

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 21, 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 8:30am until 11:00am.

**20-372-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020.

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

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-Submitted bills

-Health Department is coming to the agency to do flu shots on Thursday, October 8th

-Unemployment update-total number of initial jobless claims filed over the last 26 weeks (1,698,355) was more than the combined totals of those filed during the last 4 years. Over the last 26 weeks-804,000 Ohioans have received \$6.3 billion in unemployment and 561,000 Ohioans have received \$5.6 billion in Pandemic Unemployment. August Ohio unemployment rate was 8.9% (July was 9%.)

***Chris Penrose, OSU***

Snap-Ed, Amy Kirkbride

- Currently, she is working with the preschool teachers to provide packets for their students that cover a variety of nutrition topics. She also continues to provide handouts and incentives for the food pantry.

Pam Montgomery, 4-H, FCS, Area Leader  
Family and Consumer Sciences

- Attending trainings to get up to date on Family and Consumer Sciences as I begin to add Family and Consumer programming into my annual schedule. Most recently Trauma Training and Mindfulness
- Currently exploring how to be able to offer Successful Co-Parenting in the county following the OSU guidelines.

4-H Youth Development

- Assisted Lydia with Skillathon activities on August 22, 2020.

- Assisted Lydia with Junior Fair responsibilities the week of the fair. September 7-12, 2020.
- Office is beginning the process of putting together the 2021 4-H Calendar. Staff members are reviewing last year's calendar as part of the process. A meeting is being planned for October 30<sup>th</sup> to dedicate to working on the calendar.
- Working on putting together the Camp Counselor and Counselor -in-training applications for 2021.
- Working on putting together Older Youth in-training applications for 2021. The program is designed for 4-H Members age 13 to learn about older youth opportunities available to them once they are age 14.

#### Area Leader responsibilities

- Meet weekly with all my counties via ZOOM. Area 19 is Morgan, Muskingum, Perry and Washington Counties.
- Email brief updates/reminders to all my counties once a week.

#### Lydia Flores, 4-H Youth Development

- Lydia is working on Older Youth Applications for teens interested in being on Junior Fair Board and in Junior Leaders next year. The application will be available two ways, printed copy and an online survey.
- Lydia is working on a volunteer newsletter to be sent out in November with new information for the upcoming 4-H year. All information will be posted on the 4-H blog as well.
- Lydia plans to attend 3 virtual conferences this fall/winter and 2 professional in-services to remain up-to-date with certifications and State 4-H program information.

#### Ag and Natural Resources, Chris Penrose

- Weekly Farmers Market, continues through November 5.
- Assisted with Skilathon.
- Did Junior Fair computer work, entered weights, set show classes, developed sale bill and entered all purchases during the sale. It was a great sale. A special thank you to all the volunteers that put in countless hours to "pull off" a successful Jr. Fair. Over 300 lots were sold through the sale and packers generating over a quarter million dollars for our youth.
- Grazing article published in Ohio Cattleman's, Ohio Country Journal magazines and Ohio Beef Team Newsletter.
- Four farm visits, weekly press releases in the Morgan County Herald, and TV on WHIZ.
- Co-author on USDA Business, Retention and Expansion grant, \$99,324.

#### ***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report-filed

#### ***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Bobby White accepted the mobility manger position and will begin October 5<sup>th</sup>. References all checked out good. Computer delivered and working with DJH to have lines ran for phone and computer.
- Chesterhill sewer contracts signed and project to begin in October.
- Health Dept/Grove Shelter – Meet with contractor at grove today at 2:00pm.
- Agile Networks waiting for site recommendations.
- Septic quotes see attached. Need resolution to award to Wilkins Excavating for \$20,755.00.
- Burr Oak Water extension project. Alan Brown of Hull Engineering is working with Burr Oak on a water expansion in Deerfield, Union, Malta and Penn townships to benefit 100-125 households. See attached map. I am assisting with doing an income survey and possibly a Residential Public Infrastructure Grant.

| Septic Installation   | 3507 St. Rt. 60 NE<br>McConnelsville, OH 43756 | 2485 N. Curry Lane<br>McConnelsville, OH 43756 | 2245 N. Malta, OH<br>43758 | Total       |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|-------------|
| Eddleblute Excavating | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| M&M Excavating        | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| LM Excavating         | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| Ace Septic            | \$12,305.00                                    | \$3,850.00                                     | \$9,650.00                 | \$25,805.00 |
| A1 Septic Systems     | \$13,500.00                                    | \$4,500.00                                     | \$11,000.00                | \$29,000.00 |
| Fouss Septic Systems  | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| Joe Huck Contractors  | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| Kings Future Builders | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| Newberry Excavating   | -  | -  | -                          | \$0.00      |
| Wilkins Excavating    | \$9,755.00                                     | \$2,500.00                                     | \$8,500.00                 | \$20,755.00 |

**20-373-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to award one septic repair and two new septic replacements to Wilkins Excavating in the amount of \$20,755.00 as paid through Home Sewage Treatment System Grant Program.

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

***Dave Bailey, 911***

-Discussed the need of P.O. to be issued to ComTech.

**20-374-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into a contract with Athens County Commissioners to cover parts of Homer Township in Morgan County with EMS Services from Athens County from July, 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

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

***Barbra and Charles Lucas, Concerned Citizens***

-Discussed FEMA property on Cottonwood Drive. A tree fell on their dock. The commissioners agreed to contact the insurance adjuster to see what obligation the county may have.

Commissioner Bragg will contact.

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

-Electricians returned to install a new light over the front entry to the Riecker Building. The new light over the entry greatly increased the visibility of the Board of Elections drop box on the surveillance system. Before, with the camera mounted inside the foyer, the foyer lights washed out the exterior view of the building at night. Now, the exterior of the building is clearly visible day or night.

Several additional remote access terminals were built and installed on networks throughout the County. These terminals will allow the IT Director to monitor network connections, manage firewall configurations, and perform after-hours upgrades remotely as well as backup critical files on the individual networks. Only a few networks do not yet have a remote terminal installed, but there are space and power considerations that must be resolved first.

The Secretary of State issued an emergency directive to the Board of Elections to patch a critical vulnerability that was discovered last month. The patch was delivered in Microsoft's August cumulative security update and had already been applied to the Morgan County Board of Elections' servers.

The Board of Elections initially had an issue printing off test walk-in ballots. The issue stemmed from network connections not being accessible to the system that prints ballots. Once the network connections were restored, all ballot printing resumed as normal. Added complexity to the network played a roll in the temporary inability to print walk-in ballots.

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***Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications***

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**20-375-**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**

**20-376-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

**Adam Shriver, President**

**Tom Bragg, Vice-President**

**Mike Reed, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

