

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, June 12, 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

23-252- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Commissioner Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting last Friday.
- Commissioner Shriver attended a virtual with coordinated Planners to discuss Appalachia Community Grant Projects in Morgan County on Tuesday.
- All commissioners attended a CIC meeting on Thursday.
- Commissioner Shriver met with coordinated planner Designing Local to discuss projects in McConnelsville
- On Friday, Commissioner Shriver met with EMA Director/911 Coordinator John Wilt to discuss 911 projects in county.

Alan Eltringham, Pound Keeper

- Submitted report
- Full report can be found online at:
https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html

Randy Bebout, M&M Fire

- Discussed Simulcast Repeater Radio System

Trista Nelson, Soil & Water

- Discussed that the old district truck stopped working. They needed to get a new/used one costing \$40,000. They were wondering if they could get some help financially with their budget due having to spend some funds for purchasing the truck. The commissioners said they would look into it.

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer

23-253- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to authorize Steve Hook, Morgan County Engineer to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission Emergenet 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 Morgan County Road #14 (W. Mountville Rd.)

Whereas, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is 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: Morgan County Engineer is further authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

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

23-254- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to accept Ohio Rd. CR2—Malta Twp. Slip Repair in the amount of \$538,284.80.

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

23-255- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following.

-See attachment A

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Subgrant Agreement between ODJFS and ODM (Medicaid) for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. This agreement is in order to receive funding.

Reminder—Heidi will be on vacation June 12th-16th and doctor’s appt. on the 20th,

-Travel Request

- Josh Work to Columbus, Oh n 6/13/2023

Cody Pettet, Ohio Treasurer of State Office

Wanted to check in on the projects going on in Morgan County.

John Wilt, 911; EMA

-Discussed a meeting with EMA he attended. He learned there would be no LEPC grant match funds. He asked to do an encumbrance to cover grants from cash balance.

CHIP--2nd Pubic Hearing

Among those in attendance were Shannon Wells, (Development Office) Dean Blackburn, (Concerned Citizen) Cheryl Brink, (Treasurer) Adam Shriver, (Commissioner) Richard Welsh, (Commissioner) Cecil Mayle, (Commissioner) Sheila Welch, (Commissioners' Clerk).

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

-Changed days for mowing the Grove and Commons from Thursday to Wednesday since MCBDD Camp in in session until the end of July and they are off on Wednesdays.

-Purchased new sprayer for weed control at Morris Hardware.

-New dishwasher came in last week but couldn't be installed since all hook ups were opposite of the dishwashing unit.

-Awaiting quote from Westfall Buildings and Doors for the new Controllers for the Garage doors.

-Replaced the last Bucket of Enzyme Chemical for the sewage pump in the Basement and need to reorder four new buckets through Thrombold Equipment.

-The Cub Cadet is currently down and we are going to garage today and try to get it running again.

Trina Webb, Juvenile Court

-Made the commissioners aware that the Probation and T-CAP grant have been awarded for two years.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

23-256- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to untable all Union Hall roof repair bids as recommended by Chesterhill Village Council and Marion Township Trustees.

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

23-257- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reject all bids for Union Hall based on recommendation from Pat Kelly and Village of Chesterhill.

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

It will be re-bid and bids will be opened July 10, 2023.

23-258- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to apply to the Ohio Department of Development Allocation Program in FY2023. This resolution shall also hereby authorize Adam Shriver, President to sign all necessary application materials.

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

23-259- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to apply to the Ohio Department of Development Critical Infrastructure Program in FY023. This resolution shall also hereby authorize Adam Shriver, President to sign all necessary application materials.

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

-A longevity raise benefit is requested for Morgan County Public Transit hourly employees recommended at \$.10 per year being retroactive for all current employees. Commissioners agreed and approved.

-Shannon Wells met with a small business owner that is interested in opening a souvenir shop in visitors center mid-July.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-It was relayed to the IT department that a large air handler in the existing network closet at the Courthouse will need to be replaced. Currently, Spectrum has fiber optic equipment in that closet with delicate fiber optic cables attached. The IT department surveyed the Courthouse for a new location for the network closet. The area next to the power panels in the basement would be the best location, since this is where the fiber optic cables enter the building.

The IT department investigated the possibility of a new radio network for the County.

The IT department continued to work with the Board of Elections to mitigate the vulnerabilities discovered by the Secretary of State's Tenable scanner. The State would like to have has many of the vulnerabilities fixed before voting begins in July. Phones and computers were moved to the Visitor's Bureau in preparation for the office to be opened to the public.

Randy Williams, Auditor

-Missed paychecks for a few employees was discussed. If there are overdraft fees, the commissioners would like to cover them.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-260- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Brightspeed—Heather Martin to bore under CR 40 located in Township of Penn Section No. 4, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

23-261- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to American Electric Power to span over CR 63, located in Township of Homer, Section No. 36, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

23-262- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from 083-0083-5102.00 salaries \$5,700.00 to 083-0083-5309.00 and please adjust PO#23-29920.

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

23-263- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to the following supplemental appropriation of \$3,000 (to 029-0029-5301.00 Contracts) from LEPC fund for the purpose of contracted expense for Annual LEPC exercise. 80% of this appropriation will be reimbursed through the HMEP grant.

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

23-264- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to the following supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$273,324.13 from the Engineers FEMA Fund (007.) Please place the full amount of \$273,324.13 in tour FEMA DR 4360 Account 007-0007-5301.00.

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

23-265-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

23-266- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioners meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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

23-267- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene the commissioners meeting Thursday June 15, 2023 at 8:00am for CIC meeting.

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

23-268- Motion by Mr. Mayle and Mr. Welsh to adjourn the meeting at 9:15am Thursday June 15, 2023.

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:

FINAL RESOLUTION

The following Final Resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, County of **Morgan**, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA", in the matter of the stated described project.

WHEREAS, on **27th day of March, 2023**, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

The project consists of improvements to C.R 4 (S.L.M 15.71-17.21), C.R. 32 (S.L.M. 0.00-3.04), C.R. 75 (S.L.M. 0.00-0.78), C.R. 84 (S.L.M. 0.00-2.57), and C.R. 86 (S.L.M. 0.00-2.06), including pavement planing, resurfacing, and pavement marking, lying within Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, the LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The County agrees to assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the entire cost of the improvement, less the amount of Federal-Aid funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

The share of the cost of the LPA is now estimated in the amount of **Four Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$483,980.00)**, but said estimated amount is to be adjusted in order that the LPA's ultimate share of said improvement shall correspond with said percentages of actual costs when said actual costs are determined; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of the same to this legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, The LPA desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

- I. That the estimated sum, of **Four Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$483,980.00)** is hereby appropriated for the improvement described above and the fiscal officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue an order on the treasurer for said sum upon the requisition of the Director of Transportation to pay the cost and expense of said improvement. We hereby agree to assume in the first instance, the share of the cost and expense over and above the amount to be paid from **Federal** funds.
- II. That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.
- III. That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that the **County Engineer** be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract, providing for the payment of the LPA the sum of money set forth herein above for improving the described project.
- IV. That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.

This is to certify that we have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution with the original record thereof, found in the record of the proceedings of the LPA, and which Resolution was duly passed by the LPA on the 12th day of JUNE, 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the record of said Resolution and the action of said LPA thereon.

We further certify that said Resolution and the action of said LPA thereon is recorded in the journal of said LPA in Volume 23-254, at Page 162, and under date of JUNE 12, 2023.

Legislative Authority of the
Board of County Commissioners
County of **Morgan**, Ohio

Adam Shuman

Board of Chairman of Commission

Shaile Welch

Clerk (Secretary Ex-Officio)

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(If Applicable)

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