

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 19, 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 from at 8:30am until 4:00pm.

22-360- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of September 12, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Commissioner Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting Friday.

-Commissioner Shriver met with Everside Healthcare to discuss a possible clinic in Morgan County in partnership with area businesses on Wednesday.

On Thursday, Commissioner Shriver attended an online meeting with Community Ambulance and Genesis on an update of potential services they can offer Morgan County.

Commissioner Shriver met with first responders Friday to discuss 911 services and potential enhancements to the system, including providing a stand alone 911 center in Morgan County.

Theresa King, Concerned Citizen

-Ms. King wanted to discuss the water main break that occurred recently and flooded her porch.

The commissioners advised her she needs to speak to the village of McConnelsville.

Cody Pettit, State Treasurer

-Discussed new fully operational programs for farmers, Ag-Link.

22-361- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Steve Williams to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Burr Oak Regional Water District term beginning November 1, 2022 and ending on October 31, 2025.

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

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension

Sophia Whisman, 4-H Youth Development

- Morgan County Royalty Interviews were on Tuesday August 16th from 1pm-3pm
- Attended Senior Fair board meeting on Tuesday August 16th at 7pm.
- Visited Muskingum County Fair on Wednesday August 17th to observe how they do things.
- Held Morgan Counties Livestock Skillathon on Saturday August 20th from 8am-4pm with Pam and Chris assisting. Skillathon is like project Judging for our livestock exhibitors.
- Held a Junior Leaders meeting on Monday August 22nd at 5:30pm.
- Held a makeup Skillathon on Thursday August 25th from 2:30pm-6:30pm with Pam assisting. This were for those who were unable to make it on the 20th.
- Attended an interview at WHIZ News with Chris Penrose in Muskingum County on Friday September 2nd. We talked about the upcoming fair for Morgan County.
- Morgan County Fair was September 5th-10th. I had a lot of fun watching all the kids show.
- Onboarding Zooms 4-H 101 on Tuesday September 13th and Thursday September 15th. (Helpful discussions for new educators)
- Junior Fair wrap up meeting was on Thursday September 15th at 7pm. This meeting is where we discuss the positives and negatives of the fair. That way we can make changes for the better in 2023.
- Attended a Senior Fair board meeting on Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm.
- Visited the Barlow fair on Thursday September the 22nd to observe their weigh-in process.
- Held a Junior Leaders meeting on Monday the 26th at 5:30pm. Also attended a 4-H committee meeting at 7pm.

Pam Montgomery, 4-H Youth Development

- 4-H CARTEENS program was held on August 23rd. The program was attended by 3 youth and 2 parents.
- Pam set up and worked in the Junior Fair Building on August 31, September 1, and September 2.

- Pam assisted Sophia Whisman and Chris Penrose with Junior Fair Activities during the Morgan County Fair. September 5-10, 2022.
- Pam attended the Junior Fair Wrap-up meeting and leading the Horse Committee section.
- Pam and Sophia will be working reviewing the 4-H program responsibilities and making decisions about who will be responsible for them and developing the 4-H Calendar for 2023 in the next couple of months.

Pam Montgomery, Family and Consumer Sciences

- Pam tested a pressure canner lid and handed out resources to the individual on basic canning. She wants to remind everyone that she is available to test pressure canners.
- The next Successful Co-parenting is scheduled for September 29th from 9:30 am – 12 pm. Individuals can call the office to register for the program.

Pam Montgomery, Area Leader Items

- SNAP-Ed position has posted, and Amy Kirkbride and Pam will be working with Lisa Kepler, Regional Program Specialist, to get the position hired.

Chris Penrose, Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Over 20 Morgan County Master Gardeners went on a tour to Washington County in late August and learned about raising cut flowers, community gardens and related businesses.
- Please stop by the Farmers Market Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Main Street Church of Christ. The market will run through October. This has been a year of growth with more vendors and selection.
- Provided computer work for the Junior Fair from weigh-in to shows through the sale.
- Assisting Morgan SWCD with the Spotted Knapweed project.
- Had three farm visits and answered many clientele questions via walk-ins, calls and e-mails.
- Gave a presentation on Winter Feed at the WVU Extension Mountaineer talk.
- Had an article on ticks in the Ohio Farmer the Ohio Beef newsletter, one on controlling cocklebur in the Ohio Cattleman's magazine and the Ohio Beef newsletter, weekly press releases in the Morgan County Herald and two live TV interviews on WHIZ-TV.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Bids will be opened by Kelly Architectural Services for the Morgan County Public Transit Building Renovation Project.

*Wolf Creek Contracting Base Bid: \$386,399.00

Alt: \$163,483.00

*G&M Construction Base Bid: \$211,759.00

Alt: \$177,500.00

22-362- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to table all bids.

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

-Shannon Wells worked with Ohio SE to submit an application to JobsOhio for Smith Family Farm for an expansion project for the purchase of a piece of equipment. The project was approved for a JobsOhio Inclusion Grant for \$50,000.00.

-Tractor Supply has updated it's grand opening date September 24, 2022.

-Shannon Wells is working on submitting grant applications for ARC projects that were recommended for funding for 2023. Atlantic Emergency equipment purchase and additional funding for the center turn lane project. CIC signatures are needed.

-Mitch Altier, IBI Group will be providing a tour of the renovated Chesterhill Community Center today a 3:00pm.

-The commissioners went on a alley viewing at 11:30am.

-Public Hearing at 11:30am to review public alley's viewing.

22-363- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to vacate the following alley's in Neelysville (formerly Newcastle), Section 16, Township 10, of Meigsville Township, Morgan County, Ohio.

Being that 12 foot by 132-foot alley that runs northeast-southwest between Lots 22 and 23.

Also, that 12 foot by 132-foot alley that runs northeast-southwest between Lots 24 and 25.

Also, that 16 foot by 232-foot alley that runs northwest-southeast and lays directly southwest of Lots 22, 23,24, and 25.

If these alleys are vacated, the alley between Lots 22 and 23 will be divided equally between the owner of Lot 22 (Meigsville Township Trustees) and the owner of Lot 23 (Danny L. and Michael L. Price) and the owner of Lot 23 (Teresa Dille).

The alley adjoining and laying directly southwest of Lots 22 through 25 will be divided proportionally between the owners of said lots.

If the proposed vacation is approved by the Morgan County Commissioners, an affidavit will be recorded and cross-referenced to the owners deed stating said facts and acreage breakdown.

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

Jeff Michaels, Health Department

-Discussed building issues as well as a question concerning the payment of an electric bill.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-No report

Steve Hook, Engineer; Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Engineer Hook discussed a Reconnecting Community Grant Program with the commissioners as well as Shannon Wells. Mrs. Wells noted that she needs time to research the Program before she goes any further.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-364- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$5,000.00 from 274-0274-5301-00 debt payment to 274-0274-5306-00 contract services.

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

22-365- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$100,000 into fund 001-1501-5310-00 joint jail which is for jail expenses.

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

22-366- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate \$1,500.00 into 102—0102-5301-00 broadband expenses.

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

33-367- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$877.00 to line item #001-0301-5306-00 (contract expenses) which is the appropriated funds received from the SOS for PEO Training for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

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

22-368-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

22-369- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, September 19, 2022 at 4:00pm.

Tom Bragg, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

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