

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office November 15, 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

**21-448-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021.

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

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

Commissioner Welsh and Commissioner Shriver had a meeting with Linda Sheets and Heidi Burns to discuss the Adult Protective Services Program and the home delivered meal program. On Thursday, Commissioner Welsh attended a meeting at McConnel Manor. He also attended a Family and Children First meeting on Friday.

**21-449-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant request from the Veteran's Services Office to increase the wage rate from \$275.00/mo. to \$300.00/mo. for current and future Veterans Services Commissioners. See Attachment A

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

-This is from Rural Action "Hard to Recycle" event held on Saturday, November 13, 2021:

Medical supplies—1 gaylord box (a gaylord box is 4 foot cubed on a pallet) We anticipated more but a lot of what we got from Riverside Landing next door we put in scrap metal because it was rusty and the pads were beat up.

Mattresses/Box Springs—30 of these were dropped off

Books—1/2 gaylord box

Re-chargeable batteries—about 100 lbs.

E—Waste-3 gaylord boxes

Scrap Metal- 10 cubic yards of a 13 cubic yard rolloff. The other remained empty.

Textiles-we got a nominal amount of this material.

Trash-we ended up with 3 cubic yards capacity of the rolloff dumpster.

### ***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-Submitted bills

-New Employees for PCSA—two are starting; still hiring one more position

- Adult Protective Services (APS) Solutions—working with Office on Aging

-Presenting at Rotary on Tuesday

-Child Support Agency surpassed the state in all categories of performance for FFY21 (October, 2020 through September, 2021)

- Paternity Establishment 99.76% (State 95.88%)—this is of the cases open how many have paternity established
- Support Establishment 96.54% (State 92.64%)—this is of cases open, how many have support established.
- Current Support Collections 76.68% (State 71.54%)—this is the percent of money collected.
- Arrearage Collections 77.68% (State 74.7%) this is of the cases with arrearages, how many have payments coming in.

Child Support—holding meetings with the Prosecutor and are making great progress each month; Ms. Bowen is working on 2022 Contracts; she is also working on self-assessment which is a review of cases mandated by the state each year.

### ***Chris Penrose, OSU***

4-H Update – Lydia Flores

1. Lydia is continuing to visit West Elementary every Tuesday to teach youth ways to use paper products for crafts. So far, youth have done origami, upcycled toilet paper rolls into fire breathing dragons, made scrapbook page for the school, and made a journal. She has truly enjoyed the students' creativity and enthusiasm to learn new skills. She is grateful for the opportunity to teach from West Elementary.
2. As the year comes to end, Lydia will begin working with Senior Fair Board and the Livestock Sale Committee to prepare for the 2022 county fair. This month the organizational meeting for the Livestock Sale Committee will be held on November 18 at 7:30pm in the Riecker Building, room 325. Lydia will attend the Senior Fair Board meeting this month to finalize market steer tag-in/weigh-in for December.
3. One of the last items of business for the Morgan County Junior Leaders is to participate and help with the Christmas parade. The Junior Leaders are gathering the supplies needed and excited to finish the year on a high note by bringing joy to youth within the community.

4. The 2022 4-H calendar had been tentatively set With Pam, Lydia and staff. There are still some location confirmations to be made before the calendar gets shared with everyone. This month Lydia has finalized the Older Youth letter to be sent out with an older youth application for teens to sign up for a leadership role within 4-H. The 4-H staff have worked together to finalize the quarterly volunteer newsletter which should be mailed out soon. The 4-H staff also plans to send a broadcast email directly to each volunteer as well as post a similar newsletter to the 4-H blog for families to see.
5. Lydia is finishing up her role as chairman of the Epsilon Sigma Phi (an Extension professional development organization) Special Chapter Awards Committee which is a sub-committee of the Scholarships, Grants, and Recognition Committee of the Ohio Joint Council of Extension Professionals. She developed a campaign plan of emails and Facebook posts for the summer months, rebuilt the online survey for nominations, and facilitated a nomination meeting to review all 64 nominations across 11 awards.
6. Lastly, Lydia and Pam collaborated on a grant proposal to provide teen leaders with an immersive experience in leadership roles and opportunities within the 4-H program. The grant proposal requested about \$3,300 from the Ohio 4-H Foundation to utilize for an Expansion of Teen Leaders Camping Experience. The goal is to reach current and new teens to explore their leadership skills and how they can become true leaders for the 4-H program and in life after high school.

#### 4-H Update - Pam Montgomery

1. 4-H Advisory Committee and 4-H Horse Sub-committee meetings are scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Applications for the camp counselors and counselors-in-training for 2022 are available and due December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Individuals interested can call the office at 740-962-4854.

#### Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update Pam Montgomery

- Next Successful Co-Parenting is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am 1 12 pm. Individuals interested can call the office to register for the program at 740-962-4854.

Update on Morgan County Extension 4-H/ANR Program Assistant: The individual will start the part time position the week of December 6th and an announcement will be made prior to the end of November.

Update on Morgan County Extension SNAP-Ed Program Assistant: Job as posted and closed. Plans are to do interviews on November 19th.

#### Agriculture and Natural Resources Update – Chris Penrose

1. The Morgan County Master Gardeners continue to be active hosting the Fall Educational Series. The first class had Ted Wiseman providing a program on “Growing Garlic”, the next program was Mark Ponchak and he had a presentation on “Raising Lavender” with a lot of it growing right here in McConnelsville. The final one is on November 15<sup>th</sup> and Erica Lyon from Jefferson County with a presentation of “Food from the Woods”. Plans

have been made for the 2022 Master Gardener training which begins February 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the Extension office.

2. In the past month, Chris provided programs to clientele including one on “Wildlife Issues”, “Making Hay”, “Lawn Care”, “Beef Quality Assurance”, and “Careers in Agriculture”.
3. The Farmers Market officially ended the end of October and it was a very successful season with more vendors and customers. There will be a planning meeting in April to plan for the 2022 season.
4. Weekly articles are published in the Morgan County Herald and articles have been published this past month in the Farm & Dairy, Ohio Cattleman’s magazine, OSU Beef Team Newsletter, the Progressive Forage magazine, the Urban Food Systems Symposium, and papers have been submitted to the Journal of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents, and the American Forage and Grassland Council.
5. Chris will finish his term as the president of the American Forage and Grassland Council in January during its annual meeting.
6. Finally, programs are currently being scheduled for this winter starting with the return of the Beef Producer meetings on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at the H.S. Vo-Ag room with presentations from Ohio Department of Agriculture veterinarians, Garth Ruff and Chris. Pesticide and fertilizer recertifications have also been scheduled with both offered on February 7<sup>th</sup> and fertilizer only on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Call for details.

**21-450-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve Windsor Township Trustees reappointment of Lynn White to the Morgan Meigsville Water District until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

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

**21-451-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$18,600 from the Mitigation line item 108-0108-5301.00 to line item 001-0101-4006.00. This is necessary in order to complete the reimbursement made earlier this year.

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

**21-452-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following:

| <u>From:</u>              | <u>To:</u>                   | <u>Amount:</u> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Medicare 250-0250-5301.00 | Jail Fund 001-1501-4011.00   | \$41,000       |
| Medicare 250-0250-5301.00 | Comm. Other 001-0101-4006.00 | \$32,000       |

In addition please approve the following supplemental appropriations:

001-1501-5310.00 \$41,000.00

001-1501-5309.00 \$32,000.00

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

***Jackie Cunningham, Cheryl Kintz; Concerned Citizens***

-Discussed the dog pound and they wanted to volunteer at the pound. The commissioners told them they would speak to the dog warden.

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office; John Sampson, Transit***

-Mrs. Wells and Mr. Sampson presented idea of responding to Washington County's Public Transit RFP to provide transportation for three (3) years. The commissioners thought it might be a better plan to start smaller. Beginning with Beverly and Lowell instead. The commissioners noted that they would like to revisit applying to Washington County in the next RFP.

**21-453-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to award septic project to Wilkins Excavating in the amount of \$14,000 for 9129 N. SR60.

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

-Community Housing Improvement Project (CHIP) 2021 award for \$500,000.00.

-Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) award for \$65,494.00

***Donna Dixon, Stockport Trustee***

-Discussed parking issues in Stockport. She shared a text between she and the Sheriff's Office. Commissioners reminded Mrs. Dixon that they had no jurisdiction over the office but agreed to speak with him about the issue. She is concerned about it for safety especially for the fire trucks.

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Dog report-filed

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-No Report

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***Gary Woodward, Auditor; Katy Chapin, Deputy Auditor***

-Discussed the lease of the Learning Center. Commissioner Bragg agreed to reach out to their board president to discuss it.

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***Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications***

**21-454-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the following transfer:

| <u>From:</u>                 | <u>To:</u>                 | <u>Amount:</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Supplies 001-0102-5303.00    | Contracts 001-0102-5306.00 | \$2,000.00     |
| Advertising 001-0102-5308.00 | Contracts 001-0102-5306.00 | \$2,000.00     |

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

**21-455-** Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to find herein the following requests:

2121 supplemental Budget appropriations, as adopted by our Board on August 26, 2021.

For the purpose of expending the funds required for the payback to the DODD of capital funds associated with the MCDD property at 900 S. Riverside Drive:

Fund 017 (General Fund, Other):

Fund 017-0017-5309.00      Other Expenditures      \$88,000.00

2021 Amended Certificate of Resources request, as adopted by our Board on August 26, 2021.

For the purpose of receiving revenue association with the sale of the MCBDD property at 900 S. Riverside Drive:

Fund 017 (General Fund, Other):

Fund 017-0017-4004.00      Other Receipts      \$396,000.00

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

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**21-456-**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**

**21-457-** 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**

Attachment A:



MORGAN COUNTY  
**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE**



135 South Kennebec Avenue  
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Director@morganvso@com

11/01/2021

Re: Morgan County Veteran Service Commission Pay Increase

This letter is to request a pay increase from \$275.00 per month to \$300.00 per month for our sitting and future Veteran Service Commissioners. After a review of the surrounding counties the Morgan County VSC's are the lowest paid members in the area.

I have inquired about the raise with Assistant Prosecutor Janna Woodburn. During our discussion it was suggested to start the increase, if approved, should begin January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. The VSC's last increase was 10 years ago and just a \$25 increase (\$250 to \$275).

In conclusion, we are asking for a Pay raise to \$300.00 per month starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. This raise will be paid by the Veteran Service Office's annual budget.

Thank you for your consideration,

Adam Triplet,  
Morgan County Veteran Service Office











