

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, August 15, 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 4:00pm.

22-323- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve the minutes of August 8, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Commissioner Shriver phoned Oracle (elevator company) twice last week. He met with the Treasurer and Engineer Hook on Thursday to talk about ARPA funds.
- Commissioner Welsh sat in on JFS contract negotiations Wednesday. He also attended a Family and Children First meeting Friday. Wednesday, he met with Chis Wilkins to discuss the impound lot.

Troy Leopold, JR Wilson, Courthouse

- Discussed transferring title to the courthouse. The commissioners said they should contact Health Department to get approval from their board.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Appalachian Ohio Manufacturer's Coalition meeting was great. Kim was able to connect some employers with school officials.
- Office space
- Back Space

22-324- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session with Heidi Burns at 9:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

22-325- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to exit executive session with Heidi Burns at 9:10am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

John Wilt, EMA

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Continue purging and reorganizing files. Organizing certificates for NIMS, ICS training, etc.
- Received SERC (LEPC) Grant award in the amount of \$11,780- forwarded with request to deposit to Auditor.
- Attended meeting with County Prosecutor.
- Worked with FEMA and Onsolve regarding expiration of IPAWS testing certificate. Resolved issue and performed monthly test. July test requirement was waived by FEMA.
- Met with ODNR Wildlife Officer Ben Smith – discussed MARCS radios and MDT data provider.
- Surveying reportable sites for LEPC.

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

Sophia Whisman, 4-H Educator

- Attended JFB and SFB meetings on Tuesday, July 19.
- Project Judging was on Wednesday, July 20th it went very well, I enjoyed seeing all of the kids projects this year.
- Attended and helped with clothing judging and awards night Thursday, July 21st.
- Attended a 4-H committee meeting on Monday, July 25th.
- Filmed a Storytime Friday with Morgan County Early Intervention on Tuesday, July 26th. It is scheduled to be posted on their Facebook page in September.
- Attended and helped with Cloverbud day camp Wednesday, July 27th. All the kids enjoyed there day at Camp Hervida!
- Held makeup project judging on Monday, August 1st.
- Held an early Skillathon for college kids on Friday, August 5th who would not be able to attend later in August.

- Prep for Skillathon which is upcoming Saturday, August 20th! Skillathon is a livestock project judging and where kids compete to be a premier market exhibitor. If you know anyone who may be interested in volunteering for that this year, please let them know to call the office! 740-962-4854.
- Attended Washington County Skillathon Saturday, August 6th. It is fully digital and runs differently than our counties, so it made for a good shadowing opportunity.
- JFB workday was on Tuesday, August 9th where JFB and the JFB advisors helped clean up the fairgrounds for SFB in rep for the fair that is upcoming.
- Attended a sale committee meeting held on Thursday, August 11th.

Pam Montgomery, Area Leader & 4-H Educator

- Cloverbud Day Camp was held on July 27th at Camp Hervida. 25 Cloverbuds attended the day camp and enjoyed a day of activities planned for them by the Older youth in-training around the theme, Wild West Dinosaurs.
- 4-H Committee and 4-H Horse Sub-committee held meetings on July 25th. The Horse sub-committee finalized plans for the 2022 Junior Fair Awards. The 4-H Committee discussed the upcoming pie auction at the fair and excitement for the 4-H Club booths returning to the fair.
- 4-H CARTEENS members have a meeting August 16th to plan for the upcoming program August 23rd.
- 4-H Fashion Board is on a late summer trip today to Lancaster, OH to visit fabric stores and spend some time at Rising Park.
- Pam assisted Sophia Whisman with the Junior Fair workday on August 9th.
- Pam will be helping with the Skillathon on August 20th at fairgrounds.

Pam Montgomery, Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)

- Pam tested a pressure canner lid and handed out resources to the individual on basic canning in the month of August. She wants to remind everyone that she is available to test pressure canners.
- The next Successful Co-parenting is scheduled for August 30th from 6:30-9 PM. Individuals can call the office to register for the program.

Chris Penrose, Ag and Natural Resource Educator

- Organized, facilitated and taught at the 20th Ag & Livestock Field Day at Alva and Debbie Heiss' farm. We had 90 in attendance. A special thank you to Alva and Debbie for sharing their wonderful farm and facilities.
- Monthly live TV show on WHIZ-TV, continues to write weekly articles for the *Morgan County Herald*, and published articles in the Farm & Dairy, Ohio Cattleman's and Ohio Farmer magazines.
- Had monthly Master Gardener meeting and tour of Bill and Mary Goode's gardens and orchard. Currently planning another fall gardening series of educational programs.
- The Farmers Market continues at the Main St. Church of Christ parking lot every Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. There has been great support with more vendors and customers supporting the market.
- OSU Extension, Central State University Extension, and Rural Action provided a Bee Keeper meeting at the Chesterhill Produce Auction. A special thank you to Patricia Harris, our Morgan County Bee Inspector for her help with the program.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Morgan County Public Transit has had an employee on worker's compensation for an extended period of time. The Bureau of Worker's Compensation has asked if there are any jobs available in the county this employee can safely perform.

Bobby White met with Steve Hook and ODNR on Friday, August 12, 2022 to discuss the dam project and the condition of CR2. Bobby White is working with the Malta village engineer on a cost estimate to repair and asphalt Front Street.

The requested information was sent to Ohio Department of Development regarding the brownfield projects. A new resolution is requested for the project located in Rosefarm as an incorrect address was submitted previously.

The Morgan Co. CVB hired a new director, Jason Szostek who will be starting on August 24th 2022.

Robin Ambrozy, Business Advisor will meet with small business clients in the Development Office on August 16th, 2022.

Shannon Wells and OhioSE will meet with DG Welding on August 17, 2022 for a business update.

A visit is scheduled with Heritage Ohio, Main Street Program representative Frances Jo Hamilton for August 17, 2022 at 3:00pm.

A meeting will be held with Reid Consulting ad the broadband committee for a study update on August 18, 2022 AT 10:00am.

22-326- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to amend resolution #22-186 and change resolution to the following:

SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR OHIO BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FUNDING FOR THE assessment of 8423 McKinley Street, 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 8423 McKinley Street, Crooksville, Ohio 43731 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 8423 McKinley Street, 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.

PASSED this 15th day of August 2022.

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

-The commissioners discussed questions to ask interviewees later in the day.

Jeff Michaels, Health Department; Steve Hook, Engineer; Jeff McInturf, Surveyor

-Discussed where the new building and how it affects the parking lot. The commissioners went to the Health Department to see what should be done.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-No report

Gary Woodward, Auditor

-Questioned commissioners on a contractor that was hired to assist on a piece of property.

-The commissioners held interviews for the Senior Center Director position between 2:30-4:00pm.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-327- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to grant permission to American Electric, Power-Ohio Power to span over County Road 4, located in the Township of Penn, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

22-328- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to establish new line items for Lice fund salaries 075-0075-5102.00, PERS 075-0075-5367.00 and Medicare 075-0075-5368.00

We would also like to do the following transfers:

From 075-0075-5309.00 to 075-0075-5102.00 \$10,000.00

From 075-0075-5309.00 to 075-0075-5368.00 \$ 145.00

From 075-0075-5309.00 to 075-0075-5367.00 \$ 1,400.00

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

22-329- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to do the following supplemental appropriations for fund 085 Revolving Loan Fund: Other Expenses:085-0085-5309.00 \$90,500.00

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

22-330-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

22-331- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioners meeting Monday, August 15, 2022 at 4:00pm.

22-332- Motion by Mr. Bragg and seconded by Mr. Welsh to reconvene the Morgan County Commissioners meeting Wednesday, August, 17, 2022 at 8:00am.

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

-The commissioners resumed interviewing for the Senior Center Director's position.

22-333- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the Commissioner's Meeting Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00am.

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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