

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 19, 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 10:00am.

**20-422-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020.

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

**20-423-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Bragg to authorize the following:

A resolution authorizing Steve Hook, Morgan County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Morgan County Engineer is planning to make capital improvements to Morgan County Roads #13, #18, #60, #100, and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is qualified project under the OPWC projects,

Now Therefore, be it Resolved, by The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners:

Section 1: The Morgan County Engineer is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section2: The Morgan County Engineer is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appreciate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

**20-424-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, research in the fields of neuroscience and positive psychology suggests that kindness is something that is developed in adolescents by actually feeling it, not just thinking about it (Tentnbaum, 2012),

Whereas, kindness is scientifically proven to increase our happy hormones (serotonin, oxytocin and endorphins) which cause all kinds of amazing benefits like reducing stress, creating a healthier heart, improving our mood, slowing the aging process, increasing concentration and more (Source: Ansell, 2015; Hamilton, 2011; Currie, 2015),

Whereas, a Dude by Kind week is a time where we change the routines of our lives and focus on devoting ourselves to spreading good vibes in our communities,

Whereas, a Dude be Kind week is designed FOR positive change and being kind not about being against or ANTI something,

Whereas, a Dude be Kind week inspires conversations about what “being kind” truly means and encourages people to brainstorm actions that promote kindness, connection and the opportunity to lead “kind” activities in our communities,

Now Therefore, we, the commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio do hereby proclaim the week of November 8-November 14, 2020 to be Dude be Kind Week in Morgan County, Ohio and ask all citizens of this community to observe and take part in activities recognizing the importance of kindness in our lives, our families and our county.

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

\*Commissioners discussed using CARES ACT funds for a food bank In coordination with Buckeye Hills RDD.

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-Submitted bills

***Chris Penrose, OSU Extension-Conference Call***

\*Farmers are reminded that the second round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program is underway.

\*While some of us have had a light frost, there may be a harder frost this weekend. There are some things we can do to prepare for this. The following is a “Pre-Frost Checklist” of some of the late season tasks to preform this week if you haven’t managed them already. First, continue your fall mulching needs; harvest the last of the tender produce in your garden. Harvest green

tomatoes and gourds, and it is also a good time to harvest sweet potatoes and squash. One thing that I learned several years ago is to empty your rain gauge. Don't forget to bring in your houseplants. Use compressed air to blow shallow waterlines and garden hoses. Select the flower displays worth prolonging, and be ready to cover them this weekend. Empty the birthbath and your hand-held sprayers (follow product label directions). Drain pumps and filter bowls on power sprayers, blow water from boom and wand lines. Check the antifreeze concentrations in all motorized liquid cooled equipment. Finally, inspect until heaters for mud dauber wasp nests. If you get your garden cleaned up and all of the remaining dead plants tilled under or composted, there is still time to plant a cover crop. One of the best things to plant in cereal rye in the next week or so. I recommend spreading 1/3# of seed per 100 square feet of garden. When spring arrives, all you will need to do is till it under which will kill it. It will provide organic matter to the soil and even help reduce weed issues next year.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Revolving Loan Fund \$200,000.00 loan to Myers Specialty Market for the acquisition of land/building at 83 E. Main St. McConnelsville. Total project \$480,000.00 remaining funds from owner (\$24,000.00) and Peoples Bank (\$256,000.00). Term is 10 with a 20-year amortization. Life insurance policy on both owners for \$200,000.00. Mortgage on land/building secondary to Peoples Bank. Equipment is separate.

-Transit-need to hire part-time drivers. School not wanting to do background checks to Covid, so Mr. Sampson is checking with Sheriff's Office. Advertised on Facebook and received four new applications this weekend. Would like to do pre employment drug tests locally.

-Health Dept/Grove Shelter-change order for sidewalks needs signed for \$2,940.00 Mark Fisher and Apperson Plumbing have been contacted to provide quotes on water bottle fillers and concrete pad.

-CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Program) contract signings tomorrow for Steven Shaw and Michelle Tompkins for roof replacements.

-TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) letter of intent due October 31. 5% match required.

-Agile Networks researching sites I sent for wifi access. 37 water tower, Union Township building, ODNR wildlife area, Deerfield church and Penn Fire Dept. Mrs. Wells has asked about MARCS tower being able to be used as a site wifi router.

-Transit will have building audit on October 28<sup>th</sup> by ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation).  
Reviewing building structure, security, plumbing, electrical.

***Gary Woodward, Concerned Citizen***

-Discussed using some of the Covid funds to help purchase air pack masks for the Fire Department.

-Discussed the issue of EMA giving disposable paper masks to the Health Department and the Health Dept. giving them to nursing homes. With the Health Dept. and nursing homes having other resources, Mr. Woodward was asking if the Fire Department could have some PPE equipment. The commissioners did not have any issue with Mr. Woodward's request. They requested someone get the financial details and make a formal request.

***Linda Sheets, Senior Center***

-Submitted bills

-Receiving CARES ACT funding from Malta Village. Planning on focusing on meals and hand sanitizer.

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

-No report

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

**20-425-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg grant permission to Frontier Communications from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Road 60, located in Township of Windsor, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

**20-426-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the transfer of \$100.00 from supplies 001-0101-5303.00 to other expenses 001-0101-5309.00.

Transfer \$21.17 from worker's compensation 001-0101-5369.00 to other expenses

001-0101-5303.00.

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

**20-427-** Motion Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer from supplies

060-0060-5303.00 to other expenses 060-0060-5309.00 in the amount of \$7451.69.

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

**20-428-**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**

**20-429-** 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**

