

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 7, 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

**22-112-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022.

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

-All three commissioners attended the CIC meeting Monday evening.

-Mr. Bragg and Mr. Shriver attended the CVB meeting Friday.

\*Commissioners are in receipt of February expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

-A township trustee had some legal questions concerning a piece of property. The commissioners agreed to talk to Prosecutor Howdyshell about his questions.

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-Reminder—Heidi and Keri will be at Court Conference this week.

-Placement of signs for career fair—Riecker Building, commons, dog pound, county garage.

Other

***John Wells, Judge***

-Discussed lack of attorneys for cases. Also talked about Adult Probation Program. A probation grant is being offered. Judge Wells is asking the commissioners if he should implement an adult probation program with grant included. It was noted they need to make a decision by the end of the month. The commissioners need to discuss among themselves before signing the contract.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

The annual meeting for the Morgan County Convention and Visitor's Bureau was held at the Old Bridge Brewery on Monday, February 28, 2022. Shannon Wells attended the meeting and provided the treasurer's report for the meeting.

Shannon Wells attended an organization meeting for Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs event taking place in Morgan County on May 21, 2022 at Hook Lake. Ohio Department of Natural

Resources, Aquatic Education Coordinator was attendance and shared a grant opportunity for \$10,000 to assist with the event. Brad Bond submitted the grant on behalf of Morgan County.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with Thasher Engineering at the Morgan County Senior Center to finalize plans for the building heating and cooling improvement project. This project is estimated at \$107,000 and is being funded by the Community Development Block Grant, Targets of Opportunity program. Shannon Wells met with Regional Manager, Steven Hamit from Thasher.

Elizabeth Clodfelter, Appalachian Regional Representative from Senator Sherrod Brown's office visited the Morgan Development Office and met with Shannon Wells on Thursday, March 3, 2022. Ms. Wells provided an overview of projects she is administering along with new projects the county is seeking additional funding on. Also, on March 3, 2022, a virtual meeting was held with a private business in Morgan County with Shannon Wells to discuss acquisition of a property.

Ohio Department of Transportation has released information for community assistance to develop an Active Transportation Plan. The Morgan County Mobility Manager, Bobby White will be applying for assistance on this grant program due April 22, 2022. The plan will include capturing bicycle and pedestrian demand in the and inventory current assets. It will also provide recommendations for future projects and allow the county to apply for funding with a developed plan.

Ms. Wells updated the major employers list with accurate employee counts for Morgan County.

The Appalachian Regional Commission is investing \$25 million in projects to help economically diversify coal-impacted communities. The program is geared towards building entrepreneurship, broadband, workforce development, tourism, and more across Appalachian coal communities. Applications are due by April 29, 2022.

Shannon Wells is researching a project to submit for the Ohio Capital Budget. Applications are due March 18, 2022.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Dog Report-filed

***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**22-112-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to award CR 18 slip repair to Allan Stone & Co. in the amount of 233,138.26.

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

***Jeff Babcock, It Administrator***

-No Report

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

**22-113-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Jake Myers from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Road 2, located in Township of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio

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

**22-114-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Columbia Gas of Ohio—Construction Services 290 W. Nationwide Blvd. 5<sup>th</sup> Fl. Columbus, Oh 43215 from the Morgan County Commissioners to bore under County Rd. W. Conk Palmer located in the Township of Malta, Morgan County Ohio.

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

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**22-115-**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**

**22-115-** 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**

**22-116-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting.

**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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