

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

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

22-098- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022.

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

-All three commissioners attended a land bank meeting on Tuesday. Wednesday, the commissioners attended a swimming pool meeting with the village of McConnelsville Recreation Committee.

-Commissioner Bragg stopped at Mrs. Well's Office and signed EDA papers for a grant.

-Commissioner Shriver attended a Morgan County Broadband meeting Wednesday.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Building

-New flooring in the basement will be laid soon. Lights have been changed as well. Advanced Heating and Cooling came Thursday. Discussed the project Kristy Morrow brought to the commissioners last week.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Meeting request-Carrie DeWinter on 3/2 @ SEORTC Athens for Trauma Informed Case Management.

-Basement issues with water leakage.

-Family @ Children 1st Day—April 9th @ Reicker Building

-Fuel purchases

Ice storm/sheltering meeting

-The commissioners discussed the content of the swimming pool meeting last week. No decisions were made.

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

4-H Update - Pam Montgomery and Lydia Flores

-2022 Camp Counselors and Counselors in-training have attended (2) trainings. They are also beginning to explore themes for the 2022 Camp.

-Older youth in-training had their first training/meeting on 1/31/22. They are very excited about developing a theme for Cloverbud Day Camp.

-4-H CARTEENS members have attended (2) meetings and finalized plans for the first CARTEENS program of the year 2/22/22.

-4-H Advisory Horse Committee reorganized for 2022 on January 24th. They are planning on having PAS Show this year. It is a show where our county youth try out for the State Fair Horse Show. The PAS show is open to youth from outside the county to try out for State Fair. Morgan County has not had a PAS Show in over 10 years.

-4-H Advisory Committee reorganized for 2022 on January 24th.

-4-H Fashion Board is waiting to reorganize for the year. The weather has impacted their ability to meet.

-Pam assisted Lydia Flores and Megan Zwick with the 4-H Volunteers annual training on 2/21/22.

-Due to weather and COVID-19 complications last month, meetings for the Junior Fair Board and Sale Committee were not able to be held. This month our first meetings will take place to kick off the new year for junior fair.

-Pam and Lydia are participating in weekly trainings for the Apple Clovers CODE (Creating Opportunities Designed for Everyone) program. They have completed basic coding lessons and are now learning about app design.

-Lydia conducted New Volunteer training on February 10th. We have two new volunteers joining the program to assist two different 4-H clubs and both will serve on the 4-H Advisory Committee.

-Friday, February 18th, Lydia will be in Columbus to serve on the Ohio 4-H State Achievement Award Selection Committee. They will review applications from all over the state for 27 categories of project areas (i.e. Beef, Leadership, Creative Arts, etc.).

-On the following day, Lydia will be presenting two sessions at the Making Extreme Counselors Workshop at the Ohio 4-H Center. One session will cover camp planning and the other will cover health and wellness of campers.

-Monday, February 21st, Lydia, Pam, and Megan will be training adult volunteers in two sessions. One from 10:00am to Noon and the other from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. This training provides volunteers with program updates and activities on communication and time management skills.

-In the evening, Lydia will have her first meeting with this year's Junior Leaders. There are five youth in this group, and they are the leaders behind our new Cloverbud STEM Days program. The first Cloverbud STEM Day is April 18, so they will begin planning the event at this meeting.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update - Pam Montgomery and Megan Zwick

-Pam attended the FCS virtual professional development day on February 17th. The topic was parenting.

-The most recent Successful Co-parenting was held this morning. The next program is scheduled for March 10th 9:30 am – 12 pm.

- Megan attended 4-H In-Service in February 2022. Morgan County is now allowed to offer ServSafe level 1 and 2. Megan has also been working with The Master Gardeners sending out acceptance letters for new volunteers, requesting reference letters for those volunteers and preparing for Master Gardener Volunteer trainings. Working with Lydia Flores on Quality Assurance training. Working with Lydia and Pam on Advisor Update.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Update – Chris Penrose

-Provided Pesticide Recertification and two Fertilizer Recertifications to farmers in the county.

-Provided a spring Gardening program at the M&M Rotary weekly meeting.

-Working with Rural Action and Central State University Extension on Bee Producer meetings on April 5th and 23rd. Call Chris at 740-962-4854 for more information.

-Facilitated monthly Master Gardener meeting, provided a gardening update and started a New Master Gardener 40-hour six-week training course.

-Had weekly articles in the Morgan County Herald and an article in the Ohio Country Journal and Ohio Beef Team Newsletter.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

22-099- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter executive session at 10:45am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

22-100- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to exit executive session at 10:55am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

- The Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau Annual Meeting will be Monday, February 28, 2022 from 6:00-8:00pm and the Board of Commissioners are invited to attend.
- I have requested an update for when Atlantic Emergency leadership will be visiting.
- The broadband committee met and approved the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Jeff Babcock has placed the RFQ on the county website and Buckeye Hills will advertise it on their website. I emailed the RFQ to consultants provided by Jay Bennett.
- I need the land bank to approve a final address list to submit to Ohio Department of Development.
- I will meet with Burgess & Niple this week to continue work on the Brownfield and Demolition grant due February 28, 2022. Asbestos site visit was completed on Friday.
- We still need the bed tax resolution word document so amendments can be made.
- We need to discuss the county park district idea with Mark Howdysshell.
- I am talking to Jeff Babcock about a website for my office.
- Transit operating and capital projects for 2023 are due in a letter of intent February 25, 2022. The mobility management office is exploring a grant opportunity through ODOT for non-emergency medical transportation for seniors. A match commitment would be required. Executive session is requested to discuss an employment issue.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

EMA Meeting, Hot Washington; John Wilt, Becky Thompson, Kaleb Caldwell, Tim Callahan, American Red Cross; Jeff Babcock, Heidi Burns

Discussed the ice storm and impact to Morgan County. The decision to open a warming shelter was talked

about. They discussed what went right and how improvements could be made. The things that went right were quick response time and good communication. The things that went wrong were preplanning for shelter, no shelter with generators and getting the word out.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-No Report

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

None

22-101-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

22-102- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to recess the Commissioner's 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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