

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 25, 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

22-178- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Friday, Mr. Welsh checked the lights at the impound lot.

-Mr. Bragg signed papers for Mrs. Wells this past week.

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

-PHE was renewed through 7/15 (has to be in 90 day increments and have to give a 60 day notice prior to termination)—so will find out more mid-May.

-Travel request

- Heidi Burns & Keri Schaad—Quarterly SE PCSAO meeting at Athens on 4/25.
- Heidi Burns & Keri Schaad—Annual JFS Conference at Columbus on 5/17-5/19.
- Ginger Bowen & Missy Fisher—Annual JFS Conference at Columbus on 5/17-5-19.
- Kim Forman & Heidi Burns—COG/WDB at Caldwell on 5/2.
- COG meeting on 5/2.
- Scheduled a lunch/learn for Wednesday 4/27 around RMS Training with ODJFS.

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.
- Attended classes on damage assessment, both public assistance and individual assistance, on 4/12- 0730-1630.

- Performed site survey of exercise site to confirm site details and topography to ensure exercise design was appropriate. Took photos for exercise.
- Completed development of scenario and materials for May 19th tabletop exercise. 30- day notice was sent to State with details due 4/19/2022.
- Attended classes on damage assessment, both public assistance and individual assistance, on 4/12- 0730-1630.
- State has changed cash request submission method for EMPG. I am working through the learning process and preparing submission of cash request.
- Fuel bill issue.
- Attending ICS class May 3,4,5,6.

-Commissioners discussed giving the dog pound some a portion of the ARPA funds.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Mrs. Wells and commissioners discussed the recent CVB meeting related to the ARPA funding.

22-179- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into a contract with Singree Construction in the amount of \$14,600 for the replacement of the septic system located at 8500 SR60 N. McConnelsville.

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

-The commissioners left to review a possible road vacation at 11:30am.

-A hearing was held at 2:00pm to discuss the road closure.

22-180- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to vacate the following:

Beginning a description of Township Road 1132—Stuzman Lane, located in Fractional Section 18, Township 8, Range 12 of Marion Township, Morgan County, Ohio.

Beginning at the present-day intersection of Township Road 1132 (Stutzman Lane) and State Route 555 in Fractional Section 18 of Marion Township, west of the Village of Chesterhill, thence from the point of beginning for this vacation, following the present-day centerline of Township Road 1132 (Stutzman Lane) in the northwesterly and northeasterly course, 0.073 mile (387 feet to the terminus of this vacation. It is intended to vacate all of the right-of-way of Township Road 1132 (Stutzman Lane) for 0.073 mile. Once the road is vacated by the Morgan County Commissioners, it will be turned over to the property owner, Dylan E. and Haley R. Adams.

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

Raymond McComas, Kinder's Insurance

-Mr. McComas went over the recent claims report with the commissioners.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells attended the virtual monthly meeting for Ohio SE Economic Development for local economic development professionals on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Shannon Wells held a conference call with Joe Savarise from the Ohio Hotel Lodging Association regarding the updated lodging resolution the commissioners passed. Mr. Savarise is working to get a meeting scheduled with Airbnb for further discussion on bed tax collection.

Shannon Wells attended the monthly board meeting of the Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau on April 20, 2022.

Shannon Wells submitted the grant application for technical assistance for an Active Transportation Plan for Morgan County to ODOT on April 21, 2022. 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.

A resolution is requested to approve entering into a contract with Singree Construction for \$14,600 for the replacement of one septic system located at 8500 SR60 N. McConnelsville.

Shannon Wells continues to work on a grant submission to the Ohio Department of Development, Brownfield program due this week. 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. Ohio SE and local economic development partners have recommended a development agreement between the commissioners and property owners for any sites privately owned.

Shannon Wells will attend a virtual meeting on April 25, 2022 with Buckeye Hills Regional Council for the annual update of the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Mrs. Wells also plans to attend a meeting on April 26, 2022 in Athens on Making the Most of Opportunity Zones held by Buckeye Hills Regional Council and Steadfast City Community & Economic Development Partners.

Ohio SE will meet with Shannon Wells and two local businesses on April 28, 2022 for retention and expansion support.

22-181- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following grant submission:

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE assessment of 303 W. Riverside Dr. McConnelsville, Ohio.

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 303 W. Riverside Dr. McConnelsville, Ohio 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.

SECTION I.

The Morgan County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for the application for Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program funding for the assessment and/or remediation of hazardous substances located at 303 W. Riverside Dr. McConnelsville, Ohio 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

22-182- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following grant submission:

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE assessment of 4725 N. SR60 McConnellsville, Ohio.

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 4725 N. SR60 McConnellsville, Ohio 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.

SECTION I.

The Morgan County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for the application for Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program funding for the assessment and/or remediation of hazardous substances located at 4725 N. SR60 McConnellsville, Ohio 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

22-183- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following grant submission:

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE assessment of 8379 McKinley Street, Crooksville, Ohio.

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 8379 McKinley Street, Crooksville, Ohio 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.

SECTION I.

The Morgan County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for the application for Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program funding for the assessment and/or remediation of hazardous substances located at 8379 McKinley Street, Crooksville, Ohio 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

22-184- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following grant submission:

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE assessment of 0 Main Street 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 0 Main Street 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.

SECTION I.

The Morgan County Commissioners hereby expresses its support for the application for Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program funding for the assessment and/or remediation of hazardous substances located at 0 Main Street Stockport, Ohio 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

Jeff Babcock, It Administrator

-No Report

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

-Mrs. Sheets discussed her retirement date and a potential in-house replacement for her.

Doug McGrath, Sheriff

-Submitted bills

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-185- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$26,073.54 into Sheriff's Equipment & Vehicles 001-0601-5304.01 This is the money that was received from the insurance and vehicles sold on govdeals.com.

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

22-186- 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

22-187- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to recess the commissioner's meeting at 4:00pm.

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

22-188- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to reconvene at 8:00am on Wednesday April 27, 2022 in the Commissioner's Office.

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

22-189- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner's meeting on Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 10:07am.

Tom Bragg, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

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