

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 18, 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

22-166- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Thursday, Mr. Welsh and Mr. Shriver attended a Morgan—Meigsville Water Board meeting.

He checked the impound lot as well.

-Mr. Shriver met with Misty Crosby, Buckeye Hills.

Steve Hook, Engineer

-Discussed gas billing issues with the commissioners.

22-167- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to untable Recorder's Scanning Project bids to be paid for by ARPA funds.

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

22-168-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh award Recorder's Scanning Project to Kofile Technologies Inc. in the amount of \$199,516.05 to be paid for by ARPA funds.

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

22-169-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$199,516.05 to line item #321-0321-5301-00 American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

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

22-170- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$199,516.05 from line item #321-0321-5301-00 (ARPA) 038-0038-4001-00.

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

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

Mr. Penrose had a chance over the weekend to meet the oldest so in Cumberland Maryland to visit with him. It is about halfway between home and where he is stationed in the D.C. area. It is always a fun drive through the hills and mountains and I enjoy watching the progress of trees and shrubs coming to life, especially as I changed elevations. It seems to me that things are greening up slow this year but I bet they will really take off this weekend. Cumberland is a very scenic and historic town and if you know me, I really enjoyed getting to see trains. Most importantly, I got to see Matthew and we really enjoyed just “chilling out” together. It was a great weekend and definitely worth it.

On the farm front, calving season is going well but slow. When I turned out the bull last June, he was lame on one of his front feet and I was able to locate a very good bull with excellent records. However, he was only a year old so taking care of the cows took longer. Having the right genetics can really help calves grow better and reduce calving problems. I rarely have calving problems anymore except for the lay of the land on the farm. My cows like to have a hiding place and sometimes they try to calve on the side of a hill or by a creek, and genetics from a bull can't fix that. However, calving issues have been greatly reduced over the years from knowing what I need to avoid problems and that has been worth it.

Mr. Penrose always enjoy many of the flowers blooming every spring. I seem to notice the crocus' first, then the daffodils, then the hyacinths. However, my favorite are the tulips. Most people think (or like to think) that tulips are perennials. In reality, many groups of tulips behave more like an annual rather than a perennial. Some groups of tulips come back each year with the same colorful blooms. However, certain groups are considered annuals; they are spectacular in bloom the first year after planting but the following year's display is rather disappointing. Because of this, these are generally treated as annuals, especially in places like public gardens where spring displays are the focal point. These tulips are usually pulled up after bloom and

replaced with summer-blooming flowers. In the home garden, one has a tendency to accept them as they grow over the years, despite the color changes and lack of bold display.

If one prefers tulips that tend to be perennial and bloom consistently the same each year, plant species tulips. Those most likely to re-flower each year include the Darwin hybrids, lily-flowered, some fringed, and some single late tulips. The rest of the tulip types tend to be considered annuals and are planted yearly. In the fall, when considering varieties that will be reliable and will last in the garden, look for the word "perennialize" in the description in order to plant those that come back consistently. Otherwise, enjoy the magnificent display of the other groups of tulips and plant them each fall!

Just one final reminder on a couple programs in the next week. First, there will be a Beekeepers gathering on Saturday, 1-3 p.m. at the Chesterhill Produce Auction, so if you are interested in learning more about beekeeping, stop by. Finally, Julie Zickefoose, an artist and author will have a virtual garden tour of her land at the Opera House on Monday, April 25th, at 6 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Extension Office at 740-962-4854 or if you decide to attend at the last minute, you will be welcomed. It is hard to believe that the Farmers Market will be starting in five weeks on Thursday, May 26th. The weather is warming up and summer is just around the corner. In the meantime, enjoy spring! I will finish today with a quote from Helen Keller: "Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold." Have a great spring and enjoy Mother Nature coming to life the next few weeks.

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Buckeye Hills—One Ohio Region 12

-The goal of One Ohio Region 12 is to form a Regional Committee. By May 23rd full appointments need to be made.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

22-171- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to use the \$10 million standard allowance for revenue replacement for American Rescue Plan Recovery Funds.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells has been working to complete a grant application for technical assistance for an Active Transportation Plan for Morgan County. An active transportation plan will be a planning tool used to improve and preserve the network infrastructure in the county. It will address walking and biking facilities and make sure they can accommodate a variety of users; they are safe and encourage more physical fitness for all.

Reid Consulting has submitted a contract for the Broadband Feasibility Study project being funded with the Appalachian Regional Commission Power funds.

Bobby White attended a meeting with Malta mayor and Village engineer at the boat ramp facilities in Malta. The meeting was to discuss how the kayak launch pad being purchased with grant funds can be joined to the existing pier. This location for the launch pad has been determined to be the best solution to protect the equipment and gain the most use.

Shannon Wells attended a meeting with the Assistant Chief of Business Services Division, Eric Lindner to discuss grant funds for meat processors. The state recently allocated an additional \$18 million to the program and is reviewing applications submitted late last year. If funding is remaining, a notice will be posted before the end of the state fiscal year and new applicants will be encouraged to apply.

Shannon Wells continues to work on a grant submission to the Ohio Department of Development, Brownfield program. The Brownfield 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. The following addresses are being considered for submission and will need resolutions if selected.

22-172- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into an agreement with Reid Consulting Group, LLC for Technical Assistance for Broadband Investment Plan to

underserved areas in Morgan County to be completed by November 1, 2022 as recommended by the Morgan County Broadband Committee.

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

22-173- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to support an application for Brownfield Remediation Program:

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE remediation of 8500 SR555 Crooksville Ohio 43731.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development launched a Brownfield Remediation Program in late 2021, providing nearly \$350 million to assist in the assessment and/or remediation of hazardous substances at industrial, commercial, or institutional properties; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the property located at 8500 SR555 Crooksville Ohio 43731 is complicated by the potential presence of hazardous substances based on past uses; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commissioners, the owner of the property has expressed its intent to apply for Brownfield Remediation Program funding in order to prepare for the redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commissioners is supportive of such application and agrees to work with the state to obtain such funding.

Be it resolved by the Morgan County Commissioners.

SECTION I.

The Morgan County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for the application for Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program funding for the remediation of hazardous substances located at 8500 SR555 Crooksville Ohio 43731 and encourages the Ohio Department of Development to award such grant funding for such laudable purposes.

SECTION II.

The Board President is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the grant applicant in order to obtain Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program funding.

SECTION III.

This Resolution shall be in full force and take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

22-174- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve Brownfield Remediation Program Funding for the assessment or remediation of 1800 SR377 Stockport, Ohio 43787.

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE assessment or remediation of 1800 SR377 Stockport, Ohio 43787.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Development launched a Brownfield Remediation Program in late 2021, providing nearly \$350 million to assist in the assessment and/or remediation of hazardous substances at industrial, commercial, or institutional properties; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the property located at 1800 SR377 Stockport, Ohio 43787 is complicated by the potential presence of petroleum or hazardous substances based on past uses; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commissioners, the owner of the property has expressed its intent to apply for Brownfield Remediation Program funding in order to prepare for the redevelopment of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Commissioners is supportive of such application and agrees to work with the state to obtain such funding.

Be it resolved by the Morgan County Commissioners.

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

Darla Miller, Jamie Hendershot, Ryan Mayle, Tracey Simmons, Amy Smith ODNR—District

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-The Ohio Department of Transportation is the state agency responsible for the maintenance and construction activities on Ohio’s highway transportation system, including federal and state routes outside of municipalities, and all interstate routes.

Each spring, we shift our priority from snow and ice operations to construction and maintenance investments in our state’s transportation system.

The construction program outlines plans within ODOT District 10, which serves Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Vinton, Washington counties in Southeast Ohio. District 10 is responsible for 4,037 lane bridges, 1,236 bridges and 73 projects.

See attachment for information.

***Misty Bragg, Home & Brew by Misty, Wendy Gorrell, MCDD, Mark Ponchak, Owen Morrow
Old Bridge Brewing Company***

-CVB representatives were present to request \$100,000 in ARPA funds to support tourism for Morgan County. Commissioners will have a proposal for them by Monday May2, 2022. They discussed rental space in the Reicker Building for the CVB. That will be part of the proposal.

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-No Report

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-175- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request appropriations concerning expense accounts for FY 22/23 Probation Grant Services Grant Funded by the Ohio DRC for the Morgan County Common Pleas:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	055-2223-5102.00	
PERS	055-2223-5367.00	

Medicare	055-2223-5368.00	
Worker's Compensation	055-2223-5369.00	
General Operating Expenses	055-2223-5303.00	\$20,000.00
Equipment	055-2223-5304.00	\$50,000.00
Program Expenses	055-2223-5309.00	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
		\$75,000.00

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

22-176-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

22-177- 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

Attachment A:

SFY 2023 Lockdown as of 01/31/2022 (edited 03.11.2022)

PID	District	Locale	Project Name	Description	Primary Work Category	Letting Type	Road Closed / Detour?	Legislation Required?	Locked File Date	Locked Site Date	Locked Award Date	Contract \$
95241	10 MRG	ATH	ATH SR 28 9.900	Two-lane resurfacing project using a fine graded polymer treatment. ATH 78 9.90-11.35 and MRG 78 0.00-14.71.	Roadway Minor Rehab	ODOT Let	NO	Yes Glouster	5/23/2022	8/25/2022	9/5/2022	\$2,816,600.00
84522	10 MRG MOE MRG NOB 10 WAS		DIG Chip Seal F7202 North	Two-Lane resurfacing project using a chip-seal treatment. MOE 145 8.50-17.87 MOE 724 0.00-1.30 MRG 83 10.33-15.60 NOB 83 0.00-6.77 NOB 260 8.86-14.35 NOB 724 0.00-2.75 WAS 555 0.00-7.67	Roadway Minor Rehab	ODOT Let	NO	Yes Lewisville Miltonsburg	7/11/2022	10/13/2022	10/24/2022	\$2,317,200.00
111331	10 MRG		MRG Burr Oak SP Lodge Road	ODNR project to resurface R-6 and R-8 in Burr Oak State Park.	Parks	ODOT Let	NO	No	6/27/2022	9/29/2022	10/10/2022	\$569,867.76
111643	10 MRG		MRG SIR 376 1.100	Landslide repair project. MRG 376 1.10. GSM funded.	Geologic Maintenance / Slide Rep	ODOT Let	NO	No	10/24/2022	1/26/2023	2/6/2023	\$620,000.00
96665	10 MRG		MRG SR 377 0.000	Two-lane resurfacing project using an asphalt overlay treatment on MRG 377 0.00-16.86 and MRG 792 0.00-3.49.	Roadway Minor Rehab	ODOT Let	NO	Yes Chesterhill	12/26/2022	3/30/2023	4/10/2023	\$5,028,750.00
83828	NOB 10 MRG		NOB SR 339 0.000	Two-lane resurfacing project using an asphalt overlay treatment. NOB 339 0.00-9.12 and NOB 574 0.00-3.68 AND MRG 339 0.00-0.68	Roadway Minor Rehab	ODOT Let	NO	No	9/12/2022	12/15/2022	12/26/2022	\$3,073,500.00
\$14,425,917.76												

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