

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 11, 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

22-162- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Mr. Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting Friday.
- Mr. Bragg and Mr. Shriver attended a Solid Waste Committee meeting on Wednesday.
- Tuesday, Mr. Bragg talked to Cinda concerning her lease.
- Mr. Shriver was at the tire collection on Saturday. He also talked with Misty Crosby from Buckeye Hills about succession planning.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Case Manager with Pathways Behavioral Health started last Monday and the therapist will be starting today.
- Spring Family Fest was a huge success. We had 20 Community Partners and around 380 people come though.
- Little Steps Daycare Center is now open and is certified through the State.
- COAD is sponsoring a “chat over coffee” at Home and Brew on Blue Ribbon Day (4/14).
- April Child Abuse Awareness Month. There is a pinwheel display at the Reicker Building and the Sheriff’s Office. Wednesday, April 13th is wear blue day.
- Several from the agency will be attending the Operation Street Smart on Wednesday.
- Travel Request—Heidi Burns & Keri Schaad to attend East Central PCSAO quarterly meeting at Coshocton on 4/15/22.

-Will find out by 4/16 on the PHE and if they will renew; likely they will renew to 7/15 (has to be in 90-day increments and have to give a 60-day notice prior to termination).

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

John Wilt, EMA

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Continuing work on tabletop exercise planning.
- Continue purging and reorganizing files. Attempting to organize certificates for NIMS, ICS training, etc.
- Completed and submitted HMEP grant application. This grant is for hazardous material training and planning. We requested funding for an exercise and for a county-wide capabilities study of first responder organizations, NGO's and other stakeholder entities. Grant commences 10/22 and ends 9/30/23.
- Contacted JH Consulting to discuss feasibility of capabilities study. Had lengthy discussion of what all this could entail, logistics that would be involve, and possible outcome driven actions.
- Attended EMA Directors conference on 3/31.
- Attended OH-202 Debris Management Workshop on 4/5.
- Working on development of scenario and materials for May 19th tabletop exercise. 30- day notice to State with details due 4/19/2022.
- Attending classes on damage assessment, both public assistance and individual assistance, on 4/12- will not be in office.

Jason Sturgeon, Deputy Director District 5; Morgan Overbey, Public Information Officer

-Updated the commissioners on upcoming road construction on 60. Two culverts will be replaced. It will take 21 days each to complete each culvert. The beginning of June is when the first project will start. The second project will begin after the 4th of July. Fully projected completion date is August of 2023. Commissioners expressed concern over EMS service ad

access to emergency services if it is closed completely. They also expressed concern from business owners affected. ODOT said in order to work to be done the road had to be completely closed. They stated they hoped each culvert would be completed quicker.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells attended a meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at Hilltop Butcher Shop to discuss the meat processing grant available by Ohio Department of Development.

The Broadband committee has voted and made a recommendation to the Morgan County Commissioners to move forward with Reid Consulting for the broadband feasibility study. Reid Consulting confirmed the study could be completed by the end of 2022.

JobsOhio and the Ohio Department of Development are offering financial support for the center turn lane project on State Route 60 in Morgan County in regards to Miba Bearings expanding with 30 additional jobs. The financial assistance proposed is \$595,692. An application to Ohio Department of Development will need to be completed.

Quotes were requested from 11 septic installers on the Morgan County Health Department's approved contractor list for two new septic installs through the EPA Household Sewage Treatment Systems program. One quote was received and will be reviewed for further consideration.

Shannon Wells attended a virtual meeting with ODNR staff on April 5, 2022 regarding the Malta Paddling Enhancement Grant award. The project engineer is reviewing alternatives for the kayak launch equipment to be used at the Malta boat ramp. A follow up meeting with the project engineer is scheduled for April 14, 2022.

On April 5, 2022 Traci Baker attended a meeting in Chesterhill village with Mitch Altier, IBI Group and Larry Lang Excavating to discuss the sanitary sewer connection project. The Development office is continuing to work with qualified households in the village to receive financial assistance with the utility connection costs.

A Request for Qualifications was advertised for the Morgan County Public Transit facility project and three submissions were received by close of business on April 8, 2022. Those consulting companies will be evaluated and scored by Development Office staff and a recommendation will be sent to Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Transit for approval before going to the Morgan County Commissioners for final approval.

Dave Bailey, 911

-Presented documents for commissioners to sign for 911 texting reimbursement for State and Federal funds.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-No Report

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-163- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to Transfer \$25,000 from 274-0274-5305.00 Carlos Reicker Fund to 274-0274-5306.00.

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

22-164- 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

22-165- 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

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Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

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