

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office December 6, 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

21-473- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of November 29, 2021.

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

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

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

Commissioner Welsh checked out progress and answered questions from the public on the impound lot.

Commissioner Shriver met with the Prosecutor. He also signed titles for vehicles for GovDeals.com. Mr. Shriver met with Buckeye Hills and Steadfast City on 12/2/21 regarding Opportunity Zone business in Morgan County.

Ron Moore, Learning Center

-Discussed the rent of the Learning Center that hasn't been adjusted in a long time. Also, the subletting topic was discussed.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted timesheet

-Submitted bills

Meeting Request

- Heidi Burns—Fairfield County JFS on 12/7/21 for monthly meeting

Family & Children First Meeting Friday 12/10/21 at 9:00am.

APS Services & Meals on Wheels Discussion

John Wilt, EMA

- Ohio Emergency Management Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours.
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Coordinating with MCHD on a regular basis.
- Received conditional approval for the CERPP (Chemical Emergency Response Preparedness Plan) from Ohio EMA. Will go to SERC at their December 8th meeting for final approval and acceptance.
- Participated in TEAMS meeting with Ohio Department of Health CDC, Marietta Memorial Hospital System regarding logistics for move of ChemPaks from ODH Columbus to Selby Memorial Hospital on 12/9/21. Will be going to ODH warehouse today for orientation.
- Appersons notified to install UV lighting addition HVAC system.
- Truck cap pricing—soft tri-fold \$287 bed liner mat \$114.

John Wells, Judge

-Discussed business within the courthouse.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor; Gary Woodward, Auditor

21-475- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to enter executive session at 10:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

21-476- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to exit executive session at 11:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Tiffany McCabe, Chad Amos, Dee Wiseman, Jeff Drake, Kenny White, Cody Pletcher; Soul & Water

2022 Goals

- Our main goal is to have full time employees with insurance benefits: at this time, we have one full-time employee with no insurance benefits and one employee (intermittent)

who works only 8-14 hours per week. Ideally, we would like to have 1 to two full time employees with the option of insurance benefits available to them and a part-time or intermittent employee.

- Continue to put conservation on the land
- Continue to provide a district office to the citizens of Morgan County to visit for their NRCS and SWCD needs.
- Provide educational outreach field days to our Morgan County Schools and the community.
- Replace our District Truck. We currently have a 1997 Chevrolet truck.
- Office upgrades (bathroom, office furniture, ect.)

Daily Operations

- NRCS Program Assistance: the office provides space for a NRCS employee so that producers may sign up for federal programs, such as EQIP, resulting in federal dollars being implemented into the county. Our District Technician assists Dee Wiseman, NRCS in the field within the office.
- EQIP: Since 2018 Morgan County has been approved for \$2,815,932.00 worth of EQIP dollars to assist producers in putting conservation practices on their land, \$10,188,913.00 in 2021 alone.
- Cover Crop Program: Provides assistance in obtaining a cost-share rate for sewing cover crops to improve soil health. Morgan County producers have shown increased interest in this program. In 2021, 1,297 acres were approved to be planted.
- Muskingum Watershed Livestock Exclusion and Stream Protection Fencing: We continue to assist producer's in getting cost-share funding from this program. Morgan County currently has two stream fencing and stream crossing projects approved for installation.
- CAUV: We continue to work alongside of the Morgan County's Auditor's office to assist with CAUV applications.
- Equipment Rental: We currently keep a Brillion Seeder, No-Till Drill and a John Deere 825 Gator with sprayer available for our producers to rent throughout the year to sew their crops and spray their fields. The service comes in handy to the producers within the county who don't have the funds to purchase their own equipment.

21-477- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to sell white box truck at transit as excess on GovDeals.com.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- A response was submitted to Washington County Request for Proposal for transportation services on November 18, 2021. Mr. Schilling called on December 2, 2021 to inform the Development Office that the transportation proposal was awarded to Washington Morgan County Action.
- A letter of support was sent from the Development office in support of a grant ODNR Division of Parks & Watercraft is writing on behalf of Burr Oak State Park. The grant application is going to the Economic Development Administration, American Rescue Plan Act: Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation program.
- Ace Septic Service has requested a change order at 8500 St. Rt. 60 in McConnelsville to include a leach system. The change request is \$12,150 for a project total of \$21,450. The breakdown of the change order is as follows: \$5,450 for tree to be dropped, cut and stumps grinded, \$400 for cleaning/removal of tree limbs/prep area and \$6,300 to pump tank, install leach system, hook up system, backfill and rough finish grade.
- A request was made to IBI Group to prepare a cost estimate for repairs needed at Union Hall Theater to submit for a Targets of Opportunity grant to Ohio Department of Development.
- A bid was received for a home rehabilitation at 1131 Main Street Malta, Ohio for \$39,200 by Crawford Contracting. This was the only bid received. The

specifications were sent to three contractors who are approved to bid in the program.

- A bid was received for a roof repair and other interior work at 1480 S. SR377 Stockport, Ohio for \$23,200. The specifications were sent to two contractors per the homeowner's request.
- Transit had a driver have an incident at a client's home on 11/30/21 and tripped on a sidewalk. The employee has submitted a worker's compensation claim and is currently off work until further notice.
- The white box truck used for Mary Hammond needs disposed.
- The following meetings are on my calendar for the week of 12/6/21: ARC virtual meeting on 12/7/21, 10:00am to discuss the broadband planning grant Morgan County received, Community Health Assessment virtual meeting on 12/7/21, 2:00pm, Mobility Management virtual update meeting on 12/8/21 at 10:00am, Buckeye Hills transportation request for proposal meeting with John Sampson 12/8/21 at 1:30pm.
- Adam Shriver and I met with Buckeye Hills and Steadfast City on 12/2/21 regarding Opportunity Zone business in Morgan County.
- A call was received for business plan information on starting a daycare and information was sent to the caller. Another small business call was received to ask if the county building on 5th Street in McConnelsville is for sale.
- The Recycling ton report for 3rd quarter has been received. 119,540 lbs (59.77 tons). The summary report is attached.
- The prosecutor prepared a memorandum of understanding to be passed by resolution regarding the expanded role of economic development with associated salary increases to be performed by the Development office on behalf of the Morgan County Commissioners.
- A couple of calls were received on housing issues at Windsor Village apartments on 12/2/21. The callers described rat infestation, mold, squatters, safety concerns and have stated management will not address the issues. The property is not a HUD property, but it is a USDA property. I emailed contacts at Southeastern

Ohio Legal Services and USDA for additional support for the tenants. I also gave the information to the tenants to follow up.

- A virtual meeting was held on 12/2/21 with Rural Action to discuss future recycling opportunities in Morgan County including composting. I forwarded an email with a survey link to many small business owners in Morgan County to see what interest they may have in composting opportunities.
- Kelly Architectural Services company submitted a proposal in response to the request for proposals for renovation work at the transit facilities located at 900 S. Riverside Dr., McConnelsville. The proposal was reviewed and is recommended to move forward. Grant funding from ODOT has been received to cover the costs of the renovation work.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-The Title Office experienced an issue with their title printers on their ATP network. The issue started with their primary printer failing to print titles, saying that another device on the network was using the printer's name. The computers were rerouted to their backup printer. Then, the following day, the backup printer reported the same error. All computers were routed back to the primary printer and the issue was resolved.

The scope of the phone system installation project at Public Transit's new building has changed. Transit would now like to have Internet installed in the buildings behind the main building. Advanced Business Communications has been notified and will run the Internet connection when they installed the phone system.

Troubleshooting continues with Spectrum and Public Transit's move to their new building. A Spectrum technician showed up to install new equipment, but was unable to as it would completely disconnect the existing phone numbers. The technician advised that we call their service desk and get the equipment moved internally.

It was noticed that the line voltage on two of the incoming phases was about 5% higher than normal. This was only checked because the Facilities Officer reported that a number of lighting ballasts failed in one particular office within the Riecker Building. The voltage levels will be monitored.

21-478- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Ms. Mary Goode to the Kate Love Simpson Library Board of Trustees. Her current term expires on December 31, 2021.

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

21-479- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to appoint Mr. Phil Lawrence to the Morgan Meigsville Water District Board for the next three years.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

21-480- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request transfers between expense line items in the #090 Bureau of Support Account. The following transfers are requested:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Account</u>
090-0090-5345.00 (purchase of serv.)	090-0090-5102.00 (CESA Salaries)	\$11,740.00

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

21-481- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer the following:

\$3,889.00 from contract services line item 001-0301-5306.00 to employee salaries line item 001-0301—5102.00 to supplement this line item including the pay out of comp hours for the Director and Deputy Director.

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

21-482- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$2,000.00 from the Probate Other Expense line item #001-0204-5309.00, \$1500.00 from Probate Foreign Judge Expense line item #001-0204-5323.00, and \$2500.00 from Common Pleas Court Supplies Expense line item#00-0202-5303.00--\$6,000.00 total, to the Juvenile Detention line item #001-0203-5310.00.

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

21-483- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to transfer the following:

\$150.00 from line item 001-0207-5307.00 (travel) to 001-0207-5321.00 (other fees) \$5.02 from line item 001-0207-5307.00 (travel) to 001-0207-5322.00 (cc fees)

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

21-484- 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

21-485- 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

