

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office May 17, 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

21-199- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of May 10, 2021.

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

Steve Hook, Engineer; Clayton McCoy, Deputy Engineer

21-200- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

A resolution authorizing Steve Hook, Morgan County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission Emergent Repair Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Whereas, the Emergency Repair Program provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for Emergency Repair Improvements and public infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Morgan County Engineer is planning to make emergency slip repair improvements to Morgan County Road #45 (Glenn Road). and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the ORWC programs.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of the Morgan County Commissioners:

Section 1: The Morgan County Engineer is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for emergency funds as described above.

Section 2: The Morgan County Engineer is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

-Beginning Wednesday, May 19th 2021 Township Road 6 (Marion) will be closed for the next 2-3 weeks.

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

-Reminder: PRC Meeting Wednesday, May 19th at 9am

-UC Work search requirements start effective today.

*Mr. Bob Peters who is running for congress wanted to introduce himself to the commissioners.

Lydia Flores, OSU Extension

- Enrollments were submitted back in April, and we have 245 youth members and 66 cloverbuds enrolled for the 2020-2021 program year. We also have 58 adult volunteers who continue to lead the program through their 4-H clubs.
- Thanks to our county health department and county commissioner, Adam we were safely able to hold our quality assurance training on May 8 at the Opera House for our youth planning to exhibit market livestock at the Morgan County Fair this year. We have continued to offer both in person and online opportunities for the members during this time.
- Junior Leaders are planning to help lead the activities for our next Cloverbud STEM Day to be held on June 7th. They are also filming a club of officer training video to share with every 4-H club to help training their officers. Future plans for the Junior Leaders are more lessons on money management, a community service project, and a trip to reward them for all their hard work.
- Junior Fair Board was able to hold their BINGO fundraiser at the Mother's Day Flea Market on May 8th. The members oversaw the whole event from check-in, leading the BINGO, and the prize baskets. We continue to plan and prepare for the county fair with help and input from the Senior Fair Board and Sale Committee. Current plans are to continue livestreaming livestock shows on Facebook and providing an online sale option for buyers to help with the crowds.

4-H Update Pam Montgomery

- Older Youth in Training and Camp Counselors in training continue to meet and plan for Cloverbud Day Camp and 4-H Day Camps to be held at Camp Hervida and on the fairgrounds. A special thank you to Senior Fair Board for their willingness to allow day camps on the fairgrounds. The two groups meet together May 25th from 4:30-7:00pm to plan activities for the day camps.
- New Volunteer training was held May 10th to train new 4-H Riding therapy volunteers for 2021. Five individuals attended for training. Marlene Work worked with the county

health department to get a safety plan approved so 4-H Riding Therapy can be held in 2021.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update Pam Montgomery

- Pressure canner testing available June 10 from 2-4pm and July 19 2-4:30pm. Individuals can schedule by registering at this link <http://go.osu.edu//2021cannertestingmorgan>.
- Pam recorded a TV spot for WHIZ on May 6th and her topic was the impact of self-talk on personal wellbeing.

Agriculture & Natural Resources Update Chris Penrose

- Master Gardeners had their monthly meeting and Chris provided an update on pesticides and gardening.
- Chris recorded TV for WHIZ and had weekly articles in the Morgan County Herald.
- Chris continues to work with local clientele with agricultural and lawn and garden questions through phone calls and visits.
- Chris continues to work with our friends at Rural Action with a USDA grant to assist local businesses.
- He is finalizing plans to start the farmers Market on Thursday May 27th 11am-1pm at the Main Street Church of Christ parking lot in McConnellsville. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Chris at 740-962-48554 or 7-557-3154.
- He continues to work with local, state, and national educational, Extension forage committees.

Reminder the OSU Extension Office is open daily 8am-4pm. Feel free to reach out to us if you have questions at 740-962-4854.

21-200- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to resend motion 20-110 (Local Emergency Proclamation) beginning June 1, 2021.

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

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

Discussed different ideas when it comes to hiring Mr. Barnhart's replacement.

21-201- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the Noble County Jail Housing Contract.

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

Robin Townsend, Aspen Energy

-A contract is currently in place now with Champion Energy that will soon expire in August 2021. A new contract would begin in September 2021. There will be a new rate beginning in September of 0.043%. Champion Energy would be able to do a shorter contract, but rates would be higher.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Mrs. Wells is looking into doing lighting and entry project in McConnelsville.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator-

The cleanup work in the network operations center (NOC) is nearing completion. The excess computers were reused to replace various appliances on the County's network. It was initially thought that there might be enough excess hardware to donate at some point, but this was not the case.

A computer was built to duplicate hard drives from other computers and placed online in the network operation center. In the event that a computer's hard drive is about to fail, the hard drive can be copied to new drive with minimal downtime.

The laptops designated for video conference use at the Courthouse were powered up and updated in preparation for a coming trial. The laptops had not been online for some time and were

missing several rounds of updates. Additionally, Microsoft accounts were added to the laptops and Skype was tested between the machines.

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

Submitted bills

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-202- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve an supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$139.45 to line item #048-0048-5301 which is the interest gained from HAVA Grant for DIRECTIVE 2020-12 Physical/Cyber/ADA Security.

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

21-203- 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

21-204- 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

