

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, February 27, 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, Absent

**23-092-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Commissioner Mayle is attending a CCAO three-day conference in Columbus.
- On Wednesday, Commissioner Shriver attended a Buckeye Hills General Policy Council meeting and Application Community Grant Program meeting concerning theaters and museums in Marietta. He also attended part two of the meeting the next day focusing on downtowns also in Marietta.

Friday, Commissioner Shriver attended a One Ohio Region 12 Committee meeting in Zanesville. He also attended a Broadband Committee Virtual meeting on the same day as well.

***Alan Eltringham Jr., Pound Keeper***

- Discussed with the commissioners that the cameras have been installed at the pound.

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

- Submitted bills
- Spring Family Fest—Director Damschroder attending
- Attorney for CPS discussion
- Insurance discussion
- Travel Requests
  - Heidi Burns & Keri Schaad—PCSAO Execs @ Lewis Center, Ohio on 3/2 & 3/3.
  - Heidi Burns & Cathy Apperson—JFS General Session @ Lewis Center, Ohio on 3/10
  - Heidi Burns—ECODA @ Cambridge, Ohio on 3/7

***John Wilt, EMA***

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours.
- Continue updating Morgan County Resource Guide.
- Attended Region 8 EMA Director's meeting. Apparently, the Governor's budget proposes picking up MARCs fees for all the public safety agencies, this is \$10/month/radio. Budget also proposes \$45 million for NG911 rollout—more detail needed. SB50 has been introduced—this will provide a universal charge of \$0.70 per month for any device that can access 911. Watching closely.
- Dave Bailey had WestTel provide required statistics to the State, Morgan County was found complaint for FY2022.
- Mr. Wilt have visited MECC—Metropolitan Emergency Communications Center to disassemble the 4 dispatch consoles and make them ready for transport and storage. Overall, these unit are in excellent shape and their donation represents thousands of dollars in saving in the county.
- Brent Spray with Thomas Shelby & Co. provided an estimate to move the consoles--\$3,000.00.
- Two Men and A Truck provided and estimate to move the consoles--\$1,500.00.
- Mr. Wilt checked with U—Haul, we can rent a 26-foot truck for \$260 in Gahanna for overnight, milage and moving pads, dolly, ect. Includes and returned to Bragg's in McConnelsville. Hired help would run an additional \$325.00 for Gahanna only. We only need additional help in McConnelsville to unload.
- Will be back in Gahanna Tuesday to complete disassembly and prepare for move.
- Spectrum presentation.
- Mr. Wilt received contact information from Rob Jackson for ComTech and WestTel. Will be reaching out to them for information.
- There are various issues with 911being brought to his attention, the most immediate is a concern over call handing for auto accidents. Mr. Wilt would like to hold a meeting with the Sheriff, M&M Fire Chief, and Commissioner(s) to develop a mutually acceptable policy. There are other issues that need to be discussed as well.
- Had there been a budget approved for 911? If not, what do we need to do to do so?

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-A grant was submitted to Ohio Department of Development, Target of Opportunity grant for a neighborhood facilities activity (stage improvements) at the Twin City Opera House. The total project is \$263,000 (\$100,000 state capital bill and \$163,000 Target of Opportunity grant.)

-ODOT announced Morgan County will receive a planning support grant for an Active Transportation Plan. Next steps will be for the commissioners to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with ODOT for their Services in the development of this plan.

**23-092-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to authorize M.C. Commissioners to enter into a water pollution control loan fund replacement of home sewage treatment systems.

\*See attached

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

-Asbestos removal prices were requested from Jay Shiets, Lepi and Hina for the Meigsville Township building to remove the floor tile. One price was received from Hina Environmental Services for \$4,020.00. It is recommended to move forward with Hina and a signature is requested to sign the proposal.

-A conference call with Monroe County Commissioners is scheduled for 11am today to discuss next steps for Monroe County Transportation contact with Morgan County.

-Commissioner Shriver, Bobby White, Mobility Manager, and Shannon Wells attended a meeting at Buckeye Hills Regional Council on February 22, 2023 regarding the Appalachian Community Grant Program.

-Shannon Wells and Tracey Simmons, ODNR contract worker met with Jeff Wilson from AEP on February 23, 2023 to identify acreage for the Site Readiness Grant application to Ohio SE. - Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells met with consultant Jay Bennett on February 24, 2023 to discuss next steps on the ARC Power grant. A Request for proposal will be sent this week and advertised March 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to the Herald, Buckeye Hills and Broadband Ohio for Internet Service Providers for broadband deployment in specified target areas. Next scheduled meeting is March 3, 2023, 3pm.

-A pre-bid meeting for lawncare services will be held on March 1, 2023 at 3pm at the Transit facility located at 900 S. Riverside Dr. McConnellsville, Ohio.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted dog report-filed

***Doug McGrath-Sheriff***

-Discussed where to tell people they are allowed to picket providing the school strikes on Wednesday. The commissioners said they do not want the strike to impede the public from doing business in buildings they manage, or cause in safety concern. Otherwise there was no problem.

***Jerome Herremon, Concerned Citizen***

-Would like to place a septic tank on his property. He has been having issues with the Health Department and the VA in Malta. The commissioners told him he needs to present his case to the Board of the Health Department.

***Tori Pierce, Co-Ad***

-Discussed ways to bring child-care to the workplace.

Here are some options to consider:

- Contract with child care provider
- Support back-up or emergency child-care
- On-site or near site child care program
- Partner with employers

The commissioners agreed to look over the information that was provided. No action taken yet.

***Shelby Wahl, Senior Center***

Transportation (guidelines and rules for transporting seniors who have had a procedure and may be under anesthesia).

-Obtaining a county email with the assistance of Jeff Babcock.

-Levy details and millage provided by Auditor.

-Pool table at Senior Center and furniture from Health Department.

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-Reported on activities over the past week.

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

**23-094-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to allow the Health Department

to transfer \$3,400.00 from 063-0063-5309.00 to 063-0063-5305.00.

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

**23-095-**Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. \*See attached\*

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

**23-096-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting February 16, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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

**Adam Shriver, President**

**Richard Welsh, Vice-President**

**Cecil Mayle, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

Attachment A:

Resolution No. *23-093*

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNTY OF MORGAN FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

Whereas, the County of Morgan seeks to repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the County of Morgan intends to apply for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of a WPCLF loan agreement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the President of Morgan County Commissioners be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems on behalf of the County of Morgan, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2023.

  
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President of Morgan County Commissioners

Attest:   
Clerk

*Updated 10/2003*











