

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office March 15, 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

**21-115-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of March 8, 2021.

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

***Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance***

-Discussed gave an update on the past week.

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

- Summer Youth picking up trash-supervision
- Use of 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on March 31<sup>st</sup> for job interviews
- COVID paid leave policy expiring March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Back door has been replaced
- Door Fob quote-Advanced Business Communications
- FCFC meeting requirements-who from commissioners is on
- COVID Vaccination clinic for the county?
- Children Services updates

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

-Discussed choosing a commissioner to be on the Transportation Improvement District (TID.)

**21-116-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and Mr. Bragg to appoint Commissioner Tom Bragg as representative on the TID Board.

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

**21-117-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Commissioner Adam Shriver as alternate representative of TID.

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

***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.
- Developed new ID cards for Medical Reserve Corps for MCHD
- Continuing to work with mitigation plan contractor on revising report and getting it ready for submission to FEMA.
- Continuing to enter 2020 Tier II reporting data into new CAMEO database.
- Met with Commissioners regarding employment issues.
- Electrical service repaired to EMA building. Working with Nationwide insurance on getting Pierce Electric paid- they will pay him directly- and getting reimbursed for AEP connect fee and diesel fuel usage.
- Observed that the 36" Leach Xpress (LEX) natural gas pipeline was not properly marked along SR 60 and the river. Contacted TC Energy for correction. After a week they corrected situation. I also have checked all other road crossings for the LEX and found that the markings were proper.
- Provided some surplus PPE items to the Morgan Local Health Technology program. Meg Suermondt was most appreciative.
- Provided face shields and hand sanitizer to Common Pleas court.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Dog Report-filed

***Chris Penrose, OSU Extension***

4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences, Pam Montgomery

- Older Youth In-training held their 3rd virtual meeting on 3/9/21 and learned about theme development.
- 4-H Camp Counselor/Counselor In-Training had a 2nd virtual training on 3/9/21. They reviewed previous training and the virtual training there were assigned to complete. The new topic for the training was ages and stages of childhood development.
- 4-H CARTEENS held a virtual meeting to plan for the virtual program scheduled for 3/16/21 at 6:30 pm.
- Continues to review curriculum and attend state trainings in preparing to bring additional FCS programming to the county.
- Had a meeting with Judge Wells to discuss programming on 3/1/21.
- Scheduled monthly Successful Co-Parenting program May-December 2021.

4-H Youth Development, Lydia Flores

- As of today (3/11/21) we have approved 4-H enrollments for 36 volunteers, 65 youth members, and 24 cloverbud members. Families still have time to enroll in 4-H. Our enrollment deadline is April 1st. 4-H clubs are starting to meet and get ready for this year's events (projects, community service, etc.).
- Submitted exemptions and action plans for older youth groups to be able to meet in person. Junior Fair Board continues to meet monthly on the third Tuesday, and Junior Leaders meet monthly on the fourth Monday. We are full of potential and bright ideas to keep the 4-H spirit alive in Morgan County.
- Working with other 4-H educators in the area to restart the "Workforce Development: Life After High School" program in which they received a grant for back in 2019. The program allows teen leaders the opportunity to visit companies and learn about career opportunities available to them after high school as well as a visit to The Ohio State University main campus to explore the colleges of their choosing to learn about high education possibilities available to them.

#### 4-H Youth Development and Agriculture and Natural Resources, Rachel Larimer

- Been working on developing a new program for Morgan county 4-H. This program is called Cloverbud STEM days. The object of this program is to get the younger members more involved and to help develop skills related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics in a fun and educational way. We involve the older youth as well, so they can gain valuable life skills as well as learning how to lead and teach a group. Our first STEM day is fast approaching and will be held on Monday, April 5th. There will be two sessions offered, one from 10am-12pm and the second from 1-3pm. We were hoping to be able to use the conference room as well as the two rooms across the hall if you would allow us to. Rachel is excited to help grow our 4-H program and can't wait to see what else is in store for this coming year.
- Working with the Master Gardeners with administrative and organizational activities.

#### Agriculture and Natural Resources, Chris Penrose

- Conducted a virtual Morgan Co. Master Gardener meeting with 13 in attendance. Provided a presentation on Insects.
- Provided a virtual statewide presentation to Ag Educators on Farm Visits, 37 present.
- Presentation at virtual Pastures for Profit course on Grazing Hay Fields, 9 present.
- Recorded a presentation on Starting a Farming Operation.
- Conducted Beef Quality Assurance recertification for 36 Morgan Co. beef producers.
- Provided individual presentations on pesticide and fertilizer recertification.
- Wrote articles for the Ohio Cattleman's magazine, and Agronomy, Beef and Sheep statewide newsletters.
- Weekly articles in the Morgan County Herald.

We are pleased to announce that the office is now open every day from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. While we are still currently teleworking, at least one person will be in the office during business hours.

\*Mr. Dean Blackburn wanted to discuss property with the commissioners.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

**21-118-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and Mr. Bragg to award Pennsville VFD CDBG 6 for six sets of coats, pants, boots and suspenders to Atlantic Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$13,500.

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

Quotes were sent to:

The Fire House-No Response

Fire Safety Services-No Response

Atlantic Emergency Solutions- quote for \$15,252 and Penn VFD TO PAY \$1,752.

- Transit facility purchase update. Need buildings cleaned out soon for appraisal.
- McConnel Manor tenant complaints on air quality issues.
- Broadband Technical Assistance Grant \$50,000. Interviewed Gary Kaster for coal mine narrative. Gathering letters of support. Senator Portman’s office update tomorrow 10:00am.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation-meeting with engineer on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to get cost estimates.

Location 1 McConnelsville	Location 2?	Location 3?
Grove lighting, entrance	Malta walking path?	
Fountain	Historic Preservation	
Health Dept. windows	Community Centers	
M&M VFD	Sidewalks	
Land Acquisition/demo	Streets	

ARC projects due April 2:

Submitted

Pennsville water extension

In Progress

60N Water/Sewer

60N Turn Lane

Opera House backstage improvements

Village of Malta water improvements

- Tax Incentive Review Committee Meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00pm commissioner's office

***Jim Greer, Jeff Fleming, Steve Fate, Randy Aires, Gary Woodward, Greer Insurance***

-Went over last quarter's claims

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator-***

-For the third month in a row, the Windows operating system security updates were listed as critical. To ensure that there were no issues, the March 2021 updates were manually installed on all Windows servers on the County network. No problems were encountered on the servers.

The critical Windows updates that were pushed for March broke printing on many computers on the County network. The update KB5000802 and KB5000808 caused computers to crash when printing to certain devices (Kyocera, Ricoh, and Zebra mainly). When an affected computer attempts to print to these devices, the computer immediately crashes and reboots. The only fix at this time is to remove the update and wait until the April security update.

All of the old computer equipment was removed from the Courthouse and staged in the NOC for recycling and reuse. Only the newest equipment was kept in the Courthouse for spare use.

***Linda Sheets, Senior Center***

-Submitted bills

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

\*None\*

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**21-119-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**

**21-120-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh 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**

