

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, January 31, 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

**22-075-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022.

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

- The commissioners attended a CIC meeting on Monday.
- Mr. Shriver also attended an APPA webinar Wednesday. On Thursday, Commissioner Shriver met with Tim Ryan for the campaign of U.S Senate.
- Commissioner Bragg signed papers in Mrs. Well's office on Wednesday.

***Randy Williams, Treasurer***

-Discussed with commissioners a landbank meeting he would like to schedule soon with commissioners and prosecutor present.

***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**22-076-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to allow Engineer Hook to purchase a freight liner 108SD truck from FYDA Freight Liner in the amount of \$97,979.00.

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

**22-077-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to award a slip repair project CR 69 (Coleman Rd.) to Allen Stone Cooperated in the amount \$308,406.50.

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

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

- Meeting Reminder—COG @ Caldwell on Monday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- COVID updates for agency.
- Heidi timesheet

***John Wilt, EMA***

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Daily Zone 2 Hospital Surge Call with COTS

- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Coordinating with MCHD on regular basis.
- Completed and submitted EMPG Q4-Q5 cash request for \$14,263.79.
- Completed and submitted Federal annual inventory report and certification.
- Contacted National Weather Service office regarding potential for ice jamming with current weather conditions. They agreed there is heightened potential and will be sending a hydrologist to survey river with me on Tuesday, 2/1. I have been making regular survey trips of the river looking for buckling and damming.
- Preparing multiple ID cards for M&M FD and EMS.
- SARA reports have begun arriving. Categorizing and updating CAMEO database for hazardous materials.

\*The commissioners attended an ODNR meeting today at 10:00am at the library and returned at 12:00pm.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Dog Report-filed

***Cody Pettit, State Treasurer***

Economic Development Programs-In the State Treasurer's office, the Economic Development Department is authorized to invest up to 12% of the state's investment portfolio into linked deposit programs. These programs focus on strategic investments related to the creation and retention of jobs, property improvements for businesses and homes, and reduced rate financing for agribusinesses.

Grow Now-Small businesses owners can receive up to a 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing loans up to \$400,000.00 for two years, with the opportunity for renewal. Participating businesses must commit to creating or retaining jobs in the State of Ohio. This program promotes economic development by supporting small business and encouraging job creation and business expansion.

Re Energize Ohio-Small businesses looking to expand operations or renovate their existing buildings may qualify for loans with a four-year interest rate reduction of up to 3%, with a program cap of \$550,000. Qualified entities may also use the loan for upgrading and adding equipment, or installing energy-saving products and systems. This program helps revitalize business areas across Ohio.

Ag Link-The annual program allows eligible farm operators and agribusinesses owners to receive up to a 3% interest rate reduction on operating loans of \$150,000 or less. Ag-LINK helps offset the impact of upfront costs for feed, seed, fertilizer, fuel, and inventory. Agriculture in Ohio's largest business, and the Ohio Treasury is committed to supporting farmers and agribusinesses across our state.

Eco Link-Eco-Link enables Ohio homeowners to receive up to a 3% interest rate reduction on home improvement loans for up to \$50,000.00. The loan must be used towards home improvement project such as remodeling, roofing, solar power and more. Investments made through ECO-Link revitalize communities and support businesses who provide home improvement products and services.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Mrs. Wells spoke to the county treasurer regarding a meeting for the land bank. This is needed to identify properties to apply for demolition.
- Mrs. Wells worked last week to identify contaminated commercial properties for redevelopment that would be eligible for Brownfield grant funds.
- A contract request has been made to Morgan County Transit from Heartland (skilled nursing and rehab) in Devola. A part time drivers' ad has been listed with workforce development.
- The bed tax code of regulations needs reviewed with the Auditor's office to ensure the process for a new lodging partner is established.
- A follow up email has been sent to Bernie to request a letter for job creation in the next three years from Miba Bearings. This is needed to submit a proposal to JobsOhio for center turn lane funding.
- Mrs. Wells organized and attended the meeting with ODNR and consultant to review the 10-year plan for Jesse Owens State Park & Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area.
- An Appalachian Development Program grant application for SR60 for \$350,000 still needs submitted for SR60 water extension.
- Mrs. Wells completed treasurer duties for the CVB and worked with Nyla Boggs to prepare 1099s for contract workers.

***Linda Sheets, Senior Center***

-Submitted bills

-Discussed meal delivery program.

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

-No Report

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

**22-078-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary, Program Coordinators	057-2021-5102.00	\$22,360.00
General Operating Expenses	057-2021-5303.00	\$20,000.00
Equipment	057-2021-5304.00	\$30,537.42
Program Expenses	057-2021-5309.00	\$20,000.00
PERS, Program Coordinators	057-2021-5367.00	\$ 4,026.00
Medicare, Program Coordinators	057-2021-5368.00	\$ 325.00
Worker's Comp., Program Coordinators	057-2021-5369.00	<u>\$ 672.00</u>
Total Corrected Appropriations		\$97,920.42

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

**22-079-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve appropriations in the CN22 fund:

Salaries	073-0073-5102.00	\$50,000.00
PERS	073-0073-5367.00	\$ 7,000.00
Medicare	073-0073-5368.00	\$ 940.00
Contract	073-0073-5306.00	\$13,032.00
Other Expenses	073-0073-5309.00	\$ 4,028.00

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

**22-080-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$7,500.00 in appropriated funds from the Commissioner’s General Fund to SWCD account #015-0015-4001.00. Our records show a total of \$7,500.00 was appropriated to Soil and Conservation for 2022.

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

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

**22-081-**Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

**22-082-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

**Tom Bragg, President**

**Adam Shriver, Vice-President**

**Richard Welsh, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**



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