

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office June 1, 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

**21-210-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021.

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

***Steve Hook, Engineer***

-Submitted bills

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-PRC Certification

-Reminder-Mrs. Burns on vacation 6/5 to 6/12 and at a training on 6/14/21.

-Back to school clothing applications will start on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at East Elementary.

-Transfer of funds in WIOA

- 349-0349-5303.00 DW to 349-034-5302.00 Youth \$10,000

Reminder-Family & Children 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9am.

Travel Request

- Heidi Burns & Joe Frazier to Lancaster, Ohio for Shadowbox Training on 6/14/21.

SB 4

Senate Bill 4 finished the legislative process and is being sent on the Governor. The bill would expand “designated public service worker” status to other categories of public employment, including “protective service workers.” This makes these workers eligible for the following protections:

- Residential and familial information exempted from disclosure under public record law;
- May request for the individual’s address to be redacted from any record of a public office that is publicly available on the internet in which the individual’s residential and familial information appears, except for the records of a county auditor;

- May request that the county auditor replace the designated public service worker's or the worker's spouse name with their initials on record publicly available to the internet or in a publicly accessible database.

The bill defines "protective services workers" as any employee of a county agency who is responsible for child protective services, child support services, or adult protective services." We believe that this will enable any stand-alone PCSA, CSEA, or JFS (given employees to seek these protections.)

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Natureworks grant submitted for the Grove \$65,494
- United Way Community Impact grant submitted \$5,000 for out of county medical trips for those income eligible. United Way Morgan board members are Carol Howdysshell and Lynn Merceer.
- Transportation Importation District (TID) grant submitted to ODOT for \$500,000.
- Ohio SE (JobsOhio) conference call to review SR60 North project development
- CDBG Allocation 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing 10:00 M&MVFD \$27,000, Stockport VFD \$27,000, The Grove \$66,000.
- CHIP 2<sup>ND</sup> public hearing June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- Governor DeWine's Inland Fish Ohio Day RSVP due today.
- Meet with Dean Ponchak and Brad Bond to organize June 11 reception.
- Vacation out week of June 21.

***Jeff Michaels, Health Department***

- Requested a motion of intent for the public health levy.

**21-211-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION – RC. 3709.29**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO met in \_\_\_\_\_  
regular session on Tuesday June 1, 2021, at the office of the Commissioners, with the following members present:

Adam Shriver

Tom Bragg

Richard Welsh

Richard Welsh moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, that,

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Board of Morgan County Commissioners that the amount of tax within the ten mill limitation of levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide the necessary requirements for the purpose of continued operation of the Morgan County Health Department.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of R.C. 3709.29, The Board of Commissioners, Morgan County, Ohio, hereby declare it necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of continued operation of the Morgan County Health Department, and to submit to the electors said tax levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such levy shall be at a rate not to exceed seventy-five hundredths ( .75 ) mill for each one dollar of tax valuation which amounts to seven and one half cents cents (0.075 ) for each hundred dollars of tax valuation for a period of ten (10) years commencing with the tax year 2021 for the purpose of continued operation of the Morgan County Health Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio be and is hereby directed to submit the issue of said tax levy to the electors of Morgan County, Ohio at the election to be held on Tuesday November 2, 2021, said date being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2021 as a additional levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Morgan County, Ohio prior to the date of June 5, 2021.

Tom Bragg seconded the Resolution and the roll call vote resulted as follows:

Adam Shriver\_\_\_\_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Tom Bragg\_\_\_\_\_Aye\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Welsh       Aye

ADOPTED the \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ June, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_.

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CLERK OF BOARD OF MORGAN  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

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

21-212-Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to proceed with purchase of 845B case road grader with a loan of \$55,000.00 through Citizens National Bank for one (1) year.

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

21-213- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to accept bids for paving projects with OPWC ON Road 35.

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

21-214- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Engineer Hook to send Hot mix and Motor job out to bid.

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

*Matt Lutz, Muskingum County Sheriff*

-Discussed a grant they were working on to build a new jail. Not looking for any monetary help. Bed space with is not large enough.

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*Linda Sheets, Senior Center*

-Submitted bills

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21-215- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

**CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY  
TAX REVENUE**

(Use this form when taxing authority certifies millage rate  
And requests the revenue produced by that rate.)

The County Auditor of Morgan County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On June 1, 2021, the taxing authority of the Morgan County (political division name) a certified copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted June 1, 2021, requesting the county auditor to certify the current tax valuation of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by seventy-five hundredths (0.75) mills, to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation for health department purposes pursuant to Revised Code \$3,709.29, to be placed on the ballot at the November 2, 2021, election. The levy type is additional.
2. The estimated property tax revenue that will be produced by the state millage, assuming the tax valuation of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$151,341.00.
3. The total tax valuation of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$252,235, 280.00.

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auditor's signature

1. "Total tax valuation" includes the taxable value of all real, personal, and public utility property in the subdivision, which are on the tax lists that were most recently certified for collection. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the home county auditor (where the greatest taxable value of the subdivision is located) shall obtain the assistance of the other county auditors to establish the total tax valuation of the subdivision.
2. "Levey type" includes the following: (1) additional, (2) renewal, (3) renewal with an increase, (4) renewal with a decrease, (5) replacement, (6) replacement with an increase, (7) replacement with a decrease in levies.
3. Please file this certificate with the subdivision as soon as possible, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 75 days before the election.

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

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator-***

-With many cases of ransomware in the news, the IT Director discussed the County's unofficial policy on ransomware with the Commissioners. The IT Director's focus is on preventing any type of malware outbreaks in the first place. However, in the event of a ransomware outbreak, the standard operating procedure will be to isolate the infected computer(s) from the network, wipe the hard drive of the infected computer(s), reinstall all software on the computer(s), and finally restore all data from backup. This approach precludes the option of paying the ransom and relies on having good backup procedures in place. It was decided that whether to go further with the investigation of a ransomware outbreak (such as contacting the Department of Justice, etc.) will depend on the scope of the outbreak.

With COVID restrictions lifting, the Commissioners requested that the County website be updated to reflect that the Community Room is once again available for rental and the removal of the COVID information pages. The Community Room rental page will be updated several times in the coming weeks to reflect policy changes regarding rentals.

Spectrum will be at the Riecker Building next week to update the Internet connection. The network layout at the Riecker Building was reviewed to see if any new equipment would be required to make the best use of the new speeds. There is a question of throughput on the existing perimeter firewalls, as they are merely old computers rebuilt as firewall appliances.

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

**21-216-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following supplementals in the 071 fund in which we will be receiving \$50,000.00

071-0071-5102.00	Salaries	\$35,000.00
071-0071-5367.00	PERS	\$ 4900.00
071-0071-5368.00	Medicare	\$ 507.50
071-0071-5309.00	Other Expenses	<u>\$ 9592.50</u>
		\$50,000.00

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21-217-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**

21-218- 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**

