

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, February 21, 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

23-082- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Tuesday, Mr. Shriver attended a Broadband meeting to discuss POWER Implementation grant. He then wrote an article for Farm Bureau Newsletter about Broadband Committee.
- Thursday, all three commissioners attended a CIC meeting.
- Mr. Shriver and Mr. Mayle met with AEP to discuss their future use of certain tracts of land. County may market the property for them.
- Mr. Shriver accompanied Ms. Wells to Rose Farm to meet with property owners at Rose Farm School.

Alan Eltringham Jr., Pound Keeper

- Mentioned creating a “wish list” on amazon to place on the website. The commissioners advised him to check with the Auditor’s Office before proceeding.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Discussed that the elevator floor had been replaced.

Steve Hook, Engineer

- Made the commissioners that he has bid out Malta Hill.

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

- Submitted bills
- GED Classes update
- Children Services Updates

- Summary of meeting with Representative Jay Edwards
- Policies around supporting other unions during strike
- House Bill would lower state income and property taxes while cutting funds to schools and local government.
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23-083- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve a then and now:

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>Number</u>
100880	\$1820.84	Zane State College	349-0349-5303.00	23-29773	

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

23-084- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a then and now:

<u>Voucher</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>Number</u>
101201	\$581.87	M.C. Commissioners	349-0349-5302.00	23-29774	

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

Chris Penrose, OSU

Pam Montgomery, 4-H Educator and Area Leader reports that the 4-H Fashion Board was finally able to reorganize for 2023 on February 14th and they are excited about learning new skills and upcoming educational trips. CARTEENS are getting ready for the first program of the year on February 28th. Camp counselors/counselors in-training continued their training on February 14th, and they are looking forward to selecting the camp theme soon. She attended the 4-H Retreat on February 7-8, 2023, and taught a couple sessions.

As Area Leader, Ms. Montgomery is working on annual Performance Reviews for the staff in Area 19 (Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington Counties). She attends staff meetings and meets with staff individually. She attended the Extension Leadership Team meeting on February 15-16, 2023.

Sophia Whisman, 4-H Educator, attended the Senior Fair Board meeting and 4-H Advisory meeting. Junior Fair Board and other older youth groups re-organized in January. She met with a neighboring county to discuss the new computer system, Fair Entry, which we will be implementing this year for the fair.

Sophia also housed new volunteer interviews, had meetings with the 4-H Advisory Committee, and some older youth for state trips. She also attended a trusted leader workshop, provided new volunteer training for 2023 new volunteers, attended a 4-H professional retreat, and recorded a video for the mentee/mentor program at OSU.

Betsy Ellingsworth, the Snap-Ed Program Assistant has just completed her first series of nutrition programming with kindergarten, 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at Morgan East Elementary. This week she begins teaching the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students there.

She is in the middle of the Savory Soup series at the Senior Center where there is an active group there to participate.

On Feb 1st, Betsy went to the food distribution sites in Stockport and Chesterhill to hand out recipes that were geared to items given in commodity boxes and that were diabetic specific.

She went to the SNAP-Ed program assistant regional meeting on Feb 9 to prepare for the new grant planning and preparation and went to the Family and Children First Council meeting on Feb 10 with Pam Montgomery to make more community connections for future collaboration.

Chris Penrose, Ag Educator had a presentation for WVU Extension on Making Hay and presented a virtual meeting on Clover Production. He teamed up with colleagues from Athens, Meigs, and Washington Counties to provide a Row Crop Production meeting for the four counties, and it was well attended and well received. He also had the annual pesticide and fertilizer recertification meetings at the high school Vo-Ag room and has another fertilizer Recertification scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd, and pesticide training for new applicators and testing scheduled for March.

Around 80 attended the annual Cattlemen's banquet where he had a presentation on forages. Finally, Chris, Ted Wiseman, and Garth Ruff provided a Cow-Calf School on February 20th for over 60 people at Clemen's farm here in the county.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Kelly Architectural responded to the Request for Proposal to provide engineering services on Union Hall in Chesterhill. There was only one response received.

23-085- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to request to apply to Ohio Department of Development, Target of Opportunity grant for a neighborhood facilities activity(stage improvements) at the Twin City Opera House.

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

-Quotes were received to demo the structure at 2385 E. St. Rt 60 NW property it is to be paid for by the Ohio Department of Development through building demolition funds. They are as follows:

Newberry Excavating	\$4,050.00
Larry Lang Excavating	\$7,092.00
Masterson Complete	\$7,000.00

23-086- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to award 2385 E. SR60 NW. McConnellsville demolition to Newberry Excavating in the amount of \$4,050.00.

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

-Commissioner Shriver and Mrs. Wells met with consultant Jay Bennett on February 15, 2023 to discuss next steps on the ARC Power grant. Next scheduled meeting is February 24, 2023, 3:00pm.

-A meeting was held on February 16, 2023 with AEP Real Estate division to discuss economic development opportunities on property. Commissioner Mayle, Commissioner Shriver and Mrs. Wells were in attendance.

Commissioner Shriver and Mrs. Wells traveled to Rose Farm on February 16, 2023 to discuss the demolition of Rose Farm schoolhouse with property owner.

-Mrs. Wells met with Monroe County Commissioners on February 16, 2023 and held a virtual interview for the office clerk position in Monroe County.

Mrs. Wells will attend the first planning meeting Hooked of Fishing Not on Drugs event February 22, 2023.

Appalachian Community Grant Program meetings will be held this week and next at Buckeye Hills in Marietta. 2/22, 1:00pm—Transportation, 2/23, 9:00am –Theaters, Museums, 2/23, 11:00am—Downtown Buildings.

23-087- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve a supplemental appropriation for fund 085 Revolving Loan Fund:

Other expense: 085-0085-5309-00 \$7,000.00

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted dog report-filed

Adam Triplet, Veteran's Office

-Discussed stick flags for Veterans grave makers and what fund should be purchasing them.

Steve Hook, Engineer

23-088- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to award Ohio West Virginia Excavating the DR4424 PW, 670 Malta Hill Road Phase 1 project in the amount of \$149,491.00.

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

23-089- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to award Ohio West Virginia Excavating the DR4424 PW, 670 Malta Hill Road for Phase 2 in the amount of \$87,142.00.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Reported on activities over the past week.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

-No transfers

23-090-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

23-091- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to adjourn the commissioners meeting February 21, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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

Adam Shriver, President

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Cecil Mayle, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

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