

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office November 22, 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

21-458- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021.

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

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

Commissioner Bragg attended a Regional Jail meeting on Wednesday. He also attended a Washington County Bid Opening for Public Transit RFP.

Commissioner Shriver and Auditor Woodward had a meeting with Judge Wells and Ms. Carma Johnson, Clerk of Courts on Wednesday. He also attended a Community Action Board meeting. Commissioner Shriver, Commissioner Bragg, Prosecutor Howdyshell and Mrs. Wells met together to have a meeting concerning transit.

Today, all commissioners met at Pennsville for an ally viewing at 8:00am and the hearing is scheduled later in the day.

Curt Johnson, Airport Authority

-Discussed capital improvement to airport authority building. Updated commissioners on fuel usage from out of area aircraft US local aircraft.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted bills

-Submitted Timesheet

-New website linked to the county website for our agency.

-Children Services updates

-Adult Protective Services updates

Jeremy Welch, IKORCC

-Mr. Welch met with the commissioners and spoke on the Solar (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) “Pilot” Program. This program allows local communities to create a partnership with a utility-scale solar facility that will provide significant revenues for schools and local governments, while creating jobs and economic activity. The commissioners were not opposed to this. They referred Mr. Welch to Buckeye Hills who might be able to assist him further in identifying communities where solar projects are being proposed.

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.
- Received approval from State for FY2019 EMPG supplemental reimbursement request for \$2,998.61 which will end FY2019 EMPG grant reimbursement. This amount was in addition to the previously approved \$21,509.00 bringing the total to \$24507.61.
- Attended SEO EMA Director’s meeting in Logan on 11/16.
- Participating in SE Ohio Healthcare calls regarding COVID surge
- Fulfilled spill and release inquiry for property adjacent to Homestead Mobile Home Park for Spence Environmental Consulting. No record of reported spills or releases.
- Notified Apperson’s of request for UV lighting addition to HVAC system.
- Working on truck cap pricing – soft tri-fold approximately \$280.
- FY2021 EMPG discussion-

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

-Submitted bills

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Discussed the county insurance policy regarding a former JFS employee.

Steve Hook, Engineer

21-459- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve to trade a road grader for (\$10,000) and purchase a pipe driver (\$25,000) for a final cost of \$15,000.

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

21-460- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to purchase a new pickup truck (#57) in the amount of \$46,000.

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

-Discussed the potential of a new deputy engineer.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) 2019 Grant Amendment needs signed.

-RFP results in Washington County for Transportation

-Tourism ARPA proposal—is there an estimated timeframe when a decision would be made?

-Requesting meeting with Economic Development Administration on SR60 waterline extension. Buckeye Hills to organize.

-Researched properties listed on Airbnb for the tourism board.

-Transit moving on Wednesday this week. Internet being moved to new location.

-Rehab in Pennsville has concluded on Contract 1. Bids due next Monday for Contract 2 roof and final work.

Jeff McInturf, Surveyor

21-461- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Shriver to close the following platted ally:

The alley vacation is located in the State of Ohio, County of Morgan, Township of Penn, Section 2, Township 9, Range 12.

Being that extension of Penn Street located northeast of Lot 34 and southwest of Lot 23 and 24 in the Old Part Addition of Pennsville. The alley is platted as 66 feet wide (northeast and southwest by 132 feet long (northwest and southeast) and is equal to 0.20 of an acre. If the alley is vacated, a parcel will be created and put in the name of Richard and Rose Mary Welsh.

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

21-462- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer the following:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Medicare 250-0250-5301.00	Comm. Other 001-0101-4006.00	\$33,000

In addition, please approve the following supplemental appropriation:

001-0101-5309.00 \$33,000.00

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

-The commissioners had a conference call with Mr. Rob Reiter (Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste District.) The commissioners were deciding the best location for a recycling trailers that need to be moved from new transit facility. Commissioners would like to keep them in accessible places.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-A new web page was created for the Job and Family Services (JFS) office in Morgan County. The previous link on the County's website went to the State's main JFS page. The new page will offer Morgan County specific information and more relevant links to the State resources.

The Commissioners asked the IT Director about the records retention schedule (RC-2) for the Dog Warden's reports. The current RC-2 states that Dog Warden reports will be retained for 2 years in either paper or electronic format. The Commissioners said that they will retain 4 years of Dog Warden records, to be safe. The IT Director will help the Commissioners Clerk get rid of paper records that fall outside of the four year window. Electronic records will be retained on the County's website from 2016 onward.

21-463- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve back (accumulated sick and vacation time) for 2020 into his bank for EMA Director.

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

*This motion was made as a result of the decision to classify the EMA Director as a part-time employee. At that time the commissioners had made this conciliation.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-464- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to American Electric Power –Ohio Power/John Standley to span over/construction within county rd. 14, located in the Township of Homer, Section No. 17, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

21-465- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from #081-0081-5102.00 salaries in the amount of \$10,000 to #081-0081-5303.00 supplies and please adjust PO#21-29119. We would like to also transfer from #068-2018-5102.00 salaries in the amount of \$1500.00 to 068-2018-5306.00 contracts and please adjust PO#21-29013.

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

21-466- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer the following:

\$423.23 from supplies line item 001-0301-5303.00

\$622.25 from advertising and printing line item 001-0301-5308.00

\$1,000.00 from contract services line item 001-0301-5306.00

TO—Employee Salaries line item 001-0301-5102.00

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

21-467- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

Concerning the Morgan County Common Pleas Court current appropriations; the Court requests transfer of \$200.00 from the Judge's Dues Expense Line Item #001-0202-5305.00 to Jury Commission Expense Line Item #001-0203-5102.01.

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

21-468-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

21-469- 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

