

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office August 30, 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

21-340- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of August 23, 2021.

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

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

Commissioner Shriver attended a Senior Citizen meeting, A OH GIG an Internet Co. meeting with Agile Networks, another internet provider was attended. Commissioner Shriver also joined in a planning meeting with Southeastern Ohio Commissioners and Governor DeWine.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

-Discussed Mr. Starkey's hours.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills & Timesheet

-Updates regarding masks/covid/public closure/work from home

-APRA funds for laptops

-Unemployment for July 6.7%, down from 7.2% in June.

-The Supreme Court suspended the eviction moratorium—Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) is still available and only 11% had been spent

-Children Services open positions—accepting resumes through 9/3.

-Fair Booth

-Travel Requests—Lexi Huck

- 9/7-9/9/21—CORE VII, Athens

-Travel Requests—Heidi Burns

- 9/7/21-ECODA Meeting, Wooster
- 9/10/21-OJFSDA Meeting, Columbus

Randy Williams, Treasurer

-Discussed renewing contracts with local banks.

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 LEPC Compliance Report.
- Attended EMAO SE Region meeting in Logan
- Participated in Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) Summer seminar Wednesday 0900-1200
- Attended Ohio Homeland Security Region 8 HSGP Grants meeting at Muskingum County EMA.
- Continuing to research 911 and Emergency Communications Center information.
- Attended training webinar for CodeRed IPAWS module.
- Met with Drew Blackburn of Morgan County Firefighters Association regarding FD representation for LEPC.
- Prepared EMA and LEPC budget submissions for 2022.
- Monitoring COVID-19 infections – still have masks, sanitizers, etc. available.
- Monitoring Hurricane IDA – weather pattern is setting up for possible heavy rains throughout region for next 72 hours. Slow moving rainstorms have the potential for localized flash flooding and the remnants from Hurricane Ida will be moving through the area.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- Transit—technical assistance renew by ODOT (audit)
- Muskingum Watershed grant for 25% of feasibility study due on Wednesday 9/1. Jennifer Ponchak has completed the application.
- Transportation Improvement District grant award \$400,000 for center turn lane—Mrs. Wells spoke to District 10 last week about FY23 funding to support the project.
- Virtual Broadband mtg—MVESC and telehealth project at Morgan Local.
- ODNR planning meeting with consultant.
- Fair booths for Development, Transit and Mobility Management
- McConnelville 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. *Both projects are delayed according to Jennifer Ponchak .*

- BRIC project to FEMA 75/25. Jennifer Ponchak and Mrs. Wells are working on 25% match grant application to Muskingum Watershed.
- Chesterhill FY2019 Neighborhood Revitalization—community center will rebid 9/7/21.
- Chesterhill sewer—we have started taking applications to assist low-income homeowners to hook up to city sewer.
- Recycling Ton update for 2021.

21-341- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter into executive session at 11:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

21-342- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session at 11:22am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

21-343- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to award Trip View with three camera systems to Foxster OPCO LLC in the amount of \$43,392.48.

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

Wendy Gorrell, MCDD

-Discussed office space at the Reicker Building.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed a new position advertised at the Health Department.

-Mr. Woodward noted that county employees should no longer get compensated for being quarantined. From now on, they will need to use their sick leave or vacation time.

21-344- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

Whereas, the county has previously issued, or intends to issue in the future, bonds and other obligations for the purpose of financing and refinancing various capital improvements in the County (collectively, the Obligations’) and

Whereas, some of the Obligations were issued, or will be issued as, tax exempt and tax-preferred obligations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

Whereas, in connection with the insurance of the Obligations, it is advised that the Board have a formal written policy outlining the policies and procedures necessary to promote compliance with federal income tax and securities law, as well as the requirements set forth in the documents for each issue of Obligations; and

Whereas, the Board desires to formally approve a written policy outlining such policies and procedures;

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

Section 1—Approval of Written Post-Insurance Compliance Policy. The Board hereby approves a written post-insurance compliance policy (the “Policy”) in connection with the insurance of the Obligations of the County. On behalf of the Board, the County Auditor (the Auditor”) is hereby authorized to execute the Policy, which Policy shall be in the form attached hereto as EXHBITA. The Auditor is also hereby authorized to execute any other documents necessary in connection with the Policy. The Auditor’s execution of such documents shall be conclusive evidence of the Board’s approval of the documents.

Section 2—Open Meeting. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in the open meeting of the action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Tom Poorman, JobsOhio

-JobsOhio works very close with local government. Discussed water/sewage project and other projects concerning economic development.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed pay raises concerning the Development Office.

Jack Marlin, Guernsey County Commissioner

-Discussed communication breakdown with phone issues, in Guernsey County dealing with the fire department as well as other areas. Mr. Marlin asked for a letter of support and the commissioners agreed. Commissioners completed and sent.

Linda Sheets,

-Submitted bills and Timesheet

21-345- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to allow Mark Howdysshell to start the process for establishing a Morgan County Land Reutilization District for Morgan County.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

- Work continues with the T1 phone line migration from CenturyLink to Spectrum. It was discovered that the CenturyLink PRI contract was bought out by Lumen. The County's account representative at Lumen is checking on the contract termination conditions. Work in ongoing.

Advanced Business Communications returned to work on an auto-attendant greeting at the Courthouse and the unified communications client at the Sheriff's office. The Juvenile, Probate, and Common Pleas Courts have decided to implement an auto-attendant for all incoming calls, to better direct incoming calls to the correct person. At the Sheriff's Office, several officers will be using the unified communication app on their mobile phones to make or receive calls from their desk phones when they are not in the office.

Work has paused with regard to CourtView 3 access for the Prosecutor's office until some

procedural questions can be answered. Once resolved, the Prosecutor's office network will be combined with the Common Pleas Court network to fix the firewall port access issue that is currently preventing access.

With a ransomware incident occurring close to Morgan County, the IT Director has been sending out guidance to all County computer users reminding them of the best practices for online security. The IT Director will follow up with in-person checks to each office when it is safe to do so.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-346- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to establish fund #321, American Rescue Plan Act.

In addition, please establish receipt line items:

321-0321-4001.00 ARPA-SLFRF Receipts

321-0321-4002.00 ARPA-SLFRF Interest

Please establish expense line item: 321-0321-5301-00-LFR EXPENSES

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

21-347- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$12,250.00 to be put into the other line item #028-0028-5309.

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

21-348- 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

21-349- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg 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

