

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

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

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

21-319- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021.

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

-The commissioners reported on their activities for the previous week:

The commissioners talked with Carma Johnson about pay raises. In addition, the commissioners looked at a piece of property over the past week. Thursday, Commissioner Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting. He also met with an individual concerning property. Commissioner Welsh met with Mr. Denny Tom in regards to stone hauling prices.

Al Eltringham, Maintenance

--Discussed with the commissioners building repairs that need completed in the Courthouse.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills

-Submitted Timesheet

-WIOA transfer from Dislocated Worker to Adult and Youth.

-Hiring for Children's Services-Discussed difficulty in finding and keeping workers.

-Census population decrease-our county went from 15,000 to 13,000.

John Wilt, EMA

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours.
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Coordinating with MCHD on regular basis.
- Prepared and submitted EMPG (Emergency Management Preparedness Grant) application.
- Attended Region 8 Homeland Security meeting at Muskingum County related to various topics.

- Mobilized Mass Casualty trailer to Muskingum County for additional supplies. Received two carts with 5 FEMA cots each. Removed 10 boxed cots to storage in office.
- Continuing to research 911 and Emergency Communications Center information.
- Reviewed Region 8 THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment)
- Attended training for CodeRed IPAWS module.
- Performed monthly CodeRed IPAWS testing with FEMA
- Working on plan for “target hardening” of EMA office and EOC per FEMA. This will include installation of video surveillance and controlled access doors on front and rear of building.
- Still need to have electrical work completed for generator backup line to phone/computer modem and network switch located above front entrance and generator backup circuits for vaccine refrigerator and freezer. Will contact Pierce and discuss this as well exterior lighting needs. (Does any of this fit with ARPA funding?)
- Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO) meeting on Tuesday 8/17 from 10:00-14:00 hours in Logan.
- Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) Summer seminar Wednesday 0900-1200
- Ohio Homeland Security Region 8 HSGP Grants meeting Wednesday 12:00-??, Muskingum County EMA

Chris Penrose, OSU

1. The Morgan County Fair is less than month away! Lydia is working work the Junior Fair Board members to finalize awards, ribbons, and prizes for livestock shows. The Junior Fair Board held a workday on August 10th to help Senior Fair Board clean up the barns and set up pens.
2. Junior Fair royalty interviews will be held on Monday, August 16th, and we have a candidate for every position except for Prince. This is by far the biggest court (5 total) we have had for a few years now.
3. Lydia is gathering up volunteers and finalizing stations for livestock skillathons. This event serves as a project judging for livestock exhibitors taking either market or breeding animals to the county fair. There are three stations to complete: one is evaluating their record book, second is asking them questions about quality assurance and specific knowledge checks about their livestock, and lastly, an activity related to topic area about their project (for example,

management tools or digestive systems). This will take place on Saturday, August 21 from 8am to 4pm at the fairgrounds.

4-H Update - Pam Montgomery

1. Camp Counselors, Counselors in-training and Older Youth in-training held their wrap up meeting on August 10, 2021. A good discussion was held about 4-H Day Camps.
2. The next CARTEENS program is scheduled for October 26th.
3. Pam is working on planning the 4-H displays for the Junior Fair Building. She hopes to highlight the work of the 4-H members in 2021 and highlight the many opportunities in 4-H included the large number of teen opportunities.
4. 4-H Riding Therapy participants and volunteers are enjoying their Thursday night activities at the fairgrounds as they celebrate their 40th year of programming.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update - Pam Montgomery

1. Pressure canner testing available at the Farmer's Market August 19th from 11 am to 1 pm and at the Chesterhill Produce Auction August 30th 2 -3 pm.
2. Next Successful Co-Parenting is scheduled for August 31st from 6:30-9 pm individuals interested can call the office to register for the program at 740-962-4854.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Update – Chris Penrose

1. The Farmers Market has had a very successful season with 13 plus vendors the past several weeks with a wide selection of fresh food and homemade crafts. The market will continue each Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October at the Main St. Church of Christ parking lot.
2. Chris continues to work with friends at Rural Action on a USDA grant for Business Retention and Expansion for businesses in the county. A series of programs to assist businesses is being planned.
3. The Farm Science Review will be back in person this year at the Holly Caren Center near London on September 21-23. Advance discounted tickets are available at the Extension office and will be available during the fair at the Junior Fair office.
4. The Master Gardeners held their monthly meeting and are planning a fall educational series including garlic production, food from the woods and more. The final 2020 Master Gardener training class that was postponed will be held Monday, October 4th and a 2020 class is

being planned with Perry County. Anyone interested in attending a six week, 40 hour training class, please contact the Extension office at 740-962-4854.

5. Chris continues to conduct farm visits, handle local inquiries, went back to a live monthly TV interview on WHIZ, writes weekly articles for the Morgan County Herald, and other state and national outlets.

Steve Hook, Engineer; Clayton McCoy, Deputy Engineer

21-320- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to move forward with bids on Co. Rd. 45.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office; Steve Hook, Engineer

-Discussed different projects to complete with grant funding. A waterline project was talked about in detail.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Transportation Improvement District grant award \$400,000 for center turn lane.

McConnelsville Neighborhood Revitalization project update—alley paving first week of September for 1-2 days and walking path will take one week and will be week of 23rd or 30th.

21-321- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to rescind Res#21-294 to Source One Site Services in the amount of \$15,416.00. Source One Site Services is unable to obtain a performance bond which is a requirement from the OEPA.

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

21-322- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter into a contract Ace Septic for \$19,300.00 for the Home Sewage Treatment System Program Contract 20-3C for the replacement of two septic systems. This resolution will be contingent upon funding.

The following addresses will be provided services:

6621 N. St. Rt. 60 NW McConnelsville, OH 43756

4151 Clark Lane McConnelsville, OH 43756

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

-BRIC project to FEMA 75/25. Jennifer Ponchak and Mrs. Wells are working on 25% a match grant application to Muskingum Watershed.

-Chesterhill FY2019 Neighborhood Grant Revitalization-will rebid 9/7. Advertising now.

-Chesterhill sewer-we have started taking applications to assist low-income homeowners to hook up to city sewer.

-Solid waste balers-Rob Reiter getting them today.

Rob Beglin, Liability Insurance

-Talked with the commissioners via phone conference. Mr. Beglin just discussed liability insurance renewal for November. The commissioners said they have already renewed with Buckeye Joint Ohio Plan.

Steve Hook, Engineer; Clayton McCoy, Deputy Engineer

21-323- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to authorize Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Whereas, the State Capital Improvement Program and Local Transportation Improvement Program financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Morgan County Engineer is planning to make capital improvements to Morgan County Roads #14, #15, #20, #74, #108, #110, #111, 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 OPWC programs,

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

Section 1: The Morgan County Engineer is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for 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 absent Mr. Bragg yea Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-The Morgan County Safety Committee met at the Courthouse on 13 Aug. 2021 to discuss the HVAC repairs and issues with the roof. The drains for the HVAC system at the Courthouse were improperly installed and are causing water to leak from the second floor to areas beneath, including power rooms and the elevator control room. Also, there is a significant crack in one of the chimneys on the side of the building that faces the Sheriff's office. As a piece of brick may start to fall from the roof, the area directly below the chimney was roped off with police tape.

Work continues slowly with Spectrum and the new T1 lines. Spectrum discovered that more equipment needs to be installed at the Riecker Building before a cutover date can be given. They have opted to install the new T1 line at the Sheriff's Office/Courthouse on 25 Aug. 2021. The fiber equipment has already been installed in the Sheriff's office computer room for the new circuit.

Several more vehicles were sold on GovDeals. The white Charger sold for \$4026 and was removed the day after the auction. The Toyota Tundra, that was a drug seizure, sold to \$10,400.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-324- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve transfer \$5,000.00 from the 099-0009-5102.00 salary line item into the 099-0009-5306.00 contract administration line item.

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

21-325- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$7,870.00 to be put into the other line item #028-0028-5309.00.

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

21-326- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to request a line item transfer in the amount of \$3,000 to be taken out of salary line item #028-0028-5102.00 to be put in travel line item #028-0028-5307.00.

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

21-327- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request transfers between expense line items in the #349 WIOA Account. I hereby request the following transfers.

From	To	Amount
349-0349-5303.00 (DISLOCATED)	349-0349-5301.00 (ADULT)	\$5,000.00
349-0349-5303.00 (DISLOCATED)	349-0349-5302.00 (YOUTH)	\$5,000.00

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

21-328-Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

21-329- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

Adam Shriver, President

Tom Bragg, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

