

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office April 12, 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

21-151- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021.

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

-Discussed with the commissioners a disagreement between the Health Department and Mr. Eltringham regarding mowing.

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

-Litter Project

-Swimming Pool

-PCSA-new employees

-New employee drug testing

-Title XX Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 19th at 10am.

-Title XX monies

-PRC Planning Committee

-1st Floor Room

-FEMA launches COVID burial assistance program: On Monday, April 12, FEMA will begin accepting applications for funeral assistance to provide up to up to \$9,000 for the burial costs of individuals who died of COVID-19. FEMA will launch a dedicated call center from 8:00am-8:00pm CT at 844-684-6333. The program is received similar benefits through another program. According to the FEMA, applicants must be a U.S. citizen, noncitizen national, or qualified alien” who paid for funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020. In addition, the applicant must show a death certificate that states that the death occurred in the U.S. and “may have been caused by or was likely a result of COVID-19.

-The Ohio Development Services Agency is now distributing \$100 million in federal funding to help low-income Ohioans who do not own their own home, pay their rent, water, sewer, wastewater, electric, gas, oil and/or trash removal bills. Ohioans can apply for assistance with outstanding balances dating back to March 13, 2020, assistance for future rent/utility payments once back once paid back bills have been made current, and assistance for future rent and utility assistance for three months at a time. Eligible Ohio households must:

- Be at or below 80% of their county's Area Median Income (varies by county and size of household);
- Have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19; and
- Demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

-The funding, which was approved by the Ohio Controlling Board for distribution, will be divided among Ohio's 47 Community Agencies. Ohioans can apply for assistance for contacting their local Community Action Agency.

21-152- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Mrs. Burns to cash in 40 hours of sick leave and 40 hours of vacation.

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 Thursdays 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.
- Mitigation plan is completed awaiting Federal acceptance of local adoptions. Contractor has billed for deliverables 1 and 2 (State deliverables 1, 2 and 3) and vouchers were submitted last week for payment. Federal and State funds totaling \$15,000 are in process. Upon Federal acceptance remaining \$5,000 will be released. I documented sufficient local match participation to reduce County cost to **-\$0-**. **It is important for all villages to document acceptance of the mitigation plan to be eligible for mitigation funding over next 5 years.**
- Continuing to enter 2020 Tier II reporting data into new CAMEO database.
- Nationwide insurance situation: Agreement was signed (last Monday) and returned. Nationwide has released funds to Pierce Electric and EMA (diesel fuel).
- LEPC held a ZOOM meeting last Thursday and approved requests for exemptions for exercises for FY20 and FY21 due to COVID-19 restrictions. The resolutions and requests were forwarded to SERC for consideration at their meeting later today.

- Have been passing out 3-ply masks to local businesses through Sheriff and myself. These are masks provided by Ohio EMA and are not limited to Tier 1 use but are for any needed purpose. Sheriff and I felt that due to hardships faced by businesses this was a good use.
- Attended virtual conference this weekend for emergency communications. The EOC will be receiving ham radio equipment through a Federal Grant later this year.
- I will be attending the State EMA Director's conference Tuesday and Wednesday.
- I am still waiting on my employment agreement.

21-153- Motion by Mr. Welsh and second by Mr. Bragg to hire Mr. John Wilt as EMA Director retroactive to January 1, 2021 for the 2021 calendar year.

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

Steve Hook, Engineer

-County Road 46 will be going out for bid for a piling job.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Senior Center Targets of Opportunity grant-2nd public hearing today.

-Continue work on Transit and Mobility Management grants due for 2022 by April 30. Mrs. Wells reported to the Federal Transit Administration COVID data for transit.

-Monday, April 19th Appalachian Hills Equine Area tree planting 10:00am.

-2020 McConnellsville ODNR Recreational Trails Grant not selected for funding-conference call with ODNR scheduled for 11:30am today.

-Recycling Appliance-Collection Day scheduled for June 12th, 2021. 9:00am-1:00pm

-CDBG Allocation-waiting on cost estimates to help with project selection.

-Village Poll Update from meeting with VA & Mayor.

-Meyers Specialty Market update

-Governor's Office of Faith Based Community Initiatives webinar April 15th, 10:00am.

21-154- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

The Morgan County Board of County Commissioners does hereby resolve to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for \$117,800 in PY2020 Target of Opportunity Discretionary Funds and do hereby authorize Adam Shriver, President, to sign all necessary application materials.

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

21-155- Motion by Mr. Welsh and second by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

A resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation by Morgan County Commissioners for grants through the US DOT Federal Administration (FTA),

as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, Ohio's Specialized Transportation Program and executing contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval.

Whereas, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for the Specialized Transportation Program;

Whereas, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program;

Whereas, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of the Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5310 the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

1) Now Therefore let it be Resolved by the Morgan County Commissioners:

a. To execute and file

- i. Proposals to aid in the financing of capital and operating assistance projects.
- ii. Grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of capital and operating assistance projects.
- iii. An assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- iv. Set forth affirmative disadvantage business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project.

2) That Shannon Wells Director of Morgan County Development is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with the proposal for the program of projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

3) The undersigned duly qualified and acting Adam Shriver, President of the Morgan County Commissioners certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Morgan Commissioners. Held on 4/12/21.

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

21-156- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter into a contract with Wilkin's Excavating in the amount of \$10,800.00 for the Home Sewage Program Contract 20-1C for the replacement of one septic system. This resolution is contingent upon funding.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

Katy Chapin, Deputy Auditor

-Mrs. Chapin questioned the commissioners on the county policy manual's explanation of part-time and full-time hours. The commissioners are looking into this. An email was sent to assistant prosecutor for clarification as she helped write the current manual.

Karissa Murphy, Concerned Citizen

-Upset with the dog warden for giving her a ticket. Ms. Murphy has gone to court over issues with the dog warden in the past. The commissioners told Ms. Murphy to speak to the prosecutor.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator-

-As work continues on setting up the unified communications mobile application, it has become necessary to add a couple of static IP addresses to the Internet connection at the Sheriff's Office, where both phone systems connect to the Internet. Unified Communications will allow County employees to connect to their office phones via their mobile phone or computer. They will have access to all the features of their office phone as well. Multiple static IP addresses are required to direct the mobile logins to the correct phone system. The quote for additional static IP addresses was received from Spectrum and will only cost an additional \$10 per month. The Commissioners approved the change in service.

Archive Social, the company that archives social media content for companies, is calling again to offer their services. The Commissioners' office have already addressed the issue of retaining social media content in their Records Retention Schedules. The Commissioners will defer to the

County's legal counsel as to whether the service is needed or if the Records Retention Schedule entries are sufficient.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-157- Motion by Mr. Welsh and second by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to CenturyLink from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under Morganville Rd., located in the Township of Union, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

21-158- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to United Telephone Co. of Ohio /CenturyLink/Lumen from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Road 38, located in the township of Homer, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

21-159- Motion by Mr. Welsh and second by Mr. Bragg to transfer the amount of \$1,148,262.95 from the Engineer's FEMA Fund Account 007-0007-5301.00. Please place the full amount of \$1,148,252.95 in the FEMA DR 4424 Account 007-0007-5302.00.

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

21-160- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer 001-1501-5328-00 Public Defender in the amount of \$2,000.00 to 001-1501-5329.00 (Indigent Recoupment Fees) in the amount of \$1,000.00 and 001-1501-5330.00 in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

21-161- Motion by Mr. Welsh and second by Mr. Bragg to transfer from 074-0074-5102.00 \$2,000.00 to 074-0074-5309.00 other expenses please adjust PO#29108.

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

21-162-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

21-163- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

