

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, October 17, 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

22-404- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- On Friday, Commissioner Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting.
- Commissioner Welsh also went to the impound lot Saturday, to see that the renovation had been completed.
- Commissioner Bragg check on the progress of the impound lot throughout the week as well.
- Electrical issues in the Community Room were also inspected by Commissioner Bragg.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Discussed the community room rental over the weekend.
- Discussed courthouse maintenance.
- Commissioners discussed the dog pound policy.

Heidi Burns; JFS; Wendy Gorrell, MCDD

- Discussed their office space issues. They will ach be receiving office space.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Workforce Development Board member replacement
- Leave Requests
 - Heidi Burns & Keri Schaad—ECPCSAO Meeting in Coshocton on 10/21/22.
 - Heidi Burns & Ginger Bowen—JFS Retreat in Wooster on 10/27/22.
 - Kim Forman, Tina Cooper, Josh Work, Devan Vincent—ARIES Training in Zanesville on 10/24/22.

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension

OSU Extension, Morgan County Monthly Report for the Morgan County Commissioners, October 2022

4-H Update - Pam Montgomery

- The 4-H Horse Sub-Committee had a meeting on September 26th. They reviewed the Junior Fair Horse Show and started the process to begin planning for 2023.
- The 4-H Advisory Committee had a meeting on September 26th.
- 4-H CARTEENS meet on October 25th to plan for the November 7th program.
- Pam and Sophia have reviewed all the 4-H program responsibilities and divided the responsibilities for the upcoming year.
- Pam and Sophia have started working on the 4-H Calendar for 2023 and hope to have it complete by mid-November.
- A Teen Leadership retreat is planned for November 18-20 at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp for Morgan County Teens who want to learn more about 4-H teen opportunities and gain some leadership skills. Pam and Sophia are both planning the event. The online registration for any Morgan County youth ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2023 is due October 26th. Call the office at 740-962-4854 for more details.
- Pam will be attending a Camp Director in-service on October 27th and 4-H Professionals Fall in-service on November 1st.

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Update Pam Montgomery

- 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 October 20th from 9:30 am – 12 pm. Individuals can call the office at 740-962-4854 to register for the program.

Area Leader Items

- Interviews for a new SNAP-Ed Program Assistant were held on October 3, 2022. We hope to announce the new Program Assistant soon.

4-H Update Sophia Whisman

- September 27th Pam and Sophia split the 4-H program. They will be putting together the 4-H calendar soon.
- October 3rd, Sophia attended a conference in Columbus for new 4-H professionals. It consists of helpful discussions for new 4-H educators.
- October 5th, Sophia attended an area 19 zoom and a Morgan County Extension staff conference.
- October 10th, Sophia attended an Extension Advisory Meeting to give updates on behalf of the 4-H program.
- October 10th, Sophia had a one-on-one meeting with her supervisor Pam Montgomery.
- October 11th, Sophia attended a zoom meeting with The Ohio State University Director of Extension and other extension professionals for any updates.
- The week of October 17th-21st I am out of office for vacation. Agriculture and Natural Resources Update, Chris Penrose
 - The Farmers market concludes on Thursday, October 27th. Thanks to our vendors and customers, we have had our best season in many years. In addition the Morgan Master Gardeners will have their Fall Plant Sale at the October 20th market.
 - Had a gardening talk at the September 21st Master Gardener meeting.
 - Worked at the OSU Extension Animal Science booth at the Farm Science Review.
 - Had weekly columns in the Morgan County Herald and had the monthly live TV show on WHIZ-TV.
 - Had weed and tick articles in the OSU Extension Beef Team Newsletter, Ohio Farmer and Ohio Cattleman's magazine.
 - Submitted a journal article and had a presentation accepted for the International Grassland Congress for May 2023.
 - We are planning lots of programs this fall and winter including our Master Gardener Fall Educational Series starting October 24th on Ticks in Ohio,

November 15th on Square Foot Gardening, and November 21st on Indoor Mushroom Cultivating. These programs are at 6 p.m. at the library. We have also scheduled pesticide and fertilizer recertification, training and testing; the return of the Cattleman's Banquet, beef producer meetings, and a daytime Cow-Calf School at Clemens Farm on February 20th. I will keep update as details are finalized.

Shannon Wells, Economic Development Director

The Reconnecting Communities Planning Grant opportunity was not submitted for the Veterans Memorial Bridge. After some research, it did not seem like the right grant to study rehabbing the bridge. The federal department of transportation Bridge Investment Program grant will be researched as a potential resource for the project.

Burr Oak Regional Water District will be holding a public meeting in the Reicker Community Room on Dec.7 to discuss the water expansion project with landowners in the project area.

Shannon Wells will be reviewing the Capital Improvement application for local jail funding that is due in November.

Tracy Simons will be working to create the 501c3 non-profit Friends group for Appalachian Hills/Jesse Owens.

Shannon Wells & Tracy Simons will meet on Oct 20 with Chief of Communications, ODNR to discuss tourism in the region.

Bobby White will be attending Mobility Management training at ODOT in Columbus Oct 18.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Dog report-filed

22-405- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the pound keeper policy adopted 10/17/22. The policy is filed in the commissioner's office.

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

Terry Vik, American Express

- County made up of approximately 14,000 people / \$5M budget
- Using ARPA funds for digitalization in Recorder's office, fix roof at Court House, new windows
- No current credit card policy or cards distributed within the County
- Had one Amazon account for the entire county, but Amazon stopped it
- Auditor Randy Williams signs all checks after the Commissioners approve vouchers to sign
- High level discussion about various departments within the County and what and how they procure within budgets
- Discussed encumbered funds process
- Discussed level of control - a monthly budgetary level per cardmember, as well as at transactional level per cardmember

As a next step, you stated you would like to have a conversation with the County Auditor, Randy Williams to see if there is potential interest in having a second discussion. In the meanwhile, I'm attaching a link to our American Express website, where there is a bit more information about the Purchasing Card program (make sure you open the + sign on the right for additional produce details).

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Discussed personal phone usage for work.

Shelby Wahl, Office on Aging Director

1. -Community Action Request letter received for \$10,000 levy meal money (David Brightbill, Community Action). Discussed willingness to give the money with a stipulation of requiring receipts and/or documentation to prove that money is being provided to Morgan County seniors.
2. Van tags for Honda Odyssey van expired 10/03. Request papers sent to Ohio Motor Vehicles to request handicap tags but they have not yet been received.

3. Darlene and Shelby attended Morgan County Senior Citizens Club meeting on 10/17 at Manor Community room. November meeting to be held elsewhere due to construction at Senior Center with plans to resume club meetings in December at the Center.
4. Construction resumes at Senior Center and building remains closed to the public at this time but services are still being provided in the community (homemaking, grocery shopping, and transportation).
5. FFA fruit donation to seniors from Farm Bureau. Senior Center commits to delivering fruit and plans to use as advertising to seniors about the services provided by the Senior Center.
6. Shelby to attend I-Teams meeting with JFS and APS on 10/19/22.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

22-406-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to American Electric Power, correlated East of County Rd 84, Possum Hollow Rd) Township of York, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

22-407- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer in DETEC Funds from 060-0060-5304.00 (Equipment) to 060-0060-5309.00 (Other Expenses) in the amount of \$1500.00.

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

22-408-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

22-409- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Bragg to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, October 17, 2022.

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

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Sheila Welch, Clerk

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