

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, May 23, 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

-Cecil Mayle observed the commissioner's office beginning at 8:30am until 4:00.

22-225- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Mr. Shriver attended a Community Action meeting Tuesday. Thursday, Mr. Shriver had a conversation with P.A.W.W.S.

-Commissioners discussed the dog pound.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-PHE extended

-Contract Negotiation Team

-Meeting with Health Department regarding Emergency Plans

-Update on Summer Youth Program (\$9.30 minimum wage)

-PWRE Worker's Comp audit

-JFS Summary

-Travel Request

- Heidi Burns, PCSAO Trustee Meeting on 6/1 @ Columbus, Ohio

John Wilt, EMA

-Submitted timesheet

- 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.
- Contacted Kinder Insurance regarding the EMA pickup truck hail damage in storm on May 3rd. Adjuster called – waiting for estimate for work.
- Still looking for prices for tag machine for FD accountability tags.
- LEPC exercise was successful – we passed all objectives. Thanks to Chesterhill FD, Pennsville FD, Stockport FD, MCSO, PUCO, M&M FD & EMS, OSHP, ODOT, and everyone else who participated in planning and executing the exercise. Also special thanks to Jeff Jadwin and Travis Roach from Muskingum County EMA for serving as evaluators.
- I will be out tomorrow for a medical procedure, in Wednesday then off until June 6th on vacation. Muskingum County EMA, Washington County EMA will be covering.

Linda Sheets, Senior Center

-Due to an increase in fuel prices recently, Mrs. Sheet’s staff is planning to quit at the end of the month unless an adjustment is made. Mrs. Sheets would like to give an increase in milage to her drivers and raise wages. The commissioners plan to discuss this and hopefully make a decision by the end of the day.

Steve Hook, Engineer

Commissioners discussed mileage reimbursement with Mr. Hook.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog Report-filed

-Commissioners discussed euthanized dogs over the past week. It seems there was a disagreement between the P.A.W.W.S. group and he dog warden with whether or not a particular dog was vicious Mrs. Thompson does not feel any volunteers should be there without supervision.

Gary Woodward, Auditor

Discussed Mr. Wilt’s flex time as well as if he is working the hours written on his time sheet.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells and Traci Baker have been working with the county engineer/water board president/county prosecutor to secure easements for SR266/377/Coulson Road for the water extension project and easements for the SR60 water extension project.

Shannon Wells attended the virtual monthly Ohio SE economic development partner call on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Shannon Wells met with Caleb Pearce, East Central Ohio Regional Liaison for the Ohio Secretary of State's office on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Shannon Wells attended the monthly Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau board meeting on May 18, 2022.

Shannon Wells had a virtual meeting with the Economic Development Administration to discuss the SR60 water extension project. The easements and need for an archaeological study

The Ohio Small Business Development Center Business Advisor, Robin Ambrozy is scheduling the conference room in the Morgan County Development Office monthly to meet with Morgan County small business owners for business support. She had four appointments on May 18, 2022 and her next visit will be June 15, 2022 from 12pm-4pm. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 740-860-0026 and the service is free to any business owner.

Shannon Wells met with Dave Walker, Burgess & Niple to finalize the brownfield work plans for projects being submitted for the state brownfield grant.

Shannon Wells met with a private individual regarding the purchase of an existing business in the Village of McConnelsville.

Shannon Wells has been working to get quotes for website design for building and maintaining an office website.

Bobby White attended a meeting in Zanesville on Friday, May 20, 2022 on Advanced Air Mobility discussing strategies on delivery of medicine in rural airports via drones.

Shannon Wells and Bobby White worked at the Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs event on Saturday, May 21, 2022 representing the Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau and Morgan County Mobility Management.

Morgan County Senior Center bid opening scheduled for June 20, 2022 at 10am.

The 2nd public hearing is scheduled for May 31, 2022 at 10am in the Commissioner's Office for the Union Hall roof replacement project.

Kate Dugan, CVB

-Wanted to let the commissioners know that the Convention & Visitor's Bureau group has chosen option two. This means the group will acquire office space for a four-year period. A lease was also discussed.

Julie Bay, Tammy Ray, Cindi Karp, Jackie Cunningham, kay Morgan; P.A.W.W.S.

Ms. Bay is a 10-year volunteer in Muskingum County. She walks dogs, coordinates rescues and transports dogs to other counties. Supported getting a pound keeper to assist the dog warden with her present duties. The commissioners are in agreement concerning getting a kennel master. The commissioners addressed the group that change does need to take place and change takes time. They are currently working to get things done.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

Discussed with the commissioners the work being done on the dog pound policies.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-The commissioners explained to Mrs. Thompson the discussion they previously had with P.A.W.W.S. and Mr. Howdyshell. The commissioners and Mr. Howdyshell are in agreement on most issues needed addressed. They also want Mrs. Thompson to provide better documentation. Also, no volunteers should be at the dog pound without being supervised. Documenting hours was discussed as well.

22-226- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate ARPA funds 321-0321-5301-00 in the amount of \$1,109,488.45.

Mr. Bragg yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Welsh yea

22-227- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to expend from ARPA 321-0321-5301-00 to CVB in the amount of \$75,000.

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

22-228- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to temporarily adjust fuel reimbursement rate from \$.50/mi to \$.58 ½ /mi.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

None

22-229-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

22-230- 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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Sheila Welch, Clerk

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