raised over \$10,000 for Morgan County small businesses. Online applications being received until June 3, 2020 on Morgan Small Business Assistance Facebook page.
- Transit continue to average between 40-50 trips per day. 2021 grants due May 27. 2020 capital projects contract signature needed for one modified mini van, van cameras and shop equipment. Mobility Management position funded 100% for \$81,000.
- ARC pre-app submitted for Health department improvements
- Airport request for qualifications was sent to newspaper and will receive submittals until 9:00am May 26, 2020.
- EPA tire grant – Penn township responded and would like to participate. Bloom township responded and said they do not have a tire problem.
- Spectrum government affairs contact – follow up on future plans for expansion in Morgan County.

20-207- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to enter executive session with Randy Williams at 11:40am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

20-208- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to exit executive session with Randy Williams at 11:55am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

20-209- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 20-209

A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the FY **2021** Ohio Transit Partnership Program.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through its FY **2021** programs has made available funds to assist public transportation systems in Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the **Morgan County Public Transit** is the transit operator for Morgan County Commissioners, and

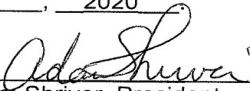
WHEREAS, the **Morgan County Public Transit** is presently providing transit service and observing all federal and state rules regarding these programs,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That Adam Shriver, President is hereby authorized to file an application and execute contracts for the FY **2021** Ohio Transit Partnership Program on behalf of the Morgan County Commissioners.

That Adam Shriver, President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with these applications.

Passed this 18th day of May, 2020



Adam Shriver, President

ATTEST:

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- Officers from the County Garage came to the Riecker Building to drill a hole in the side of the building. The hole is needed to run wiring for a new array of cameras that will monitor the back of the building. Due to the composition and thickness of the walls, a hammer drill with a large mason bit was needed to get through the wall.

The Commissioners asked that the Safety Committee discuss the Governor's travel ban and how it may impact County employees vacations. A stipulation of the travel ban is that if an employee leaves the State for vacation, then they must self-quarantine for two weeks when they return. Discussions are on-going, awaiting further information from the Health Commissioner.

A daily backup was finally set on the Board of Elections (BOE) server. Complicating this backup is the requirement from the Secretary of State that removable media is not allowed to be attached to BOE computers overnight. The onus will be on the BOE personnel to attach and remove the backup media at opening of business and close of business respectively.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

20-210- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request that the amount of \$12,236.73 be appropriated to the equipment line item, number 053-0053-5301.00, in the Remote Technology Grant expense account.

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

20-211- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant CenturyLink permission from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under Road Bore at 6820 Triadelphia Road.

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

20-212- 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

*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

