

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 21, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Tom Bragg, President
Adam Shriver, Vice-President
Richard Welsh, Member

*Cecil Mayle observed the commissioner's office from at 8:30am until 4:00pm.

22-452- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of November 14, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Commissioner Welsh attended contract negotiations on Wednesday and Friday.

-Commissioner Bragg talked to Kelly Caldwell and Becky Thompson concerning dog issues.

Monday, Commissioner Shriver attended a Historical Society Meeting to discuss Appalachian Community Grant Program with them.

Tuesday, Commissioner Shriver attended two Virtual meetings with Buckeye Hills regarding Appalachian Community Grant Program. Morgan County Projects were discussed. Also met with Citizens National Bank Board regarding a project they are potentially doing and whether it would work alongside the ACGP.

Wednesday, Commissioner Shriver met with Thrasher Engineering to discuss projects in the Morgan County including Senior Center. Also attended Morgan County Broadband meeting.

Friday, Commissioner Shriver attended OneOhio Region 12 virtual meeting. That is opioid settlement Council of Government.

He also met with Mrs. Wells and Jay Bennett to discuss Morgan County Broadband POWER Application and next steps for the local committee.

Randy Williams, Auditor; Gary Woodward, Concerned Citizen

-The Kern Project was discussed. There are questions concerning the way money is being handled with the owner.

Also, discussed the Land Bank, in particular, the one on Cruz Lane.

John Wilt, EMA

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Continue purging and reorganizing files. Organizing certificates for NIMS, ICS training, etc.
- Attended Southeast Region EMA Director's meeting in Jackson.
- Continuing extensive research and background work on communications project. Helped with non-functioning monitor in M&M dispatch and examined unused equipment stored at M&M.
- Attended National Weather Service Winter Weather Presentation
- Working with State on status of a couple of grants.
- Preparing RFQ for Capabilities Assessment contractor to assess and evaluate capabilities of County emergency response organizations. This will include equipment inventories and personnel qualification to begin FEMA resource typing. This will be 80% funded by HMEP grant.

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

4-H Youth Development update

-10/18, Two 4-H volunteers that serve on the Horse Sub-Committee and Pam Montgomery attended a Zoom meeting with volunteers from Washington County to discuss expanding of programs for youth taking horse projects in both counties and partnering.

-10/25, Pam provided a CARTEEN member meeting to prepare for the November 7th program that was attended by 2 youth and 1 parent.

-10/25, Sophia Whisman attended a honor club meeting with Pam and members of the 4-H Advisory committee to plan what the honor club guidelines would look like.

-10/26, Sophia held an evening meeting for the Junior Leaders' group.

-10/27, Sophia attended a camping in-service with Pam to learn more about the camping experience to benefit Morgan Counties annual 4-H Camp.

- 11/1, Sophia attended a 4-H Professionals in-service with Pam for professional development and networking purposes.
- 11/2, Sophia and Chris Penrose attended a Quality Assurance in-service to become certified to teach that topic.
- 11/3,10 & 17, Sophia attended zoom trainings to learn about options for in school programming.
- 11/4, Sophia did an interview with WHIZ TV Live at Noon about older youth opportunities.
- 11/7, Pam set-up and attended the 4-H Healthy Living Design Team monthly Zoom meeting.
- 11/9, Pam attended Statewide 4-H Horse Committee Education Zoom.
- 11/9, Sophia attended a Zoom to help educate her on different partnership committees.
- 11/10, Sophia held an evening meeting for the Morgan County Livestock Sale Committee.
- 11/15 Sophia attended a statewide Zoom to learn of any current events with Ohio State University and attended a Senior Fairboard meeting that evening.
- 11/18 Sophia attended a ChickQuest In-service to hopefully offer egg embryology education to the schools in the future.
- 11/21, 4-H Staff meeting at Belle Valley for the eight counties in S.E. Ohio. Pam set the agenda, sent invites and developed the agenda.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) update

- 10/22 & 11/8, Pam provided a Successful Co-Parenting programs, each with one participate.
- 11/4, Pam tested a pressure canner lid and handed out resources to an individual on basic canning.
- Area Leader Items (Morgan, Muskingum, Perry Washington Counties), Pam Montgomery
- 10/25, Attended a Webinar on the Appalachian Community Grant Program out the Governor's Office.
- 11/10, Extension Leadership Team meeting 4-H Center.
- Program Assistant job interviews for Washington & Muskingum Counties.
- Attended three Area Leaders monthly Zoom meetings.

- Holds one-on-one meetings with staff in all 4 counties every month or every other month depending on the need.

Snap-Ed update

-Betsy Ellingsworth is excited to be onboard with the Morgan County Extension office. She is currently attending trainings and beginning to meet with schools to schedule programming and will be reaching out to other community agencies to plan programs.

Agriculture & Natural Resources update

-Chris Penrose worked with the Morgan County Master Gardeners and speakers to provide a series of programs to the public on “An Update on Ticks in Ohio”, “Square Foot Gardening the Easy Way” and “Indoor Mushroom Cultivating”. A special thanks to the Kate Love Simpson Library, and local speakers, Vicki Crawford and Jed & Jenny Hooper for their wonderful presentations.

-The Morgan County Master Gardeners held their monthly meeting and are planning several programs for the upcoming year.

-Chris Provided a lawn program to Belmont Co. Master Gardeners and was the speaker at the National Blonde ‘Antainque Beef Association on “Forages to Extend the Grazing Season”.

-Winter programs are being scheduled. We have scheduled pesticide and fertilizer recertification, pesticide training and testing for new applicators. Cattleman’s meetings, beef banquet and a cow-calf school at Clemens Farms on February 20th.

-Chris continues his monthly TV spot on WHIZ, weekly articles in the *Herald*, had an article in *Farm & Dairy*, and had a journal article accepted for publication.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Prosecutor Howdyshell discussed the need for a policy change in which each new employee needs to complete an ethics training course within 30 days of employment.

-Discussed record keeping with the dog pound.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor; John Wilt, EMA

-The commissioners, Prosecutor Howdyshell and Mr. Wilt discussed 911 Mr. Wilt has been doing some work on behalf of the commissioners.

Heidi Burns; JFS

-Union negotiations

Heidi Burns; JFS; Randy Williams, Auditor

-Mrs. Burns discussed office space with Auditor Williams. Also discussed contracting legal advice for the county.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

22-453- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Engineer Hook to bid up to \$60,000 on a 2010 International 7400 dump truck on GovDeals.

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

22-454- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter executive session with Heidi Burns at 2:10pm pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

22-455- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to exit executive session with Heidi Burns at 2:15pm pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

22-456- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to allow computer/tech items submitted by Mr. Babcock. These items can then be disposed of.

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

Broc Spears, Pound Keeper; Allan Eltringham, Assistant Pound Keeper; Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

--Discussed Policies and Procedures, as well as, a specific issue that had been investigated. At this time, Mr. Spears resigned his position as Pound Keeper. The pound keeper position was then offered to Mr. Eltringham. He accepted the offer and will begin immediately.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-457-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Columbia Gas of Ohio from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Road 94, located in the Township of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio

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

22-458- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve a supplemental appropriation in the in the amount of \$2,000.00 into other expenses 005-00055309.00

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

22-459- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following: \$2,448.25 from contract services line item 001-0301-5306.00 to PEO salaries line item 001-0301-5103.00.

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

22-460- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve supplemental appropriations for fund 085 revolving loan fund: other expenses 085-0085—5309.00 \$15,000.00

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

22-461- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request an advance for the Reicker Building fund (274) in order to make the loan payment to get other line items out of the negative, in the amount of \$17,897.50 from Commissioners other expenses 001-0101-5309.00

With the following supplemental appropriations:

Salary	274-0274-5102.00	\$15,000.00
Debt pmt.	274-0274-5301-00	\$ 537.50
PERS	374-0274-5367-.00	\$ 2,200.00
Medicare	274-0274-5368.00	\$ 160.00

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

22-462- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve supplemental appropriations for miscellaneous other expenses fund 001-1501-5309.00 in order to pay miscellaneous bills for the remainder of the year in the amount of \$25,000.00. Adjust P.O. 22-29291

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

22-463- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer to the coroner contract services 001-0206-5306.00 in the amount of \$4,690.74 from other health crippled children 001-0804-5326.00. and to Adjust P.O.

Transfer to the Coroner worker's compensation 001-0206-5369.00 in the amount of \$309.26 from other crippled children 001-0804-5326.00 to cover a negative balance.

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

22-464- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be taken out of insurance line item 028-0028-5366.00 and put into milage line item 028-0028-5307.00.

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

***The Morgan County Commissioners are in receipt of the following document on November 21, 2022 from the Morgan County Learning Center. See attachment**

22-465-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

22-466- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting November 21, 2022.

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

Tom Bragg, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

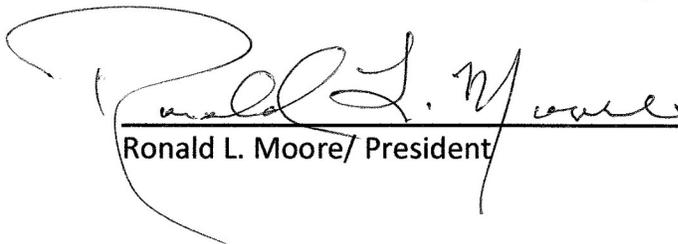
Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:

Morgan County Learning Center
Board Action 10-28-2022

1. The BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY LEARNING CENTER, INCORPORATED (MCLC) voted unanimously to cease operations of the MCLC, and to dissolve the non-profit corporation known as the Morgan County Learning Center, Inc.
2. The corporation will be dissolved according to state and federal laws.
3. Any assets will be offered to Morgan County governmental units, offices and departments (Board of Health, Morgan County Transit, Job and Family Services, etc.)
4. Any assets belonging to Mid-East Career and Technology Center will be returned.
5. Any remaining assets will be disposed of through an online auction service (GOVERNMENTLIQUIDATORS.COM).
6. Any cash will be used to continue offering GED classes through the Morgan County Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS). As such, said cash will be transferred to DJFS via the Morgan County Auditor's Office.



Ronald L. Moore/ President

OCT. 28, 2022

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