

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, December 14, 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.

20-499- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020.

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

20-500- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to award Echo Hill slip repair to Ohio/West Virginia Excavating in the amount of \$388,171.40.

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Submitted bills
- Retirement of two employees in CSEA will post jobs today.
- Working with Mr. Howdysheill on possible new contract for APA services to Children Services.
- COVID Update-currently 0 employees in quarantine; Children Services staff working from home with one employee coming into the office daily; one foster parent positive; all residentials on virtual only; 0 foster kids with COVID currently.
- Seeing a huge increase in SNAP applications.
- Big spike in unemployment claims for Ohio for this week, report comes out every Thursday.
- Mandated Share \$3,200.67 for December.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-First Communications, the County's long distance provider, experienced a major outage this week. The County was without the ability to call long distance for about 6 hours on 8 December 2020. Service was restored after close of business on 8 December 2020.

Work continues with Citizen's National Bank to find a method for transmitting financial information securely from the Treasurer's office. Several methods of encrypting files were tested, but the bank is not able to install any new software on their computers and their e-mail

server rejects self-extracting, encrypted archives.

A technician from Spectrum stopped in to survey the Riecker Building for fiber availability. Spectrum is working on a quote for PRI lines to the Riecker Building and Sheriff's Office.

Advanced Heating and Cooling returned to perform their semiannual cleaning and servicing of the Riecker Building's rooftop AC units. The AC units were in good shape and relatively clean. The only issue was with a frayed belt on an exhaust fan, which was replaced.

The cameras for the back parking lot of the Riecker Building were mounted on the top of the building. Cabling was ran from the cameras to the surveillance wiring closet on the second floor. The cameras were connected and appear to be working fine, they just need slight adjustments.

With the end of the year approaching, many offices are putting in COVID-related supply orders utilizing the State's CARES funding.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Transit-two part-time employees out on quarantine. Two full time have recently returned from quarantine.

-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Cares Grant-senior Center HVAC work is eligible.

-Union Twp. Trustee Chris Nichols called to ask if I could help with USDA equipment grant.

-Recycling budget for 2021 needs approval.

-2021 salary increases for approval.

SR266/377-continue to work on this CDBG grant for \$750,000 for waterline extension.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

20-501-Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to name National United Brokers as our agent of record for Morgan County's health insurance beginning January 1, 2021.

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

-Budget Commission Meeting regarding levies.

20-502- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to award 26 grants in the amount of \$2,000 each to all qualifying businesses in Morgan County who submitted applications to the Morgan County Commissioners Small Business Relief Grant Fund.

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

*The following information was submitted by Soil and Water: See Attachment A

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

20-503- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve reimbursement for Office on Aging for the following meals for December 1st-11th in the amount of \$2,743.79 for meals using CARES Act Funds.

Mileage \$1,080.00

Labor \$2,947.54

Also, requesting estimated cost for meals for December 14-31st be encumbered for CARES Act Expenses

Dec 14-18th \$1,745.85

Dec 21-24th \$1,307.88

Dec 28-31st \$1,186.92

Total amount \$11,091.98

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

20-504-- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve a supplemental in the 063-0063-5310.00 for \$5,000 and please adjust the PO#20-28801 we would also like to do a supplemental in the Ebola fund 083-00835309.00 for \$671.87 and would you please adjust

PO#20-28678 and we would like to transfer from 063-0063-5102.00 salaries \$1000.00 to other expenses 063-00635309.00 and please adjust PO#20-28574.

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

20-505- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer the following:

Transfer in general funds from 001-0103-5369 (workers comp) to 001-0103-5102 (employees salaries) in the amount of \$540.05 and from (workers comp) to 001-0103-5367.00 (PERS) in the amount of \$4.07.

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

20-506- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Reed to request a transfer in Detac Funds from 060-0060-5304.00 (equipment) to 060-0060-5102 (salary in the amount of \$2,060.00 and from (equipment) to 060-0060-5368.00 (Medicare) in the amount of 30.00 and from (equipment) to 060-00605369 (workers comp) in the amount of \$21.36.

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

20-507- Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Bragg to request the following supplemental appropriations for fund 099 Grant Administration Fund:

Misc. Expenses:099-0099-5309.00 \$22,000.00

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

20-508- 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

20-509- 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

Attachment A:



Morgan Soil and Water Conservation District
167 S. Kennebec Ave.
McConnelsville, OH 43756

Commissioners Meeting 2020

County Appropriation: \$3,500.00

Goals for 2021:

- Maintain Morgan SWCD office in Morgan County
- Continue educational events for youth and adults
- Bring employees up to 40 hours a week and provide health care benefits
- Purchase additional equipment to rent to the producers in Morgan County

Educational events for 2020 that got cancelled because of COVID-19:

- All Field Days; Hook Lake, and 4th Grade
- Beginning Farmers Bus Tour
- Tree sale; it was our biggest tree sale to date
- Fish sale with a drive through to keep in regulations of COVID-19
- Fair Booth
 - We set up our Fair Booth up in the hallway with our photo and poster contest with 59 photos with 180 votes and 17 posters with 32 votes

How important the office was this year with COVID-19:

- The SWCD maintained a person in the SWCD throughout COVID-19 to provide a contact person for Morgan County Producers
 - This provided a continuous connection for producers as the federal programs moved forward with deadlines
- Morgan SWCD staff assisted with information, questions, and help with contacting OSU Extension office for Morgan County Producers, since their office closed in March
- Morgan SWCD continues to be point of contact for producers for guidance on upcoming programs

Other Entities we work with:

- Morgan County Auditor's Office
 - District tech and Auditors office worked together on 43 CAUV Applications
 - District tech made visits to determine if the application is actively farming the land in CAUV
- Morgan County Engineers office
 - Continues to work with the SWCD Office in support of the Spotted Knapweed Program in trying to control the invasive species along county roads
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- Morgan NRCS
 - Total Payments made to Morgan County Producers for installation of practices: \$387,029
 - Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)- \$353,942 for 135 practices applied
 - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)- \$12,175 for 4 annual payments
 - Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)- \$20,912
 - Fiscal Year 2020 NEW EQIP Cost-Share Contracts Obligated- \$1,042,143 for 29 contracts
 - Fiscal Year 2020 NEW CSP Cost-Share Contracts Obligated- \$65,591 for 3 contracts
 - Fiscal Year 2020 NEW RCPP Cost- Share Contracts Obligated- \$67,691 for 17 contracts
- Morgan SWCD Staff assisted FSA and Morgan County Producers with 223 Coronavirus Programs and 6 CRP applications with applications and eligibility
- The Morgan SWCD assist NRCS staff with surveying, designs, and inspection for the Emergency Watershed Program for Morgan County Townships and County

Things we do to keep our Producers and Farmers in the County up to date:

- The Morgan SWCD creates, prints, and mails out 850 newsletters
 - The bi-monthly informational newsletter provides Morgan County landowners with educational events for both the Morgan SWCD and the Morgan County OSU Extension

Equipment and Filter Fabric:

- The repairs of the equipment come from the income from the rental equipment
 - This equipment provides an average of 30 producers with equipment to use that don't have the money to purchase their own
- The SWCD provides a John Deere Gator and Sprayer free of use to the producers that is in the R.C.P.P. program
- Geotex Filter Fabric, which is used with installation of a variety of practices
 - Morgan SWCD has provided 148,500 square feet of filter fabric for practices

Support:

- The Morgan SWCD has an outstanding Affiliate Membership program, where the community donated \$2,775.00 in 2020 to help support Morgan SWCD and programs
- To assist with the bi-monthly newsletters, individuals or businesses can opt to purchase an ad, this year we had 14

Concerns:

- The Morgan SWCD continues to strive to find finances to have educational events and maintain the office
- AEP has been a strong supporter for educational events, but due to office closure and land sale, the financial support is no longer available to the 600 kids

Budget and Expenses:

- We lost our leasee due to COVID-19, so we are paying all utilities with no income
- To maintain the office and staff it takes \$47,000 a year, with \$40,000 coming from the State of Ohio and Morgan County Commissioners

