

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office November 8, 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

21-431- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of November 1, 2021.

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

-Commissioners are in receipt of October expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

-The commissioners reported on their activities for the previous week:
Commissioner Shriver had a CIC subcommittee meeting.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills

-Submitted timesheet

-November mandated share \$3,297.50

-FCFC meeting on Friday November 12th at 9:00am.

-Contract amendment for Office on Aging

-New Employee for PCSA; still hiring

-Discussed Adult Protective Services issues. The commissioners noted they could bring these issues up at the upcoming Family and Children First meeting.

-Unemployment for Morgan County for September was 5.7% (Aug 5.8%; July 6.7%.)

21-432- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to declare Dodge Stratus from JFS inventory as excess property and sell on GovDeals.com.

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

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.
- New furnace and A/C installed and functioning.
- Received approval from State for FY2020 EMPG Q8 EMPG reimbursement request for \$2754 which will expend the remaining FY2020 grant funds of \$1375.97 leaving a balance of \$0.00.
- Received notification from State of FY2019 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Year 3 Grant for \$11,200. This is an 80%/20% grant for hazard planning and training. Signed agreement and returned to State.
- Met with Morgan Local School's bus drivers- gave them Department of Transportation Emergency Response Guidebooks and instructed in their use. Discussed how they can be a valuable source of information.
- Attended State EMA Director's Conference on 10/28.
- Participating in SE Ohio Healthcare calls regarding COVID surge
- Spoke with Bridget McCarley, the new administrator of Riverside Landing regarding exercises, LEPC, and healthcare coalition.
- Have meeting in Columbus at 11:30 regarding State training scheduling.
- EMAO SE Sector meeting in Logan on 11/16, COTS (Central Ohio Trauma Services), AEP (American Electric Power), Red Cross, NWS (National Weather Service) , HARP (Health and Recovery Planning), ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act, Cybersecurity.
- Are there ARPA funds available to purchase a truck cap for EMA truck? – nexus to secure transportation of supplies and equipment.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

21-433- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to untable sanitary sewer connections grant proposals in Chesterhill.

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

21-434- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve Larry Lang Excavating Inc. sanitary sewer connections in Chesterhill in the amount of \$109,875.00.

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

-SR60 North—Burgess & Niple discussing project with Morgan Meigsville and confirming a project schedule. ARPA funds needs committed from county commissioners.

-Commissioners verbally agreed to commit funds if allowed.

-Transit holiday luncheon, painting and power washing started today.

-RFP submittal for Washington County Transportation—sent questions and waiting for ODOT to review.

-Recycling event volunteers needed for Nov. 13

-Health Department construction funding request.

-Septic contractor complaint

Dena Clark; Mark Ponchak, CVB

Morgan County Ohio CVB

The fundamental mission of the convention and visitor's bureau is the promotion of visitor and business travel, which generates overnight lodging for Morgan County. We are directly responsible for travel and tourism "product awareness" to visitors.

According to the 2019 economic impact study by tourism economics, Morgan County travelers contributed:

- ✓ Direct Visitors Spending: 12.5M
- ✓ Employment Generator: 178 jobs
- ✓ Fiscal Contributions: 2.2M

ARP Background

Congress set aside \$750 million for communities impacted by job loss in the travel, tourism, or outdoor recreation sectors. Further, the House Committee Report accompanying the American Rescue Plan included the following language to clarify congressional intent for the \$750 million set aside, which will help ensure marketing projects are competitively considered:

“In order to stimulate re-growth, the Committee has chosen to reserve a portion of the funding for the Economic Development Administration for areas experiencing severe economic distress as a result of declines in travel, tourism, and outdoor recreation.

Consideration should be given to projects seeking to advance tourism marketing and promotion activities necessary to drive economic recovery in these sectors, as well as projects that provide information to potential consumers regarding health and safety protections necessary for safe travel.”

Goal and Objectives

1. To position Morgan County’s travel industry for recovery due to the economic injury of the pandemic.
2. To sustain future operations of the CVB and recover losses due to the pandemic.
3. To bolster our travel related businesses and sustain tourism in Morgan County.
4. To increase our footprint in key markets and secure a strong return on investment.

21-435- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter into executive session at 11:12am pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) property.

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

21-436- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to exit executive session at 11:20am pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) property.

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

Kelly Caldwell, Humane Agent; Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Ms. Caldwell expressed her ongoing issues with the courts and Prosecutor Howdyshell. Due to these issues, Ms. Caldwell is resigning as Humane Agent. Commissioners thanked her for her service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

-Submitted bills

-Discussed the home delivered meal program they administer. Commissioners requested a meeting with them and Heidi Burns.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-The County Auditor's eGov Pro software was successfully migrated from their old server to the new server. Simply remapping the shared drive connection to the new server was all that was needed to accomplish the transition on the user desktops. No addition software needed to be installed and no anomalies were encountered.

The IT Director attended the Court IT Leaders conference on 4 Nov. 2021. The conference was a meeting of IT Directors for various Courts from around the State. The idea behind the conference is the Court IT officers can share their expertise and experiences with others, assisting where they can. This was the inaugural meeting for this group and follow-up meetings were discussed.

Steve Hook, Engineer

-The commissioners discussed a payout for one of his employees. Engineer Hook said he did not approve the payout. He is currently holding it.

21-437- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to rescind motion 21-344.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-438- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following transfers:

Please transfer \$10,000.00 from our office salary (k-2) 004-0004-5102.00 and place into materials account (k-12 004-0004-5330.00).

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

21-439- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to do the following transfers from 077-0077-5102.00 salaries \$679.00 to 077-0077-5306.00 contracts, from PERS 077-0077-5367.00 \$228.90 to 077-0077-5306.00 contracts, and please adjust PO#21-29024. Please transfer from 077-0077-5367.00 PERS \$133.12 to 077-0077-5369.00 workers comp.

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

21-440- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg would like to transfer the following:

\$726.00 from “travel” line item 001-0301-5307

\$311.83 from “supplies” line item 001-0301-5303

\$60.00 from “equipment line item 001-0301-5304

\$50.00 from, “repairs” line item 001-0301-5305

\$969.17 from “other expenses” line item 001-0301-5308.

For a total--\$2,917.00 to be transferred to “poll worker salaries” line item 001-0301-5103

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

21-441- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to request the following supplemental appropriations for the 079 fund CO21.

079-0079-5102.00	Salaries	\$38353.10
079-0079-5367.00	PERS	\$ 5369.43
079-0079-5368.00	Medicare	\$ 556.12
079-0079-5309.00	Other Exp.	<u>\$ 18221.35</u>
		\$ 62500.00

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

21-442- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$3000.00 from employees' salaries 001-0103-5102.00 to other expenses 001-0103-5309.00.

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

21-443- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer \$1950.00 from contract special investigator 001-0206-5306.00 to contract service 001-0206-5307.00.

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

21-444- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$10,700.00 to be put in the other line item# 028-0028-5309.

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

21-445- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to provide supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$23,095.42 to line item #001-0301-5306.00 (contract expenses) which is the reimbursement of funds that were spent on the August 3, 2021 Special Election

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

21-446-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

21-447- 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

