

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, February 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Adam Shriver, President  
Tom Bragg, Vice-President  
Richard Welsh, Member

**21-074-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of February 8, 2021.

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

***Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services***

-Online refresher Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>-providing an overview of the role of the Council of Government (COG), need to register or accept the appointment if interested, need to do the online and not the phone message.

-The mandated share for State Fiscal Year 2020 is \$38,408.00; February 2021: \$3,200.67

***Clayton McCoy, Deputy Engineer***

-Discussed the bridge report for the Veteran's Memorial Bridge that is upcoming.

-Discussed snowy and icy road conditions.

***Chris Penrose, OSU***

Pam Montgomery

**Area Leader Updates:**

- The Morgan County Extension Office is pleased to announce our new Office Associate, Amy Kirkbride. Amy is no stranger to our office she has been our SNAP-Ed Program Assistant for the past 6 years. She has done a great job doing programs for both youth and adults in our county to help them make healthy food and physical activity choices. We know the elementary school students are going to miss the “vegetable lady”. Amy and her husband Casey have been married for 18 years. They are both Morgan County natives and they are the parents of two children Audrey, and Lincoln. In their spare time, they enjoy kayaking together as a family. We know she will bring the same dedication, skills, and commitment to her new position. If you get a chance reach out to Amy to congratulate and welcome her to the new position. She started in her new role 2/8/21 and she is off and running with a number of items on her new desk and a list of trainings to complete.
- Pam Montgomery participated in the virtual Extension Leadership Team meeting/training 2/11/21.

#### Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Updates:

- Pam Montgomery continues to review curriculum and attend state trainings in preparing to bring additional FCS programming to the county.

#### 4-H Updates:

- Older Youth In-training held their second virtual meeting on 2/9/21 and learned about planning an activity or event.
- 4-H Camp Counselor/Counselor In-Training were assignment online training modules for the month of February.
- CARTEENS reorganized for on 1/26/21 for the new year. They are helping plan the next virtual CARTEENS program for first time traffic court offenders. The program is scheduled for 3/16/21 at 6:30 pm.
- Pam Montgomery participated in the virtual State 4-H Professionals update on 2/9/21.
- Pam Montgomery participated in the virtual State 4-H Horse Advisor/Volunteer Annual training available January 28-31, 2021 and the Q&A session held on 1/30/21 with Dr. Kim Cole, Extension Equine Specialist. She noted there is a lot of exciting happening across the state in the 4-H Horse Program.

#### Lydia Flores

- Lydia attended the 4-H Professionals in-service training Tuesday, February 9 held via Zoom to further her professional development. There is a statistical information graphic on 4-H in 2020 across the state of Ohio coming soon to share with the community for recruitment. She has also developed a lesson plan for Above the Line Volunteering to be used by the state for upcoming adult volunteer trainings. This lesson draws the critical leadership skill concepts shared by coach Urban Meyer.
- Lydia's partnership with the Senior Fair Board and Sale Committee continues as she provides a virtual meeting opportunity for them by using her OSU Zoom license to host meetings. So far, plans are moving along for the Morgan County Fair. We are currently in the process of looking for livestock judges for the shows, and the junior fair board is exploring new fundraising ideas.
- Ohio 4-H Week is quickly approaching! During the week of March 7-13<sup>th</sup> Morgan County Extension staff and Ohio 4-H volunteers will promote the Morgan County 4-H program. The Ohio 4-H Conference looks a little different this year. It is actually in February instead of March and it is virtual. This opportunity for teens, adults, and staff to come together is critical for program development and success.
- We look forward to the future for the Morgan County 4-H program and reflect on the progress we have made since the start of the global pandemic. The major change for this year is our county 4-H enrollment process. We have gone to an online format. This allows families and members to enroll themselves using their 4-H online profile. The 4-H enrollment deadline is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**!

#### Chris Penrose

#### Agriculture and Natural Resources Updates

- Held monthly Master Gardener meeting, had a presentation on Frost Seeding.
- Taught two programs on Grazing at a statewide virtual Grazing School, there were over 90 participating in each of the programs.
- Continue working with a local USDA Business, Retention and Expansion project.

- Provided local pesticide recertification and fertilizer recertification programs.
- Continued to provide leadership to the American Forage and Grassland Council, had a forage article published in *Farm and Dairy*, and weekly articles in the *Morgan County Herald*.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

**21-075-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter executive session with Ms. Wells at 10:40am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

**21-076-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to exit executive session with Ms. Wells at 11:30am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) first public hearing for program year 2021 scheduled for February 22, 2021 at 10:00am.
- Senior Center project to improve heating, cooling, electrical and plumbing. Pre-app submitted last week and waiting for approval to move forward.
- Two employees filed worker's comp claims falling on ice in the parking lot. Transit employee complaint received. Safety issue with furnace has been discussed with Jeff Babcock.
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Paddling Enhancement Grant \$75,000 to improve boat access. Malta boat ramp needs work and McConnelsville boat ramp at wharf lot. Met with Stantec in Malta last week for cost estimate.
- ARC pre-app needs submitted for Pennsville water extension project.
- Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive annual report due to the state on Miba Sinter & EZ Grout. The Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) needs to meet to review agreements and business tax information. Annual report due to the state by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Mrs. Wells will follow up this week with prosecutor on FEMA leases, pontoon boat owner, owner letters for bed tax and bed tax resolution language for short term rentals.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Dog Report-filed

***John Wilt, EMA***

- Continue working with townships on Public Assistance grants from 2019.
- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls T-TH at 1300 hours.
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Continuing retrieval of stock of PPE from MCHD and added to stock at EMA as needed.
- Meeting with MCHD on regular basis.
- Continue developing new ID cards for M&M EMS and Fire that will be NIMS credentialing compliant.
- Received preliminary evaluation of Mitigation Plan from Ohio EMA- there are some changes requested. Working with contractor on getting project ready for submission to FEMA.
- Working on prepping former EMA truck for dog catcher. Siren and radios removed. Center console ready to install, but due to weather and inability to get it inside it is on hold. There is also an apparent charging problem as it will start after charging and run fine, but radio and instrument cluster cycles on and off and it will not restart after turning off.

***Gary Woodward, Auditor***

-Discussed an employee at Courthouse and chain of command.

***Linda Sheets, Senior Center***

-Submitted bills

-Senior Center was unable to deliver meals, but contacted individuals to let them know.

They are doing income tax through AARP for qualifying seniors.

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-Advanced Business Communications returned to set up the phone extension for the County's new Apiary Inspector. The phone number was set up for the Apiary Inspector and was forwarded to her house phone as she will not have an office. The call forwarding was tested to verify it was working correctly.

The IT Director met with the new Judge at Common Pleas Court to discuss technology issues at the Courthouse. The Judge would like to start using video conferencing technologies as soon as possible and would like to expand upon the equipment and services that have already been procured. The Judge would also like to be more involved with the usage of the CourtView 3 case management applications. Other topics discussed were new antivirus software, digitizing records, the Court Technology Conference, and Courthouse safety/security issues.

Public Transit had another Internet outage at opening of business on 10 Feb. 2021. The Internet modem had shut off due to excessive heat in the attic of the Transit building. The modem was reset and Internet access restored. HVAC technicians will be contacted to assess any possible issues with the furnace.

Windows Server and Windows 10 updates are important this month. The patches that came out on 9 Feb. 2021 will fix two major vulnerabilities in the Windows operating system that are actively being exploited on the Internet. The IT Director is verifying that all servers get these updates applied as soon as possible.

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

**21-077-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to Columbia Gas of Ohio from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore County Rd. 66, located in the Township of Windsor, Morgan County Ohio.

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

**21-078-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to please approve to appropriate the following line-item amounts (75%) for the final (1) three quarters of 2021 grant period. (January 2021-September 2021).

	<u>VOCA</u>	<u>CASH MATCH</u>	<u>SVAA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Salary	\$20,296.50	\$5,074.12	\$2,603.98	\$27,974.60
Supplies			\$1,439.22	\$ 1,439.22
Telephone			\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
Travel			\$ 720.00	\$ 720.00
Other	_____	_____	\$ <u>300.00</u>	\$ <u>300.00</u>
Totals	\$20,296.50	\$5,074.12	\$5,513.20	\$30,883.82

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

**21-079-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

Considering the Morgan County Common Pleas Court Special Projects Fund #027-0027-5301.00; the Court orders that \$16,365.76 be transferred from the Court’s Special Project Fund to Probate Court Salary Expense line item. This transfer is being made to cover retirement pay-

out to Cindy Schaad who retired from the Morgan County Common Pleas Court, Probate Division, effective February 8, 2021

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

**21-080-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following supplemental appropriations:

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary, Diversion Officers	023-2021-5102.01	\$63,180.00
Salary, Program Administrator	023-2021-5102.00	\$10,400.00
PERS, Diversion Officers	023-2021-5367.01	\$11,373.00
PERS, Program Administrator	023-2021-5367.00	\$ 1,456.00
Medicare, Diversion Officers	023-2021-5368.01	\$ 917.00
Medicare, Program Administrator	023-2021-5368.00	\$ 151.00
Worker's Comp., Diversion Officers	023-2021-5369.01	\$ 1,895.00
Worker's Comp., Program Administrator	023-2021-5369.00	\$ 312.00
Monitoring & Surveillance	023-2021-5301.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	023-2021-5307.00	\$ 22,000.00
Drug Testing	023-2021-5308.00	\$ 250.00

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

**21-081-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following supplemental appropriations for the VN21 Fund 074 in which \$2,000.00 was received in December 2020:

Salaries	074-0074-5102.00	\$15,000.00
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PERS	074-0074-5367.00	\$ 2,100.00
Medicare	074-0074-5368.00	\$ 217.50
Travel	074-0074-5307.00	\$ 250.00
Supplies	074-0074-5303.00	\$ 432.50
Other Expenses	074-0074-5309.00	\$ 2,000.00

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

**21-082-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

The Morgan County Office of Aging request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,829.78 to be put into the Title E line item #028-0028-5312.00.

The Morgan County Office of Aging request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,000.00 to be put into the Title E line item #028-0028-5312.00 -Buckeye Hills Meals.

The Morgan County Office of Aging request a Contract line item #028-0028-5306.00 in the amount of \$40,000.00 JVS meals

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

**21-083-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer from 068-2018-5102.00 salaries \$1,500.00 to 068-2018-5309.00 other expenses and please adjust PO#21-29015.

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

**21-084-**Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

**21-085-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

**Adam Shriver, President**

**Tom Bragg, Vice-President**

**Richard Welsh, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**



