

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office October 18, 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

21-394- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of October 12, 2021.

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

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

All commissioners met with Denny Tom Wednesday about hauling gravel to go to the impound lot.

Commissioner Shriver met with Prosecutor Howdysshell to finalize the closing of the DD property sale to Morgan County Transit and closing of the impound lot on state route 60 south.

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Discussed events of last week.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills

-Children Services Staffing

-Social Security COLA 5.9%; Hamilton County 25%; Holmes 4/3/3

-Travel Requests

- Heidi Burns and Kari Schaad—SEP CAO Meeting in Athens 10/25/21.
- Heidi Burns and Ginger Bowen—ECODA Meeting in Wooster 10/28/21.

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

4-H Update - Pam Montgomery & Lydia Flores

1. CARTEENS leaders and Pam held a virtual CARTEENS program on October 12th.

2. 4-H Advisory Committee and 4-H Horse Sub-committee held meetings on September 22nd. In the next few months, they will be working evaluating an updating and changing things for 2022. Both Lydia and Pam provided reports to the 4-H Advisory Committee.
3. 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.
4. Staff members have scheduled October 25th as the first workday to begin the process of putting together 4-H Calendar for 2022.
5. Staff worked on organizing the storage space on October 11th.
6. Lydia and Pam are conducting After School programs at West Elementary. Topics have include: Paper Crafts, Team Building and Yoga.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update Pam Montgomery

- Next Successful Co-Parenting is scheduled for November 9th 6:30- 9 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: A number of excellent candidates applied for the position. Interviews will take place the end of the month.

Agriculture & Natural Resource Update – Chris Penrose

1. Conducted monthly Master Gardener meeting, had a discussion on Fall Armyworms and Invasive Insects. Also had our final “2020” Master Gardener Training on October 4th due to the pandemic. The Fall Master Gardener sponsored series began October 18th on Growing Garlic, and the final two programs are November 8th and 11th, 6 p.m. at the Kate Love Simpson Library and is open to the public. The final two presentations are on Growing Lavender and Food from the Forest. Plans are

underway for a 2022 Master Gardener Volunteer Training beginning on February 17th. Interested people should call the office at 962-4854.

2. Was the speaker at the Morgan County Farm Bureau Annual Banquet and provided a presentation on Forages. Also had two presentations to Master Gardeners on Lawns (Morgan and Washington Counties).
3. Continue to write articles for Ohio Cattleman's magazine and Farm & Dairy, And weekly articles for the Morgan County Herald and monthly TV interviews on WHIZ TV.
4. Currently planning winter meetings including the Morgan County Beef Producer meetings which will re-start on December 13th and pesticide & fertilizer recertification which will be held in early February.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-The commissioners and Auditor Woodward discussed the way administrative leave should be used according to the ORC.

Sherry Simmons; Matt Kido; Megan Kvamme; Kyle Yoder, Ohio Transparent Telecom

-The task of this company is to unleash the potential of rural Ohio's underserved citizens and communities by providing fast, affordable and reliable internet services through a model that shares our profits with the customers in the communities they serve.

The world is becoming more digital every day. Without high-speed internet access, of opportunities available to most of the world. The list of life's critical digital needs grows daily:

- Work from home

- Telehealth and healthcare access
- Distance learning and remote education
- Precision agriculture
- Business reliance on the Cloud
- Entertainment, shopping, personal connection

OhioTT is built on three main principles. First, full transparency. OhioTT will yield complete transparency through an online dashboard that shows all costs, speeds, and financials for your service. Second, community first. OhioTT is owned and operated by Ohioans. Over half of Ohioans are living in communities that, for years have either not been served or are underserved. Thirdly, profit sharing. As a benefit of helping to expand broadband in your community, all OhioTT customers have the opportunity to participate in profit sharing.

Profit Sharing:

1. Every tower has initial and ongoing expenses that add up to an annual cost to operate.
2. Some of the expenses can be covered from state and federal government funding.
3. Profit is simply the total amount of customers paying for a plan minus the initial and operating cost of the tower expenses.
4. 70% of the profit is given back to the customers in the communities helping to expand broadband in their region.
5. 10% of OTT's profits are donated to the Foundation of Appalachian Ohio to reinvest.

OhioTT has demonstrated its ability to implement leading edge Massive MIMO LTE networks with its recent pilot program in the Village of Somerset in Perry County, Ohio.

Through a collaborative process, OhioTT established a win-win partnership with Village leaders, resulting in expedited approval of an equitable lease on a Village asset during a difficult period of the pandemic.

OhioTT was granted access and license to utilize space on top of the Village water tower in order to deploy broadband services locally.

OhioTT had its first subscriber successfully connected within 30 days of lease approval by Village Council.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-No Report

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Reported the Kern property is still being worked on—final drywall patching taking place. Roof still needs replaced.

-Discussed work to be done on the transit building.

-Discussed operating expenses for the Development Office.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-395- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve transfers between expense line items in the #090 PA Account.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
006-0006-5344.00 (H9 facilities)	006-0006-5309.00 (H15 other)	\$25,000.00

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

21-396- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a supplemental appropriation in in the (050) PCSA account of \$150,000.00. This is being requested from the 050-0050-5301.00 SCPSA line item.

Please approve a supplemental appropriation in the (050) PCSA Account of \$51,000.00. This is being requested from the 050-0050-5303.00 SCPA line item.

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

21-397- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg would like to establish an expense line item 063-0063-5315.00 in which we will be receiving \$18,000.00 for the Ohio children trust fund Early Childhood Safety Initiative (OCTF).

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

21-398- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to request to set up an expense line item for 412-2020-5300-00 for unspent grant funds.

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

21-399- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a transfer for the following line items in the amount of \$1,678.61 from 412-2020-5102.00 (salary) to line item 412-2020-5300-00 (unspent grant funds).

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

21-400-- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a supplemental appropriation for line item 079-0079-5309.00 in the amount of \$10,000.00 and please adjust PO#29027.

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

21-401-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

21-402 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

