

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 16, 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 10:30am.

20-458- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of November 9, 2020.

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

*Commissioners have decided to close the county buildings to the public, effective Tuesday, November 17, 2020 morning at 8:00am until further notice. Public can access offices by appointment if necessary. Public advised to call ahead and do as much online as possible.

Ron Pavol, Concerned Citizen

Mr. Pavol discussed with the commissioners that he sold two horses to a person in Iowa. He accepted her check and it didn't clear. There is now a warrant out for her arrest. Mr. Pavel is upset because the sheriff told him he will not drive to Iowa to arrest the person. The commissioners told him they would speak to the sheriff, but as an elected official the sheriff makes his own decisions on such matters.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills

-Submitted timesheet

-RESEA data sharing signature for COG (Council of Government)

-Unemployment claims climbing back up in Ohio/SNAP applications climbing for Ohio and Morgan County.

-Mandated Share for November is \$3,200.67

20-459- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to request a supplemental appropriation in the (050) PCSA account of \$145,000. It is being requested in the

050-0050-5301.00 SCPA line item.

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

20-460- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer between expense line items in the #006 PA Account.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
006-0006-5102.00 (H1)	006-0006-5102.02 (H25 Other)	\$36,000.00
006-0006-5102.00 (H1)	006-0006-5367.02 (PERS)	\$ 4,000.00
006-0006-5102.00 (H1)	006-0006-5368.02 (MED)	\$ 500.00
006-0006-5102.00 (H1)	006-0006-5309.00 (H15)	\$ 5,000.00

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

Chris Penrose, OSU

4-H Youth Development---Pam

- Pam worked with other Staff members to put together a proposed 4-H Calendar for 2021 on October 30th.
- She researched ways to offer and a virtual CARTEENS program with other 4-H Educators across the state and offered the first CARTEENS program on November 10th virtually. The next program is scheduled for December 15th. There are few challenges due to connectivity. She will continue to explore ways to make it better.
- Pam is currently working on applications for the following teen leadership programs for 2021.
 - OYIT is a program for 4-H members 13 years old as of January 1st. It is a year to learn more about all the older youth programs that become available once 4-H members are 14 years old in 4-H years. In addition, they help plan Cloverbud Day Camp and the program is **REQUIRED to be a CIT** when they turn 14 years old in 4-H years.
 - CITs participate in the camp counselor trainings and workdays. They work along with camp counselors to plan camp and provide leadership during camp. **ONLY** 14-year-old 4-H members who completed OYIT program the previous year are eligible.
 - Camp Counselors attend trainings and workdays to learn skills to help them prepare for a leadership role at camp. They develop the camp theme and help plan the camp schedule and activities. The camp counselor program is open to any 4-H member 15 years old as of January 1st.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- Pam continues to explore how to offer Successful Co-Parenting virtually in 2021 and attends trainings in preparation for offering more FCS programs in 2021.

Area Leader Responsibilities

- Pam is completing fall check ins with all the individuals she supervises in Morgan, Muskingum, Perry and Washington Counties either virtually or face to face.
- She is pleased to announce the Office Associate position for Morgan County has posted.
- She invites all of you to celebration Jenny's Retirement with us via Zoom on November 25th anytime between 10 am and Noon.

SNAP-Ed updates: Amy

- Providing health recipes and activities to the preschool classes and Junior High after school program
- Recently participated in the virtual FCS conference
- Continuing to participate in online trainings related to position

Ag and Natural Resources Update: Chris

- Finished a successful season with the Farmers Market on November 5th
- Continue monthly Master Gardener meetings via Zoom, had a presentation on Invasive Insects
- OSU Extension and Rural Action is working on a USDA project to assess needs of small businesses during this pandemic. Contact Chris if you are interested in participating if he hasn't already visited you
- Have scheduled essential programs in February and March for pesticide and fertilizer recertification and Beef Quality Assurance Recertification
- Continue weekly press releases in the Herald and have had articles in the Beef Team Newsletter, Farm and Dairy, and Ohio Country Journal (including a podcast)
- Chris continues to be available to clientele whenever there is an issue or question. He can be reached at work or when teleworking from home even after hours.

John Wilt, EMA

-The Morgan County Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi jurisdiction plan that was created to protect the health, safety and economic interests of county residents and businesses by reducing the impacts of natural disasters through hazard mitigation planning, awareness and project implementation. The plan serves as the foundation for hazard mitigation activities and actions

within Morgan County and its economic losses due to natural disasters. The plan provides a path toward continuous, proactive reduction of damage. The ideal end state is full integration of hazard mitigation concepts into day-to-day governmental and business functions and management practices. This plan updates the 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan employs a broad perspective in examining multi-hazardous mitigation activities and opportunities in the county. Emphasis is placed on hazards which have resulted in threats to the public health, safety and welfare as well as the social, economic and physical fabric of the community. The plan addresses the primary hazards determined to impact the county by the planning team which are: landslides, floods, severe storms (including thunderstorms, windstorms and hail), winter storms (ice and snow storms as well as extreme cold temperatures), and drought and extreme heat. Other identified hazards that impact the county are being mitigated through enhanced public education and awareness activities until additional studies and/or resources can be made available for mitigation actions. Each identified hazard mitigation action. The plan also lays out the legal basis for planning and the tools to be used for its implementation.

20-461-Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to allow Engineer Hook to put the project for CR. 106 for landslide repair to bid on bidexpress.com project paid for by FEMA money.

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

Doug McGrath, Sheriff

-The commissioners discussed Mr. Pavol's situation with the sheriff. Sheriff McGrath noted to the commissioners that he and his deputies are spread thin and man power is not available currently.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-He would like to have clear plastic dividers in order to separate his workers. The commissioners said there are some extra at the Riecker Building he could have

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

-Submitted bills

-Ordered more soap for employee use.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

- The last of the remote access laptops for the Commissioners' office and the Courthouse have been configured for use. The laptops will be used for remote access in the event a County office needs to close or an officer needs to quarantine due to COVID-19 concerns.

The Morgan County Health Department has been experiencing degraded Internet performance. The problem started when contractors inadvertently cut the cable that provided their Internet access. Spectrum has tested everything and says that their network and wiring is fine. As part of the troubleshooting effort, a new firewall was built and placed online at the Health Department. Internet performance will be monitored for improvement.

The Morgan County Board of Elections is currently unable to connect to their network remotely via secure VPN. The problem appears to be in the RSA accounts or client; the vendor has been contacted and troubleshooting is ongoing.

The County's website and Commissioners' Facebook page have been updated to reflect the closure of County buildings to the public due to COVID-19 concerns. Further updates will be posted to the website and Facebook page.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

-None

20-462-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

20-463- 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

