

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office September 20, 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

21-362- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of September 13, 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 the Morgan County Community Health Assessment meeting held by the Health Department and the Ohio University Voinovich Center.

Commissioner Welsh was at the Keirins' property on Friday reviewing the structure of the home with Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Baker.

21-363- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

Whereas, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and
Whereas, the designation of the official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

Whereas, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;
Now Therefore be it Resolved, that Mr. Adam Shriver, County President Commissioner is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Morgan County.

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills & Timesheet

-Discussed Children Services interviews

Chris Penrose, OSU

-Morgan County September 2021 Commissioners report

4-H Update – Lydia Flores

The Morgan County Junior Fair was a success! The junior fair portion would not have been as successful without the help from the Senior Fair Board, Sale Committee, and Junior Fair Board members. These volunteers dedicated many hours to plan and prepare for junior fair.

Lydia will be attending trainings this fall for a new program she is looking to implement next year. Morgan County will be a part of the year 2 cohort for the Apple Community Education Initiative grant. Ohio 4-H calls our program Clovers CODE (Creating Opportunities Designed for Everyone). The plan is to continue to bring additional opportunities to build educator capacity and out-of-school-time experiences with Apple's Everyone Can Code and Everyone Can Create curricula.

Each county involved in the program will receive:

25 - iPads, Apple pencils, and cases with Apple Care plus

1 - Apple TV for streaming iPads to an LCD projector

1 - MacBook

1 – Lock and Charge storage cart for devices.

Lydia is also working closely with the staff in the office to begin planning out the 2022 4-H calendar. New volunteer applications will be available and older youth interviews will begin in December.

4-H Update - Pam Montgomery

1. The next CARTEENS program is scheduled for October 12th.
2. 4-H Riding Therapy participants and volunteers had a great exhibition at the Morgan County Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 9th. The 40th anniversary of the program was highlighted in the Junior Fair Building with a booth dedicated to the program. A special thank you to Marlene Work for all the hard work over the years and for supplying all material for the booth in Junior Fair Building.
3. Pam assisted Lydia Flores with Junior Fair events during the Morgan County Fair.

4. Applications for the camp counselors and counselors-in-training for 2022 are currently being worked on and the online applications should be available in in early to mid-November.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update Pam Montgomery

- Final pressure canner testing held at Chesterhill Produce Auction on August 30th. Individuals still wanting to have their pressure canner tested can call the office at 740-962-4854 to schedule a time for the testing.
- Next Successful Co-Parenting is scheduled for October 14th from 9:30 am -12 pm. Individuals interested can call the office to register for the program at 740-962-4854.

Update or Morgan County Extension 4-H/ANR Program Assistant: The position has been approved and should be available for interested individuals to apply at <https://hr.osu.edu/careers>.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Update – Chris Penrose

-Did computer work for the Junior Fair and the sale this year was very successful with 343 lots sold, generating \$383,290.35, and the average per lot was \$1117.46, the most ever. A special thank you to all the volunteers and committees that made this a successful fair this year.

-Chris taught Goal Setting/Evaluating Resources to New & Small Farm College clientele in Wooster and Washington Court House.

-The Master Gardeners have been busy planning a Fall Educational Series at Kate Love Simpson Library on October 18, November 8 and 15 at 6 p.m. Topics will be Growing Garlic, Raising Lavender, and Food From the Forest. Planning for a 2022 training is underway with classes beginning in February. For more information, contact the office. The Master Gardeners also cleaned/trimmed/weeded the garden in front of the Riecker bldg. on August 25th.

-We have had a great Farmers Market this year and it will continue through October. We have several new vendors this year adding depth and variety of goods offered each week. In addition, the Master Gardeners will have a plant sale at the market on September 30th.

-Chris also had a forage presentation at a grazing meeting in Licking County and will provide one at the Morgan County Farm Bureau annual meeting on September 25th.

-He also continues to write weekly columns in the Morgan County Herald, had an article in the Ohio Cattleman's magazine and did the monthly TV spot with WHIZ in Zanesville.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

21-364- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to untable bids on Chesterhill FY2019 Neighborhood Revitalization.

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

21-365- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to award the Community Center project to G&M Construction LLC in the amount of \$424,999.00 based on Chesterhill Village Council.

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

21-366- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to award the Sidewalk project to G&M Construction LLC in the amount of \$21,950.00 based on Chesterhill Village Council.

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

- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 10 update on road expansion.
- Senior Center REP for engineering—Thrasher was the only response.
- ARC Grant agreement for broadband feasibility study that has been executed
- SR60 water extension
- OH GIG agreement
- McConnelsville pool
- WVU conversation regarding EDA Build Back Better program for coal inspected communities.
- Small business inquiries (Misty Bragg, Mark Brunton, Jane Cavaarozzi)
- Transit—still going through federal audit. Mr. Sampson on medical leave.

Beth Clodfelter, Sherrod Brown Representative

-Discussed Objective is to meet with counties in areas and “listen and learn” to see if Representative Brown’s Office can assist in any way. It is nice to learn about goals in the area to see if she can help. Healthcare, infrastructure and broadband were issues that were discussed.

21-367- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session with Mrs. Wells at 12:02pm with Mrs. Wells pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) property.

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

21-368- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session with Mrs. Wells at 12:32m with Mrs. Wells pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) property.

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

Mike Coppola, Concerned Citizen

-Troubled by kids vandalizing trees around Burr Oak. Wondering if commissioners can do anything to help. Commissioners mentioned filing a current report with the police. The commissioners will follow up with the sheriff.

Misty Crosby, Buckeye Hills Reginal Council

-Ms. Crosby discussed programs and services that Buckeye Hills provides: aging and disability, population health, community development, mapping and data and transportation planning.

She also discussed the Morgan County Broadband Profile. In Morgan County 86% of the populated area and 59% of households do not have access to minimum 25/3 mbps. The county has 375mi² of populated area, 321 mi² are unserved and out of 8,475 households 4,935 are unserved.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

Discussed unemployment for a former employee

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Discussed tying up loose ends on a piece of property that is being purchased.

Robert Reiter, Southeastern Joint Solid Waste District

-The commissioner had a phone conference with Mr. Reiter and discussed what do with the bailer he owns.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-The fiber optic cable between the Riecker Building and Sheriff's office was tested to see which pairs of fiber were still viable. Previously, the fiber had trouble passing traffic on rainy or windy days, which is out of the ordinary for fiber. This led to the belief that the fiber may need to be repaired. However, the fiber cable appears to be passing traffic without any issues. Testing is ongoing.

The Prosecutor's firewall was reconfigured to allow access to CourtView through the CourtView server in the Common Pleas Court. The firewalls were reconfigured in such a way as to not introduce any additional vulnerabilities to the network at the Courthouse.

The IT Director submitted a list of equipment that should be purchased to increase the capacity and security of the County's data networks in the Riecker Building, Sheriff's office, and Courthouse. The list consisted mostly of switches, network interface cards, and fiber media converters.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

-None-

21-369-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

21-370- 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

