

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 24, 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

**23-182-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the minutes of April 17, 2023.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Tuesday, all three commissioners attended the planning commission meeting in the evening.
- Commissioner Mayle attended a Community Action meeting.
- Wednesday, Commissioner Mayle attended a Mid-Term Planning meeting with the LEPC.
- Commissioner Shriver attended Community Health meeting hosted by the Health Department.
- Thursday, Commissioner Shriver attended a meeting regarding County-Wide Park District.
- Other topics were discussed also including an aquatic center. He also attended a planning meeting with Appalachian Planning Grant approved planner tourism project.
- Friday, he reviewed and signed ARC Power Grant with Shannon Wells and Jay Bennett.

***Alan Eltringham, Pound Keeper***

- Submitted report
- Asked to allow two employees access to Facebook page to place dogs online.

***Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance***

- Updated the commissioner on the events of last week.
- The commissioners and Mr. Eltringham discussed if the AC unit in the courthouse should be repaired or replaced. It was decided to get a quote for repairing as well as replacing the unit.

***Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer***

- Discussed cutting down trees that are over-hanging at carriage house near the Howard House on county property.

***Heidi Burns, JFS***

- COG meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>—Need RSVP's

Reminder of OMJ open house on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Spring Family Fest on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**23-183-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following levy language:

\*See attachment A

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

***John Wilt, EMA & 911***

EMA/OHS Report to Commissioners, 4/24/2023

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Working on Ohio Fire Chief's Emergency Response Plan data
- Attended the evaluation of Washington County's annual exercise on Thursday, 4/13/23.
- Held midterm planning meeting for Morgan County LEPC exercise. Final planning 104,105 meeting is Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 10:00AM. Exercise is June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Monthly IPAWS Drill completed
- Received Case Commander ICS case and BioSeal body bags from Region 8 Homeland Security

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 4/24/2023

- Ordered 4 computers to replace all NG9-1-1 computers at a cost of \$4,714.36. We will be using the same monitors for now utilizing adapters as we will likely get larger monitors in the future that current spaces cannot accommodate.
- Digitized the MSAG (Master Street Address Guide)
- Obtained login credentials and training for the WestTel MIS (Management Information System) for our software. This gives me the capability to follow a call from the moment it is dialed until transfer/disconnect. Still waiting on Equature link so I can review the audio portions of calls.
- Jeff Babcock replaced the UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supplies) units at M&M and removed a defunct computer and old UPS units.
- In discussions with Marty Ham, I discovered that the billing sent to partner counties was not correct. ComTech sends us a combined bill for Core and our PSAP services and billing has been based on that, not just the Core. I have advised our partners that there will be a pause in the billing until we sort out the proper charges.

- ComTech has advised that they recommend a system bridge solution to ensure continuity as our Core equipment is technically past end of life and the State DAS NG9-1-1 system will not be operational until at least August 2024. This entails moving the DDTI location services and geospatial routing to a cloud solution provided by the State. The State will absorb the costs of the AWS cloud storage and links with the partner counties paying the transition cost. All counties met with ComTech on 4/21/23 and I advised that Morgan County supported moving ahead with the least expensive solution. The other counties are reviewing the proposals and will get back to me with concerns, and comments next week. I will prepare MOAs and have the Prosecutor review as there is an expense of \$29,820.89 for this. It would be split evenly. We have to pay the initial bill as we hold the contract with ComTech, but our final cost will be \$4970.15. I am unsure what we will do if any of the counties refuses to support the bridge solution.
- Completed and submitted the State Wireless Government Assistance Fund (WGAF) reconciliation for 2022.
- Working on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), National 9-1-1 Program Office report that is due May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- I continue to look into various issues with the system and the call-takers. Sheriff expressed concerns regarding documentation of call-taker issues believing it could foster legal issues.
- We need to aggressively pursue having qualified personnel only in call-taking positions, particularly for EMD.

***Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer***

**23-184-** - Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following resolution:

\*See attachment B

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

***Wendy Gorrell, MCCVB***

-Discussed the CVB. Ms. Gorrell noted there are not enough people on the board to fill positions. They will meet to discuss their opinion soon.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted dog report-filed

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

- Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells met with Jay Bennett on April 19, 2023 to make the final submission of ARC Power Implantation grant.
- Ohio Department of Development completed the CHIP 2019 review of files and sites visits April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells attended a zoom meeting with Designing Local, procured planner for the ACGP funding on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Buckeye Hills has the 2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee meeting scheduled for 1:00pm today. Shannon Wells will attend virtually.
- Bobby White attended the Ohio Mobility Managers Conference on April 13—14 located in Mount Vernon and the Ohio Travel Trainers conference in Canton on April 20—21 for mobility managers.
- Shannon Wells and Traci Baker will attend the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) webinar on April 25<sup>th</sup> for 2023 funding.
- Shannon Wells will attend a presentation for Morgan and Monroe Public Transit on April 26<sup>th</sup> for the SFY2024 Ohio Transportation Partnership Program criteria, application, and scoring.
- The Federal Transit Administration is requesting an appraisal review and appraisal on the building located at 37 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street McConnelsville “Please move forward and obtain both an appraisal and an appraisal review to be submitted with the concurrence request to FTA. For properties no longer needed for transit purposes, the recipient is expected to follow the valuation requirements of 49 CFR part 24 and obtain an appraisal and appraisal review to ascertain the value of the property considered for disposal. Appraisals developed for disposition purposes are required to appraise the value of the land separate from the value of the improvements and these two values must be submitted in the report. The appraisers must be knowledgeable and have experience with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition regulations.”
- OR Colan has submitted a price of \$9,000 for the appraisal review and appraisal. Shannon Wells is getting verification on if transit can pay for these documents.
- Brad Bond and Shannon Wells submitted letters of support to the Ohio House of Representatives to show support for increased funding to Jessie Owens State Park for maintenance, operations and law enforcement.

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-Reported on activities over the past week.

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

**23-185-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant American Electric Power—Ohio Power to span over w/construction within county road 14, located in Township of Homer, Section No. 17, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

**23-186-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to request the following supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$51.00 to 001-0803-5327-00 registration vital statistics to pay an invoice to the Health Department.

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

**23-187-** 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**

**23-188-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to adjourn the commissioners meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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

**Adam Shriver, President**

**Richard Welsh, Vice-President**

**Cecil Mayle, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

Attachment A:



**Morgan County  
Commissioners**

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Adam Shriver  
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Whereas, the occurrences of referrals of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children in Morgan County are dramatically increasing and the department mandated to investigate and serve victims of abuse and neglect are critically under-funded, and unable to assure safety and protection of our most vulnerable residents.

Whereas, the purpose of the levy is to provide services for abused, neglected and exploited children including but not limited to investigation, prosecution, court preparation, case management, protective placement, prevention education and service coordination.

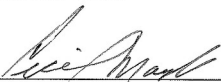
Whereas, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Morgan County, Ohio and the tax levy is necessary to supplement the protective services fund for the purposes of providing said social services and,

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners must obtain a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Morgan County Auditor prior to certifying this levy to the Morgan County Board of Elections.

Commissioner Mayle makes a motion of intent at the April 24, 2023, Commissioner's meeting to place a renewal levy on the November 7, 2023, ballot for child protective levy services. The levy shall be for .5 mill (half) a mill or five cents per \$100 of real property evaluation. The levy shall be for five years commencing in tax year 2024, first collected in 2025. The purpose of the renewal levy is to provide protective services for abused, neglected or exploited children including but not limited to investigation, prosecution, court preparation, case management, protective placement, prevention education and service coordination. Seconded by Commissioner Welsh pursuant to revised code 5705.24.

  
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Adam Shriver, President

  
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Attachment B:



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Adam Shriver  
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A resolution authorizing Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participation in the Ohio Public Works Commission Emergency Repair Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

Whereas, the Emergency Repair Program provides financial assistance to political subdivisions for Emergency Repair improvements to public infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Morgan County Engineer is planning to make emergency slip repair improvements to #14 (W. Mountville Road) and

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and a qualified project under the OPWC programs,

Now Therefore, be it Resolved by the board of Morgan County Commissioners:

Section 1: The Morgan County Engineer is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for emergency funds as described above.

Section 2: The Morgan County Engineer is further authorized to enter into any agreements as many as necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Passed: April 24, 2023  
Res. 23-184

Adam Shriver, President

Richard Welsh, Vice President

Cecil Mayle, Member







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