

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Adam Shriver, President  
Richard Welsh, Vice-President  
Cecil Mayle, Member

**23-040-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Mr. Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting Friday morning.
- Mr. Shriver and Mr. Mayle attended the LEPC meeting at the EMA office on Thursday.

***Valarie Mayle, BOE***

- Discussed equipment in the Board of Elections Office with the commissioners.

***Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services***

- SNAP Emergency Allotments will end with February benefits based on the State's declaration, this means in March there will be no extra. Based on December's data-this will affect 1,145 households and \$217,381. Adding to this, Medicaid has also been "uncoupled" from the PHE. April will be the first month to start terminations for Medical.
- Health Department-homemaker contract
- Office on Aging-homebased services contract
- Looking at Mediation Services Contract
- Staff will be attending sessions for speaker Kyle Overmyer on Wednesday. This event is being hosted by the Court.
- Heidi and Ginger will be attending the Public Health Table Top Exercise at the EMA office on Thursday. This is being hosted by the Health Department.
- Travel Request
  - Heidi Burns and Kari Schaad to Coshocton for East Central PCSAO Meeting
  - Heidi Burns and Keri Schaad to Athens for Southeast PCSAO Meeting

-Spring Family Fest 2023—April 29<sup>th</sup>

***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.
- Still waiting on Dave Bailey to provide requested information for 9-1-1 coordinator position. He called once when I was out of office, I followed up with him and told him I would be in the office from 12/26-12/30, and 1/4 on. I sent follow up email on 1/9/2023, but he still has not contacted me.
- Mapping computer at M&M continues to drop display. Jeff Babcock has restarted it multiple times. Uninterruptable power supplies continue to be an issue at M&M. Babcock replaced one and is going to attempt to refurb old ones for spares (should just need batteries).
- M&M Fire Chief Finley gave me information regarding movers for 9-1-1 furnishings that apparently Mifflin Township has offered to donate to the County. We need to discuss.
- RFQ for Capabilities Assessment contractor to assess and evaluate capabilities of County emergency response organizations is complete. Will send it out to various contractors. This will be 80% funded by HMEP grant.
- LEPC Meeting was held January 11, 2023, 11:30 am at EMA offices. Discussed grants, funding, exercise planning, membership. Exercise will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will be using a contractor paid for with HMEP grant funds.
- The last 2 items mentioned the HMEP grant – it is an 80/20 grant and the LEPC budget only had \$10000 in contracts. The entire amount was expended for the management contract with EMA. We will need to come up with match money to utilize the HMEP funds. We have \$11,200 we can expend by May 2023, and another \$11,600 by October. If we utilize all of this, we will need \$4560 in match money. It is doubtful we will get to that amount- more likely \$2500 or so.
- Completed annual inventory of grants purchases for FEMA. Submitted that as well as inventory certification form.
- Completing final FY2021 EMPG cash request to send in before end of month.
- Submitted LEPC grant application to Ohio EMA for SERC.
- Working with State on reporting EMPG time versus all of my time for reimbursement. 911 time must be split out and all associated employer paid benefits (PERS, Medicare, Worker's comp) as well as Holiday, vacation and sick time must be charged to EMPG in proportional manner. I have designed a couple of spreadsheets to take care of this- waiting for State approval. It is very important that the pay sources, etc. for EMPG vs. 9-1-1 are not comingled.
- I will be out of town all next week. Will notify neighboring EMA offices for emergency coverage.

***Chris Penrose, OSU***

Over the past month in 4-H Youth Development Pam Montgomery has been focused on reorganizing and kicking off 2023. The camp counselors/counselors in-training for 2023 have been selected and their first training was completed on 1/10/2023. The 4-H Advisory Committee and the 4-H Horse Advisory Sub-Committee meet for the first time in 2023 on January 23rd. CARTEENS reorganized on January 24th. 4-H Fashion Board gets started on January 31st. The month is full of evaluating and planning as the new year gets underway.

She finalized the Successful Co-Parenting schedule for 2023 in late December. The schedule has been shared with the court and the first class was held on January 10th. She is exploring adding a parenting program in 2023.

As an Area Leader she will soon be busy writing and sharing annual Performance Reviews for the staff in Area 19 (Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington Counties). She continues to spend one day a month in each county meeting with staff and attending meetings.

Sophia Whisman attended Senior Fair Board and Sale Committee Meetings. Junior Fair Board and other older youth groups kick off in January. Saturday, January 14th Levi Morrow and Sophia brought five interested youth from this years Junior Fair Board to attend the Ohio Fair Managers Association Junior Fair Conference in downtown Columbus.

Betsy Ellingsworth, our SNAP-Ed Program Assistant is continuing to make community connections. This past month, she has been in Malta, Chesterhill and Stockport to meet and distribute recipes to recipients of food commodity boxes.

Betsy has been at Morgan East Elementary in the preschool classrooms and has begun programming with the elementary students as well. She held a teacher meeting at Morgan West to schedule programming in the spring.

She also has met with the Morgan Co. Health Department to discuss ways of collaborating with them to offer classes in the community.

She is offering a winter soup series at the Senior Center in January and February.

Chris Penrose provided a Tick program to M&M Rotary and assisted with the Morgan County Master Gardeners holiday gathering and program. He completed his term on the board of directors and past president of the American Forage & Grassland Council at their recent meeting. He has many winter programs planned including an agronomy meeting on January 24th;

pesticide and fertilizer recertification, training and testing; and a Cow-Calf School and Beef Banquet in February. For more information, give Chris a call.

**23-041-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to appoint Jennifer Ponchak to the board of MCDD effective January 2023 with term expiring January of 2027.

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

***Kate Dugan, CVB***

\*Presented information about the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

-The mission is to promote visitation to Morgan County, develop the destination experiences, support business and communicate DMO and tourism's value.

-Promoting Visitation to Morgan County will occur by attending the 8-day Indianapolis Boat, Sport and Travel show with a promotional booth promoting Morgan County for visitors who enjoy the outdoors.

The CVB have also made a "passport" you hand out. It is called Covered Bridge Passport. When visiting each bridge listed, visitors will locate the "bridge Icon" on the bridge and transfer the image to their passport using a crayon. Free sticker and magnet upon proof of completion.

-Additional Brochure Development-

- Hiking Guide expected Feb. 2023
- Historical Markers Guide expected March 2023

***Doug McGrath, Sheriff***

-Discussed the budget for 2023.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Mrs. Wells is meeting with American Electric Power Real Estate supervisor on January 18, 2023 to discuss property owned by Franklin Reality on SR607.

-Mrs. Wells and Traci Baker will meet with Ohio Department of Development on January 18, 2023 in the Development Office to review a chip rehab project. A commissioner is requested to attend.

-Bobby White, Mobility Manager is attending a meeting today representing Morgan County at Ohio University for DriveOhio's Rural Automated Driving Systems (ADS) project.

-Jay Edwards requested a meeting with Morgan County Economic Development to discuss projects in Morgan County.

-ODOT Real Estate office plans to attend the CIC meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 to discuss right of way needed for center turn lane project.

-The Malta new well and Stockport sewer line replacement projects were both selected from the pre-application process to submit full application for funding.

-A lien discharge is requested concerning a loan payoff which occurred on Friday, January 13, 2023 for Seraphinia's Coffee Shop.

-A mortgage company is requesting subordination for a property located at 7070 Smith Run Rd. Glouster, OH for a housing rehab project completed in October 2018. Balance due is \$15,960.00 which is 40% of the total project if subordination is not awarded.

-A meeting will be held January 18, 2023 with a transit driver concerning an incident on SR690 on January 3, 2023.

-Mrs. Wells is working with Morgan Local Schools to partner on driver physicals.

A public hearing will be held on January 30, 2023 for PY2022 & 2023 Community Development Block Grant funds.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted dog report-filed

-The commissioners had a phone conversation with the Monroe Commissioners. They wanted to know how our transit system works. They recently had an audit that was less than sufficient. Mrs. Wells sat in on the call to assist in answering questions.

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-Reported on activities over the past week.

***Shelby Wahl, Senior Center***

-JFS Title 20 funding for homemaking services (\$30,000)

-Bond application turned in

-Upcoming meeting on 01/31/2023 at 9am with Commissioners and Auditor.

***Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications***

**23-042-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to supplemental appropriate 1,000,000.00 into 321-0321-5301.00 ARPA funds to cover expenses for 2023.

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-043-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to authorize a then and now resolution to pay the following invoice from the Morgan County Transit 113:

T & K Auto Parts	\$ 429.60
Genesis OEHS	\$ 345.00
Bob Sears Heating & Cooling	\$3,093.85
Dave's Landscaping	\$ 90.00
OPTA	\$1,250.00
Crystal Spring Water	\$ 38.00
Foxster Opco LLC	\$1,650.00
Visa	\$ 88.60
Morgan Meigsville Water	\$ 60.00
Spectrum	\$ 237.94
Advance Auto Parts	\$ 20.77
Quality Tools	\$ 139.90
Morgan Hardware	\$ 109.17
LEAF	\$ 197.15
AT&T	\$ 626.79
Village of McConnelsville	\$ 107.60

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-044-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to authorize a then and now resolution to pay the following invoice from Grant Administration Fund 099:

Hina Environmental Solutions	\$525.00
Morris Hardware	\$ 28.56
Great American Financial	\$227.71
M.C. Community of the Arts	\$300.00
The Vernon	\$182.53
HAAS Septic	\$200.00
BK Roll Off	\$750.00

Central Ohio Office Products	\$ 89.99
Poynters Business Solutions	\$ 18.00
Visa	\$105.44

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-045-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant a then and now resolution in the amount of \$415.37 so that the following may be paid;

Matthew Bender	\$ 408.51
Crystal Springs	\$ 9.00
County Court (credit card fees)	\$ 204.19
Morris Hardware	\$ 4.32
Southeast Oh. Driver Program	\$ 675.00
Lucas Howard	\$1,327.50
Chloe Spencer	\$1,135.00
Melissa Cheabi	\$ 382.50

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-046-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate \$2,399.44 to line item 048-0048-5301.00 (grant expenses which is remaining grant funds from the SOS for physical security and cyber security implementation to the M.C. Board of Elections.

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-047-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to authorize a then and now resolution to pay the following invoice from the Morgan County Transit 112:

T&K Auto Parts	\$2,307.56
Kelly Architectural Serv. Inc.	\$ 630.00
Advanced Auto	\$ 6.89

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-048-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to authorize a then and now resolution to pay the following invoice from the Mobility Management 086:

The Vernon	\$117.03
Charles Ritter	\$ 99.98
OPTA	\$300.00

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-049-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to transfer \$3,100.00 from 008-0008-5102.00 to 008-0008-5310.00 miscellaneous line item

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-050-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

**Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried**

**23-051-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to recess the commissioners meeting until Thursday January 19, 2023 at 8:00am for the CIC meeting Thursday Jan 19 at 10:00am.

**Adam Shriver, President**

**Richard Welsh, Vice-President**

**Cecil Mayle, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**











