

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, June 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Absent

Mike Reed, Member

*Mr. Richard Welsh sat in on the commissioner meeting from 8:00am until 10:00am.

20-237- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020.

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

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

-Submitted bills

-Back to School Program (353 kids so far)-will be at West School this Wednesday 6/17 and at South School next Wednesday (6/24)

-Mandated Share for June 2020-\$3,135.17

*Commissioners discussed among themselves whether or not to put properties up for Auditor's Sale. These are properties that did not sell at the Sheriff's sale.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension

Back to the office:

Many of our staff are still teleworking, per direction of The Ohio State University, some employees will start to work from 155 E. Main St. Suite 320 beginning June 16, 2020 as we begin the process of physically reopening the office.

The office will begin to open Tuesday 1:00-4:00pm for 4-H Related Questions and Thursdays 8:30-10:30am for general agricultural questions. In addition to those hours the office will be open Monday, June 29th 1:00-3:00pm and Tuesday, June 30th 9:00am-4:00pm by appointment ONLY for general questions.

There are new guidelines for entry to the office, and they are posted on the window as you enter the office, such as visitors must wear a mask, hand sanitize upon entering, be symptom and exposure free from COVID-19, and maintain social distancing.

Update from Chris Penrose, Extension Educator Ag and Natural Resources:

He writes a weekly column for Morgan County Herald. He had an article on hay management in the OSU Beef Team Newsletter, Ohio County Journal, and nationally in Morgan Ag Clips and farm.com. Farmers Market completed its third week and is progressing well, some fruit crops were destroyed by late frosts limiting availability, but Chris notes there should be more fresh vegetables in the upcoming weeks. He continues to have monthly Master Gardener meetings via Zoom and the meetings are scheduled for June 17th. He continues to answer agricultural, and home garden questions. He can be contacted by calling the office at 740-962-4854 or at his home at 740-557-3154. Rachael Larimer, Program Assistant, is assisting Chris with Master Gardeners and Farmers Market.

Update from Amy Kirkbride, SNAP-Ed Program Assistant:

She reports that she is completing a number of training related to the new reporting system for SNAP-Ed and how to make effective video trainings. She dropped educational materials off at the food pantry and the Farmers Market.

Update from Lydia Flores, Extension Educator 4-H Youth Development:

She continues to have virtual 4-H volunteer check ins to respond to questions and help 4-H volunteers move forward with their 4-H year during this time where clubs are meeting virtually. She has a Junior Fair Board virtual meeting June 16th. She has attended virtual Agricultural Society (Senior Fair Board) meetings and setup Zoom links for members to attend those meetings. She hold virtual Junior Leaders meeting regularly and currently she is busy exploring how to move forward with 4-H Project Judging in 2020 in a way that keeps 4-H members, judges, and staff members safe. She is currently leading a virtual Poultry Spin Club online with 200 participants from 54 different counties in Ohio and one other state.

Update from Pamela Montgomery, Extension Office

Amy Grove, 4-H Volunteer, and Pam have been offering a Morgan4-H Yoga for Kids virtual program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-9:00am. The program ends Tuesday, June 16th. She continues to meet with 4-H Camp Counselor/Counselors in Training virtually so they can complete the required training for 2020 so if possible they could plan day camps in late summer or early fall. She continues to work with Older in Training members virtually so they can complete the program for 2020 and move forward with 4-H older youth opportunities in 2021. As an Area Leader she meets virtually with all four counties in Area 19 (Morgan,

Muskingum, Perry and Washington) to address concerns and most recently to assist in their development of reopening plans.

Clayton McCoy, Deputy Engineer

-Wanted to check in with the commissioners. The commissioners discussed issues with Cloud Hollow and Townsend Road.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Transit- Question the commissioners on whether or not free fares should keep being offered. The commissioners decided fares will be free until at least January. After that, the situation will be reassessed.

-Transit new web-based time clock-waiting to be installed.

-MVHC coordination of transportation with software will begin soon. There have been 214 active clients have been transported to MCHC.

-Septic Project-collateral needed for loan

-Mobility Management- several candidates have applied through Indeed.

-Airport- Richland Engineering Ltd was selected by the committee.

-EPA tire grant-location for collection needed.

-CHIP-seven homes were visited last week, more this week.

Phillip Dysard, Palmer Energy Company

-Mr. Dysard explained the CCAO Solar Program.

How it Works

The county signs a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for a portion of the solar array's production at a fixed price for a set contract term. CCAOSC and Palmer recommend a county to consider 20% to 25% of its anticipated annual consumption for the combined loads of their facilities and governmental aggregation. No down payment or up front charge would be required to pay for the array. A county would just be buying electricity produced from the array. The county would continue to participate in or sign up to use the CCAOSC's Electric Program for its facilities and/or electric aggregations. Palmer Energy would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) as it has been doing for participating counties. The difference is that the RFP would specify the inclusion of the 20% to 25% from the solar array in any pricing offer(s), while the remaining 75% to 80% of the counties electricity requirements would flow in its typical fashion. Each time

the county selects another supplier through the CCAOSC's Electric Program, that supplier would embed the county's solar array electric production into the contracted price.

Utility Scale=Lower Pricing

Every county has been approached by developers looking to construct solar arrays of varying sizes on or near their facilities. Conversations with counties indicate these prices available from a utility scale solar array. Provided the RFP responses meet LOIs condition, a county would then agree to participate in the CCAOSC's Electricity Program and work with the program to utilize a standardized PPA. Once fully vetted, a developer/financier will be selected and contracts executed. From there, a project timeline will be initiated for the construction of the array and an RFP will be issued for the participant's remaining eclectic supply requirements.

Estimated Cost

The exact costs will not be known until a contract is executed, but based upon a recently reviewed PPA for an array of similar size, there will be a small initial premium to participate.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-There are many forfeited properties in the county. Mr. Howdyshell suggested having a meeting between himself and the commissioners to discuss what should be done with the properties.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report-filed

John Wilt, EMA

-Submitted bills

20-238-Motion by Mr. Reed and Mr. Shriver to place a 1.97 mill renewal of the Mental Health levy on the November 3, 2020 general election ballot for five years for tax years 2021 to 2025.

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

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

-Submitted bills

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-The Morgan County Common Pleas Court received a grant from the State to purchase equipment for remote access technologies. The Court decided to focus on video conferencing equipment and several laptop computers to allow officers to work remotely. Unfortunately,

while ordering Polycom video conference units, the County exceeded the Amazon corporate line of credit. The Court will need to wait for other invoices to be paid before the Polycom order can be processed.

On the evening of 10 June 2020, the Riecker Building suffered an electrical event, possibly a lightning strike. Equipment damage occurred on and was isolated to the northeast end of the second floor of the Riecker Building.

On the morning of 15 June 2020, it was discovered that the phone system at the Morgan County Health Department had failed. Analog telephones were hooked up to a couple of desks as a workaround. The search for a suitable phone system is underway.

Troubleshooting continues on the new Spectrum Internet connection for the Auditor and Treasurer's offices. A Spectrum technician returned to the Riecker Building and attempted to repair the line. Unfortunately, it was discovered that the programming for the account was not done correctly and this problem could not be fixed onsite.

The IT Director's new in-office hours will be from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

The Commissioners asked the IT Director to log on to the Spyglass website to possibly identify phone lines that are still in use but listed as excess; like elevator phones, etc.

The IT Director will schedule a Records Retention Meeting for 29 June 2020 to review the Commissioners' office's new records retention schedule (RC-2).

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

20-239- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to make an amendment of certification in the amount of \$10,118.69 from the line item 001-0301-4002.00 reimbursement account to fund line item 0010301-5306.00 contract services on this date of June 10, 2020.

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

20-240- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a transfer in the amount of \$500.00 from travel expenses 001-0103-5307.00 into other expenses 001-0103-5309.00.

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

20-241- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following:

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary, Diversion Officers	023-2021-5102.02	\$63,180.00
Salary, Program Administrator	023-2021-5102.00	\$10,400.00

PERS, Diversion Officers	023-2021-5367.02	\$11,373.00
PERS, Program Administrator	023-2021-5367.00	\$ 1,456.00
Medicare, Diversion Officers	023-2021-5368.02	\$ 917.00
Medicare, Program Administrator	023-2021-5368.00	\$ 151.00
Worker's Comp., Diversion Officers	023-2021-5369.02	\$ 1,895.00
Worker's Comp., Administrator	023-2021-5369.00	\$ 312.00
Monitoring & Surveillance	023-2021-5301.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	023-2021-5307.00	\$ 1,500.00
Drug Testing	023-2021-5308.00	\$ 250.00
Total Appropriations		\$91,934.00

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

20-242- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the T-CAP grant funded by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (DR&C) for the Morgan County Common Pleas Court; the following are the appropriations requested for each line item:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary, Program Coordinator	057-2021-5102.00	\$31,720.00
PERS, Program Coordinator	057-2021-5367.00	\$ 4,441.00
Medicare, Program Coordinator	057-2021-5368.00	\$ 460.00
Worker's Comp., Program Coordinator	057-2021-5369.00	\$ 952.00
Health Insurance	057-2021-5365.00	\$17,525.00
General Operating Expenses	057-2021-5303.00	\$ 6,634.00
Equipment	057-2021-5304.00	\$ 6,634.00
Program Expenses	057-2021-5309.00	\$ 6,634.00
Total Appropriations for July '20 thru December '20		\$75,000.00

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

20-243- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the T-CAP Grant funded by the Ohio DR&C for the Morgan County Common Pleas Court requests a transfer for \$3,500.00 from the Salary line item #057-2019-5102.00 to the general operating expenses line item #057-2019-5303.00.

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

20-244- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

20-245- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

