

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 4, 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

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

22-151- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Mr. Welsh and Mr. Shriver met with a representative from Charter Communications Government Affairs.
- Mr. Shriver met with Jan Tredway to discuss where to put a tree at the grove in memory of a former Malconta Garden Club member who passed away.
- A Buckeye Hills Executive Meeting was attended by Mr. Shriver.
- On Tuesday, Mr. Shriver attended a Morgan County Broadband Committee meeting.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Case manager with Pathways Behavioral Health is starting in our agency today—this is a free service to our c/service program.
- Children Services—tuition assistance program.
- Reminder of April 9th—Spring Family Fest
- Reminder of FCFC meeting on Friday April 8th at 9:00am.
- Working jointly with COAD is sponsoring a “Chat Over Coffee” at Home & Brew on Blue Ribbon Day (4/14).
- April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. There will be a pinwheel display at the Reicker Building and Sheriff’s Office. Wednesday, April 13th is wear blue day.

-Morgan County Children Services will be participating in the planning and development of a Shared Practice Model around Program Excellence, Public Value, Member Services, and Public Policy. This is being developed by PCSAO and is one of the Governor DeWine's Children Services Initiatives. The counties being represented on the practice team by a supervisor and caseworker are Morgan, Stark, Lorain, Lucas, and Hamilton. After the practice team completes the process, there will be a research team, which will be filled by Directors and Morgan County will also be on this part of the project.

-Morgan County (Heidi & Kari) will be participating in a Staff Training Liaison Round Table, which is also one of Governor DeWine's C/S Initiatives around Workforce.

Our agency (OMJ) participated in the School Career Fair. We were able to get some registrations and helped the school get some applicants. Looking at potentially doing a Morgan County Career Fair.

-Mandated Share--\$3,297.50

Melissa Hivnor, Recorder

-Bid opening for Recorder's file Digitalization Project

22-152- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to table bid.

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

Adam Triplett, Veteran's Service

-Discussed cost of flags and flag holders. *No action taken

John W. Finley, M&M Fire Department Chief

-Gave the commissioners a comprehensive Malta—McConnelsville 2021 Year End EMS report.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

22-153- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Amy Kirkbride to the Kate Love Simpson Library Board of Trustees to fulfill the unexpired term left vacant by the resignation of Lydia Flores. The term expires December 31, 2025.

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

22-154- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve RUMA (Road Usage Maintenance Agreement) to Tennessee Gas for gas line repair on Co. Rd. 22 & 57.

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

22-155- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following vacation:

Being a description of various lots and alleys located in the platted town of Morganville Section 2, Township 8, Range 13 of Union Township, Morgan County, Ohio.

Being Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 (north half) 19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,45,46,47 and 48 in the name of Jack L. and Trudy J. Clemens.

Also that 16.5 foot alley that runs north-south between Lots 4 & 5 and 20 & 21.

Also 16.5 foot alley that runs east-west between Lots 4 & 21, 5 & 20 and 6 & 19.

If these Lots and Alleys are vacated, the parcels will be turned into one acreage parcel in the name of Jack L. and Trudy J. Clemens and an affidavit will be recorded and cross-referenced to their deed stating said facts.

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

22-156- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following vacation:

Township road 1026 (Newburn Lane) is located in Section 6 of Homer Township, Morgan County. Morgan County, Ohio. Beginning at the present-day intersection of State Route 555 and Township Road 1026 (Newburn Lane) said intersection being 475 feet north along the centerline of State Route 555 from its intersection with Township Road 32 (Board Drive), thence from this place of beginning following the old centerline of Township Road 1026 (Newburn Lane) in a northeasterly, southerly and southwesterly course, 0.087 mile (460.6 feet) back to State Route 555 and the terminus of this vacation. It is intended to vacate all of Township Road 1026 (Newburn Lane) for 0.087 mile.

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

Adam Triplett, Veteran's Service

-Mr. Triplett presented the commissioners with the following information:

The Veteran's Office asked the commissioner to make a commitment of \$4,276.80 for 27 gross flags from American Flag and Poles. Flags will be put on veteran grave markers for memorial day. The commissioners agreed.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

22-157- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to declare the following list provided by Mr. Babcock to be destroyed within the proper manner:

Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Notes
HP	L1740	CNC6071LFD	No Stand.
HP	L1740	CHK6350H13	No Stand.
HP	L1750	CNC815R9MS	No Stand.
HP	L1740	CNC6071JTX	No Stand.
HP	L1750	CNC839NQZW	No Stand.
HP	L1740	CNP538K6J4	No Stand.
HP	L1740	CNC6061WLS	No Stand.
HP	L1706	CND6452TZD	
HP	L1706	CND6452TYW	
HP	L1706	CNC641NV6H	
HP	L1706	CND6452TYP	
HP	L1706	CNP544B1XD	
Acer	V173	ETLBN0C02391211AD94000	
Dell	E172FP	CN-0J1806-71618-43H-GDAD	
Dell	E173FP	CN-0D7509-72201-4B9-1DFS	
Dell	E176FP	CN-0MC040-64180-61H-60QL	
Dell	1702FP	MX-08G152-47605-2BM-D6F4	Power brick included.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

The Broadband committee met on March 29, 2022 to review the consulting firms that are interested in contracting with the county for a broadband feasibility study. The committee is working through the selection process and is reviewing references for several firms.

Shannon Wells met with Jada Riley from Buckeye Hills on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. Jada's title is Development Specialist and is working on Economic Development projects that were submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

The local incentive reports were due on March 31, 2022 for tax abatements. Shannon Wells submitted the reports on the companies receiving tax abatements which include Finley Fire Equipment (Atlantic Emergency), Miba Sinter and EZ Grout.

Project profiles were submitted to Buckeye Hills for ARC grant funding on March 31, 2022. Submissions must focus on workforce development, job training activities, and public infrastructure. Several projects were submitted by Shannon Wells and other private engineering firms working with different villages in the county.

Shannon Wells attended an executive committee meeting for the tourism board at The Inns at 8th & Main on Thursday, March 31, 2022. The committee is working on the annual budget and hiring an Interim Director.

A meeting was held with Ashley Karlen, Manager of Government Affairs with Charter Communications on March 31, 2022. Ashley shared Charter Communications was awarded a \$2,500,000 grant from the Ohio Broadband Expansion Program Authority (BEPA) for Morgan County which includes hookup to 522 homes. This is a two-year project. Additionally, Charter Communications will be building to an additional 3,002 addresses through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) program grant of \$2,900,000. Together, a total of 3,500 homes will be receiving new service or upgraded broadband service in the next five years an over \$18 million investment provided by Charter Communications.

A meeting was held with Kate Perani, Special Projects Manager Rise Ohio from Buckeye Hills. Kate is assisting Shannon Wells with the application submission for the Opportunity Appalachia program which is due April 15, 2022.

JobsOhio and Ohio Department of Development leadership will be reviewing the funding request to fill the gap for the center turn lane project on SR60 North this week.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-158- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to MMRWD- Morgan Meigsville Rural Water District to bore under County Rd. 6, located in Twp. Windsor, Morgan Cunty, Ohio.

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

22-159- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to provide supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,675.00 to line item #001-0301-5306.00 (contract expenses) which is the reimbursement of funds that were paid out for website hosting beginning April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025.

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

22-160-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

22-161- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn 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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