

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 14, 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

22-117- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of March 7, 2022.

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

-All three commissioners attended a CIC meeting Thursday evening.

-Mr. Welsh attending a Family and Children First meeting Friday.

. Mr. Bragg attended a Jail meeting Wednesday.

-Mr. Shriver attended a Solid Waste Policy meeting on Wednesday. He also took part in a discussion with John W. Finley concerning squad and service for the county with internet connectivity in the Reicker Building.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Submitted Timesheet

-Basement water leakage

- Issue in Heidi's office
- Issue in Lobby

-Children Services—tuition assistance program; loan reimbursement for employees. Heidi will work on a policy for commissioners to consider.

John Wilt, EMA

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Investigating sourcing generators for various facilities. Looking at pre-disaster mitigation grant for Riecker Building and Chesterhill water. Checked on Ohio EPA drinking water grants for Chesterhill that I referred them to before. There is no active grant at this time.
- Held planning meeting for annual LEPC exercise – the exercise will be a tabletop exercise involving a transportation related hazardous chemical spill and will be held on May 19th beginning at 5:00 p.m. I am developing the scenario in-house.

- Attended extensive training for Juvare WebEOC which is a management tool for daily operations and incidents. Homeland Security Region 8 acquired this for the region as we cooperatively operate and assist each other, and this tool makes this effort much easier. The State of Ohio also utilizes this same system. At some point the EMA will hold training for key personnel- law enforcement, local government (all levels), fire and EMS leadership, etc.
- Fielded citizen complaint of persons dumping large amounts of tires on their property on SR78 near Hambel Road. I referred her to Ohio EPA for possible no-fault tire dumping clean-up grant and also gave her the tire dumping hotline number.
- Wanted to make you aware of a fight going on in Perry County regarding biowaste disposal – this is treated human sewerage that is brought in from out of state and will be held in above-ground, open lagoons. Citizens are resisting a new facility, but neither County nor Township officials can do anything because there is no zoning.

Katy Montgomery

-Discussed adding a permanent fence around the grove to accommodate not only her DD Camp she will be hosting this summer but for the community as a whole. The commissioners told her to look into getting a temporary fence.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

On March 9, 2022, Shannon Wells attended the annual meeting of Ohio Southeast (Ohio SE) at the Ohio University Inn in Athens, Ohio. It was a meeting of economic development professionals around the region as well as many state leaders who work to support economic development projects around the state. Governor DeWine was the keynote speaker. The agenda included sharing successes of the organization from 2021.

A meeting was held with Shannon Wells, Bobby White – Mobility Manager, Malta Mayor Greg Hill and village engineer to discuss the Paddling Enhancement Grant received from Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks & Watercraft. The goal of the grant program is to improve or develop recreational boating access for hand-powered watercraft at public facilities. The village was awarded \$75,000 to make improvements at their boat ramp at Riverfront Park.

Shannon Wells had a meeting with Katy Farber, Vice President of Ohio SE to discuss the Opportunity Appalachia program. The Opportunity Appalachia program provides technical assistance support grants for real estate projects for economic restructuring. Investment priorities include projects focusing on downtown development, manufacturing, IT, healthcare, education, food systems, clean energy, heritage tourism and recreation. Technical assistance will be provided to selected projects to include: market assessment, design/architectural, engineering, business plan development, financial structuring, prospectus preparation and capital raise support. A grant submission is due April 15, 2022.

Shannon Wells continues to work on a grant to Ohio Development of Department, Brownfield Remediation Program. This program is designed to provide grants for the remediation of brownfield sites across Ohio to clean up the sites and prepare them for future economic development. A brownfield is defined as an abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial, commercial, or institutional property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by known or potential releases of hazardous substances or petroleum.

Applications will begin to be accepted on March 29, 2022 for the Community Housing Impact & Preservation program (CHIP). This program works to improve and provide affordable housing for low- and moderate- income homeowners. A homeowner can apply for a home repair or a home rehabilitation. If eligible, a housing inspector will visit the home to determine the needs of the home.

22-118- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into a probation grant agreement with Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Division of Parole and Community Services.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

Jim Greer, Jeff Fleming, Steve Fate; Medical Mutual

-Went over first quarter claims. Claims are a little high over the year, but this is to be expected due to COVID.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-No Report

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-119- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to approve the following transfers:

From 071-0071-5102.00 salaries \$1000.00

From 071-0071-5368.00 Medicare \$72.50

From 071-0071-5367.00 PERS \$140.00

And put in 071-0071-5309.00 other expenses and please adjust PO #29460.

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

22-120-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

22-121- 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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