

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 9, 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.

**20-445-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of November 2, 2020.

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

***Steve Hook, Engineer; Clayton McCoy, Deputy Engineer***

**20-446-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to allow Engineer Hook to advertise three county road slip road repair work. (CR. 100, CR. 2 & CR. 18) They are paid out of FEMA funds.

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

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-Submitted bills  
-Submitted timesheet

***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance from 2019.
- Continue working with contractor regarding mitigating plan update. Reminder- WEBEX with contractor during next Commission meeting-11-16-20 at 10:30am. Press release and website/Facebook notifications will go out Nov 18<sup>th</sup> announcing public comment period and plan availability on website, at Village offices and at the libraries. Virtual meeting will be held on 12/2 from 12-2pm and 12/9 from 4-6pm. Links will be provided. Comment period will close 12/18 and report will be submitted to State and FEMA for approval then to Commission and villages for adoption.
- Ohio Emergency Operation Center coordination calls T-TH at 1300 hours.
- Homeland security Region 8 Mass Fatality planning with Region partners and consultant continuing.

- Vaccination refrigerator ordered- will arrive first week of December.
- Spent a day in Marietta at Buckeye Hills sorting PPE purchased through EMA initiative for Buckeye Hills Health Providers with ARC funding. Delivered 4000 procedure masks and 240 N-95 masks each to Riverside Landing, Interim Health, and Highland Oaks.
- Distributed 100 N-95, 500 procedure masks, 25 shielded masks, 74 gowns to M&M EMS per request from Josh Dewinter. He provided burn rate (usage) statistics as required by Ohio EMA for distribution of Tier I PPE supplies. County Fire Departments remain eligible for these supplies but most comply with burn rate reporting.
- Continue updating County Hazardous Substance Guide (HS Guide) with 2019 Tier II submissions.
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Completed and submitted Emergency Management Performance Grant 8<sup>th</sup> Quarter reimbursement request expending remainder of FY2019 EMPG.

***Gary Woodward, Auditor***

-Discussed JFS closing to the public. It was discussed that several JFS employees were in quarantine and it was as much keeping the public safe from the employees.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Revolving Loan Fund – Meyers Specialty Market closing is on Thursday.

**20-447-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve entering into a contract with Wilkins’s Excavating for \$11,530.00 for a Home Sewage Treatment System Program Contract 19-5C for the replacement of one septic system. This resolution is contingent upon funding.

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

Septic Installation	1110 South Elliott Rd Stockport, OH 43787	Total
Eddleblute Excavating	-	\$0.00
M & M Excavating	-	\$0.00
LM Excavating	-	\$0.00
Ace Septic	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
A1 Septic Systems	\$11,950.00	\$11,950.00

<b>Fouss Septic Systems</b>	-	\$0.00
<b>Joe Huck Contractors</b>	-	\$0.00
<b>Kings Future Builders</b>	-	\$0.00
<b>Newberry Excavating</b>	-	\$0.00
<b>Wilkins Excavating</b>	\$11,530.00	\$11,530.00

- Transit – update – Full time driver position search in progress.
- Health Dept/Grove Shelter – substantial completion needs signed.
- Mobility Management – transportation surveys being distributed in the community to help provide information for the coordinated plan. Mobility manager is meeting weekly with a mobility management mentor provided to him by ODOT.
- Recycling Grants from EPA have been announced.
- SR266/377 – Permit to Install has been received by the engineer and we are able to apply for CDBG public infrastructure grant for water extension. Engineer also submitted a grant application for this project to OPWC.

***Elaine Flesher, Health Department***

-Updated the commissioners on the Morgan County Health Department. Currently, there is more CARES Act COVID-19 money coming to the local Health Department. Having a meeting tomorrow, in which more details will be given.

**20-448-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to reappoint Carl Raines to the EODA Board beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022.

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

**20-449-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to reappoint Mr. Dan Ray to the Morgan Meigsville Water Board beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

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

**20-450-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to authorize use of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding for public safety payroll expenses

Whereas, the Federal government established the Coronavirus Relief Fund in Section 5001 of the CARES Act, 116 Public Law 136 (42 U.S.C. Sec. 801), territorial, local, and tribal governments on its use;

Whereas, the state of Ohio passed a portion of such funding to Morgan County pursuant to Ohio House Bill 481 and House Bill 614 and has issued guidance through the Ohio Office of Budget and Management;

Whereas, on November 9, 2020, Morgan County indicated agreement to use the funding in accordance with the CARES Act and guidance from the US Treasury and to set up a special revenue fund to receive and account for the funds (special revenue fund #2868);

Whereas, the US Treasury guidance recognizes the particular importance of public health and public safety workers to local government responses to public health emergency, and has provided, as an administrative accommodation, that a local government may presume that public health and public safety employees are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19, unless the chief executive of the relevant government determines that specific circumstances indicate otherwise.

Whereas, under this administrative presumption, work performed by such employees is considered to be a substantially different use than accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020, and therefore, certain payroll and benefit costs of such employees may be covered using payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for services provided during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, State of Ohio, that

Section 1: The county will use CARES Act funding for:

- Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency relating to COVID-19;
- Expenditures not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
- Expenditures incurred from March 1, 2020, through December 30, 2020.

Section 2: The Board of County Commissioners approves the use of the CARES Act for public safety payroll and benefit expenses pursuant to US Treasury guidance, including authorized leave for vacation, sick, Family and Medical Leave Act, Families First Coronavirus Leave Act, military bereavement, and jury duty); employee insurance (health, life, dental, vision); OPERS contributions; worker's compensation insurance; and overtime due to COVID-19, as incurred between March 1, 2020, and December 30, 2020.

Section 3: Those public safety employees who substantially dedicated their services to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency serve in the positions deputies, sergeant, dispatchers, Chief deputy, Fiscal officers, records clerk, and jail administrators.

Section 4: Those employees occupying the positions listed in Section 3 substantially dedicated their services to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency by ensuring County safety under the auspices of numerous state orders , assisting County agencies with enforcing any orders relevant to the COVID-19 public health emergency, implementing and modifying many work rules and procedures, and collaborating with organizations and individuals in Morgan County in order to mitigate and respond to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019;

Section 5: The Board of County Commissioners finds and declares that the expenditure of the amount not to exceed \$950,000 under the aforementioned program is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act.

Section 6: The Board of County Commissioners, County Auditor, and the Sheriff's Office shall maintain sufficient records of payroll, time, human resources administration, and Coronavirus Relief Fund disbursements to document and support the payments authorized by this resolution.

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

*Jeff Babcock, It Administrator*

-The 2020 General Election proceeded without any major problems. Unofficial election results for Morgan County were posted to the website by 9:30 PM on election night.

The IT Director is investigating a phone issue at the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse. Outside calls are being disconnected mid-call. This appears to be happening on the PRI lines as well as the POTS lines. It is unclear if the problem is with CenturyLink or in the PBX at the Sheriff's Office, more information is needed to make a determination. The 911 system is not affected by this anomaly.

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*Linda Sheets, Senior Center*

-Submitted bills

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

**20-451-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer the following:

\$3,000.00 from line item 001-0207-5102.00 (salary) to 001-0207-5303.00 (supplies)

\$1,000.00 from line item 001-0207-5323.00 V Judge) to 001-0207-5303.00 (supplies)

\$44.25.00 from line item 001-0207-5307.00 (travel) to 001-0207-5303 (supplies)

\$655.75.00 from line item 001-0207-5307 (travel) to 001-0207-5303-.00 (supplies)

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

**20-452-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to find herein 2020 supplemental appropriations as adopted by our Board on October 15, 2020.

Fund 020 (Family and Children First):

Fund 020 contracts expenditures \$50,000

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

**20-453-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$61.00 from “advertising & printing”, line item 001-0301-5308.00 to “poll worker salaries”, line item 001-0301-5103.00.

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

**20-454-** Motion Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$1,850.00 from “travel”, line item 001-0301-5307.00 to “contract services”, 001-0301-5306.

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

**20-455-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$1,302.90 from “advertising & printing”, line item 001-0301-5308.00 to “contract services”, line item 001-0301-5306.00.

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

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**20-456-**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**

**20-457-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

**Adam Shriver, President**

**Tom Bragg, Vice-President**

**Mike Reed, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

