

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, June 20, 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

23-269- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Commissioner Shriver attended a meeting with Governor's Office of Appalachian director John Carey to discuss Appalachian Community Grant Program projects.
- All commissioners attended Farm Bureau Policy Luncheon at Boondocks.
- All commissioners attended Planning Commission meeting.
- Tuesday, Commissioner Shriver met with Prosecutor to discuss 911.
- Wednesday, Commissioner Shriver spoke to G&M Construction and Architect Pat Kelly to discuss the Courthouse Roof Project.
- This coming Tuesday, Commissioner Mayle & Commissioner Shriver coordinated HVHA work at courthouse with the contractor and village on temporary road closure for crane to place units on roof.

Alan Eltringham, Pound Keeper

- Submitted report
- Looking to have an adoption event in late July.
- Full report can be found online at:
https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html

Jessica Connor, Deputy Auditor

- Discussed supplemental appropriations and budgeting concerning the dog pound.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Phil Lawrence will be evaluating some electrical issues in the Tourism Office Tuesday.
- Went to the Soil and Water Conservation Office and looked at the truck they are donating.

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

-The Cub Cadet is currently operational, but is still leaking hydraulic fluid.

Missy Fisher, JFS

-Submitted payroll

John Wilt, EMA/911 Coordinator

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- MARCS will be here at the end of the month for 2 days to evaluate interference and to try a new antenna for Sheriff's office.
- Waiting on coverage maps from MARCS office so we can begin seriously examining upgrades for Morgan County. Looking into paging capabilities, etc.
- LEPC Exercise went well, with 25 participants. We met the required objectives and are just waiting for the letter of concurrence from Ohio EMA facilitator. It will be sent to the SERC Board for final concurrence at which time our 2023 exercise requirement will be met. Chesterhill Fire, although they were not really being evaluated, did a masterful job.
- LEPC meeting will be held July 12, at 11:30 at the EMA offices.
- Working on cash request for both EMPG (operating) and HMEP (exercise). We are likely going to have to de-obligate most of our HMEP grant due to a lack of match monies. Will prepare a report regarding this.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 6/20/2023

- Computers appear to be operating fine. We made an upgrade to mapping, added parcel information layer. There are some issues we identified – automatic location not operating properly, predefined locations missing, outdated map- it is from 2016, which explains the discrepancies with the County GIS mapping. Marcia Wolfe is working to get updated mapping installed and we will work with DDTI to get maps active and other issues resolved.
- The fail-over fiber issue was repaired by ComTech. This weekend I received notification from Oarnet of a LAN interface down at the Sheriff's Office. This has not affected service, but potentially could affect any fail-over if there is a fiber issue. Jeff Babcock will check later today and I intend to escalate this to ComTech under our service agreement if there is an ongoing issue.
- I have been monitoring the State budget process regarding the elimination of MARCS user fees and the NG9-1-1 proposals. The Senate eliminated both, but the legislation is with a conference committee. There are reports that some MARCS fee money has been restored and money appropriated for NG9-1-1, but the NG9-1-1 provisions have not been restored. Will continue to monitor.
- I have received the MOAs from all pilot partners for the project to extend the life of the pilot and given ComTech the go-ahead to proceed.

- I have received information from ComTech that will help me sort out the issues with billing our pilot partners. Continuing to work on this.

Sophia Wiseman, OSU

-See Attachment A

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Full report can be found online at:

https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html

Shannon Wells, Development Office

23-270- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the Morgan County Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for \$400,000 in FY2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Funds. The Board of Morgan County Commissioners understands our responsibility and authority over the administration of these funds and do hereby authorize Adam Shriver, President, to sign all necessary application materials.

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

The Village of Malta (Morgan County) will receive a \$1,545,000 grant to make improvements to their water distribution system. Currently, the system is made up of antiquated line, including some asbestos cement pipe, experiences frequent breaks, offers insufficient fire protection, and the village is unable to track water loss accurately. The village will replace 8,800 linear feet of main line, 3,000 linear feet of service line, and install 17 fire hydrants. The project will benefit 671 people. The grant is part of the fourth round of the Ohio BUILDS (Broadband, Utilities, and Infostructure for Local Development Success) water infrastructure program. Since its establishment, the program has provided more than \$360 million to support 253 local water projects impacting every county in the state.

Tracy Simons and Shannon Wells are working to prepare the Visitor's Center to open to the public. Some electrical improvements are being addressed with a licensed electrician and the small office in the back will be painted and the new flooring installed.

23-271- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to declare the following list as excess items and any item not sold to be disposed of property that can be sold on GovDeals.

1 office desk
1 round table with four chairs
2 rocking chairs
1 couch
1 metal tabletop brochure rack
1 disassembled wooden tabletop brochure rack
1 computer monitor
1 desk top, stand-up desk
2 office chairs
1 large area rug
1 small rolling luggage unit

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

Shannon Wells will attend a meeting with John Carey, Director, Governor's Office of Appalachia today, June 20, 2023.

Bobby White will hold the 2nd quarter Transportation Advisory Committee meeting today, 1:00pm at the training room at Morgan County Public Transit.

A zoom meeting will be held June 22, 2023, 1:00pm with Burton Planning Services to begin the Morgan County Active Transportation Plan for Morgan County. The project is being funded by an ODOT grant.

23-272- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$10,000 from 001-0101-5309.00 commissioners other to 015-0015-4001.00 S&W Conservation District, Soil Conservation County.

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

-Soil & water will deed over their old truck to commissioners.

23-273- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to proceed with the renewal of JFS levy on the general election ballot for five years commencing in 2024 tax year, first collected in 2025. See Attachment B

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

23-274- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to move supplementally appropriate \$10,000 to 015-0015-5102.00 Soil Conservation Salaries.

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

23-275- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Engineer Hook to bid Issue 1, Round #37 HMA PAVING Morgan County Rd. #6 Hooppole Ridge Rd. & Moore Rd. project.

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

23-276- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session at 3:21pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

23-277- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session at 3:55pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Gave report over last week's events.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-278- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate \$40,000 to the 005-0005-6309.00 other expenses to cover cost for rest of year.

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

23-279- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to transfer \$12,000 out of 009-0099-5310-00 ODNR wildlife/park project and place into the misc. line item 009-0099-5309-00.

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

23-280- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a supplemental appropriation for travel fund 001-0102-5307-00 in order to pay for travels and training expenses for auditor conferences for the remainder of this year in the amount of \$500,000.

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

23-281- 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

23-282- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following:

- \$3,000.00 to 001-0207-5307.00 (travel)
- \$1,000.00 to 001-0207-5321.00 (other fees)
- \$1,000.00 to 001-0207-5322.00 (credit card fees)

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

23-283- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to request transfers between expense line items in the #349 WIOA account.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
349-0349-5301.00 (WIOA ADULT)	349-0349-5303.00 (WIOA DW)	\$5,0000.00

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

23-284- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a new line item 063-0063-4004.02 for Birth and Death Certificates. We are requesting this to be able to track our birth and death fees separate from other fees.

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

23-285- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to transfer from 083-0083-5102.00 salaries \$7,000.00 to 083-0083-5309.00 and please adjust PO#23-29920.

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

23-286- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant Travis Brannon permission to bore under 37, County Road 22, located in Township of Homer Section 8, Morgan County Ohio.

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

23-287- 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

23-288- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to adjourn the commissioners meeting on Monday, June 20, 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

OSU Extension Morgan County, June 2023 Commissioners Report

During the past month, many activities have been held. Betsy Ellingsworth, the Snap-Ed Program Assistant, wrapped up the Meals in a Mug series at the Senior Center in which seniors learned how to create healthy single portion meals using mugs and microwave cooking.

On May 23 & 24, she partnered with the Board of Developmental Disabilities to offer nutrition programming for adults at their Self Advocacy Retreat held at Burr Oak State Park. Participants learned all about My Plate as a tool for healthy eating and how to incorporate colorful fruits and vegetables into their diets. They made & enjoyed healthy snacks and smoothies.

Betsy is also working with the kids from the Board of Developmental Disabilities at their six-week summer camp, joining each Tuesday to work with small groups as they learn about being healthy and using My Plate, creating yummy foods, being active, and making crafts.

On June 7, Betsy went to the food distribution sites in Stockport & Chesterhill to hand out recipes that were geared to items given in commodity boxes and tips for how to safely handle, store, thaw and prepare chicken.

She is beginning her programs at Kate Love Simpson Library to join Preschool Story time on Wednesday mornings and Rooks to Cooks for Young Adults on Wednesday afternoons.

She and Pam Montgomery went to the FCFC meeting on June 9.

Betsy continues her 16-week course, Navigating for Success, with other new SNAP-Ed professionals throughout the state, as she travels to Columbus once a week.

Commissioners Report —Pam Montgomery

6/20/23

4-H Activities:

Camp Counselor and Counselors in training camp was held May 30-31, 2023. The staff and teen leaders worked on planning 4-H Camp 2023 and attended several training sessions. The final workdays were held June 12 and 14, 2023 to finalize plans and pack supplies. 4-H Camp registration has closed, and camp staff and teen leaders have completed cabin and group assignments. Everyone is excited about 4-H Camp July 10-14, 2023. Pam helped Sophia Whisman with Cloverbud Stem Day on June 14, 2023.

Family and Consumer Sciences:

Successful Co-Parenting was held June 13 for parents going through divorce. The next program is scheduled for August 29, 2023 from 9:30 AM – 12 PM. Pam Montgomery is currently researching and purchasing parenting curriculum to start parenting classes in early fall. She also attended a training in Columbus for her role as a hub supervisor for AmeriCORP Public Health workers on June 7-8, 2023.

Area Leader responsibilities:

She continues to attend staff meeting in counties in Area 19 (Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington Counties) and meet with staff members one-on-one. She reports that Muskingum County is working on hiring a Family and Consumer Science Extension Educator and an Office Associate.

In late May Sophia attended Junior Fair Board, Senior Fair Board, Older Youth In-Training, Junior Leaders, Extension Advisory and 4-H Advisory Committee meetings. She volunteered to work a station for Washington Counties FCS program Assistant Alexis Masterson for her Real Money Real World simulation.

She held an in-person session of Quality Assurance for exhibitors on May 20th with Chris Penrose, Sophia also attended and taught at Camp Counselor Camp.

In June Sophia did an interview on WHIZ TV Live at noon on training older youth to be camp counselors.

She held the last in person session of Quality Assurance for exhibitors on June 5th with Chris Penrose. She has continued to work on Fair Entry to ensure it is ready for Fair this year.

Market Livestock Tag-In was on June 10th for feeder calves, Dairy Beef Feeders, Lambs, and Goats.

On the 12th she attended a Joint Council Extension Professionals meeting at Central State University with Chris Penrose. We meet with other extension professionals in the state and got to tour Central State.

She held the second out of three Cloverbud STEM days on the 14th. It was summer themed. Kids got to plant flowers and learn about them, make pinwheels, and learn about wind and learn how to fold flags. Jeff Bragg came to do a presentation to teach them how to fold flags and some history about the American flag.

The Farmers Market began the season on May 25th with 14 vendors and the amount of weekly vendors is up significantly since last year. More fresh fruit and vegetables are arriving as the season progresses.

Chris continues to provide educational programs including three Youth Quality Assurance programs to Jr. Fair youth and parents with over 230 in attendance with Sophia. He also taught fruit tree and container gardening programs. Weekly press releases in the *Morgan County Herald* and forage articles were published in the Beef Team Newsletter and the Ohio Country Journal. Finally, he had the monthly live TV interview on WHIZ-TV, farm visits, and walk-in and phone call inquiries.

**RESOLUTION TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL
LIMITATION – RC 5705.24**

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO met in Regular session on June 20, 2023, at the office of the Commissioners, with the following members present:







Mr., Mayle moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, that,

WHEREAS it is the determination of the Board of Morgan County Commissioners that the amount of tax within the ten-mill limitation of levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide the necessary requirements for the purpose of Provide protective services for abused, neglected or exploited children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of R.C. 5705.24, The Board of Commissioners, Morgan County, Ohio, hereby declare it necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purpose of providing protective services for abused, neglected or exploited children, and to submit to the electors said tax levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such levy shall be at a rate not to exceed Half (0.5) mill for each one dollar of tax valuation which amounts to Five cents (0.05) for each hundred dollars of tax valuation for a period of Five (5) years commencing with the tax year 2024 First due in 2025, for the purpose of providing protective services for abused, neglected or exploited children, and to submit to the electors said tax levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio be and is hereby directed to submit the issue of said tax levy to the electors of Morgan County, Ohio at the election to be held on November 7, 2023, said date being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November as a Renewal levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Morgan County, Ohio prior to the date of August 9, 2023.

Mr. Welsh seconded the Resolution and the roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Adrian Shwin</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Phil Welsh</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Scott Mayle</u>	<u>YEA</u>

ADOPTED the 20th day of June, 2023.

Shirley Welch
CLERK OF BOARD OF MORGAN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

Resolution# 23-272



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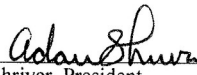
Whereas, the occurrences of referrals of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children in Morgan County are dramatically increasing and the department mandated to investigate and serve victims of abuse and neglect are critically under-funded, and unable to assure safety and protection of our most vulnerable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

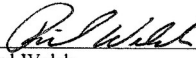
Whereas, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Morgan County, Ohio and the tax levy is necessary to supplement the protective services fund for the purposes of providing said social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

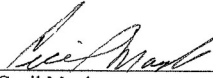
Commissioner Mayle makes a motion of intent at the April 24, 2023, Commissioner's meeting to place a renewal levy on the November 7, 2023, ballot for child protective services. The levy shall be for .5 mill (half) a mill or five cents per \$100 of real property evaluation. The levy shall be for five 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.



Adam Shriver, President



Richard Welsh



Cecil Mayle

Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

Use this form when a taxing authority certifies a millage rate and requests the revenue produced by that rate.

DTE 140R
Rev. 01/23
R.C. 5705.01, 5705.03

The county auditor of Morgan County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On April 24, 2023, the taxing authority of the Morgan County (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted April 24, 2023, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (0.500) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for children services purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 5705.24, to be placed on the ballot at the November 7, 2023, election. The levy type is Renewal.
2. The property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$ 181,000.00.
3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$ 443,241,050.00.
4. The millage for the requested levy is (0.500) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 17.50 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Randy Williams
Auditor's signature

June 20, 2023
Date

Instructions

1. "Total taxable value" includes the taxable value of all real property in the subdivision as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection and estimates of the taxable value of public utility personal property for the first year the levy will be collected as set forth on the worksheets prescribed in conjunction with this form. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the home county auditor (where the greatest taxable value of the subdivision is located) shall obtain the assistance of the other county auditors to establish the total tax valuation of the subdivision.
2. For purposes of this certification, "subdivision" includes any agency, board, commission or other authority authorized to request a taxing authority to submit a tax levy on its behalf. See R.C. 5705.01(A) & (C).
3. "Levy type" includes the following: (1) additional, (2) renewal, (3) renewal with an increase, (4) renewal with a decrease, (5) replacement, (6) replacement with an increase and (7) replacement with a decrease levies.
4. In completing Lines 1 and 4 of this form, mills should be identified in whole numbers, i.e., 5 mills, rather than as a fraction of a dollar, i.e., \$0.005. This expression is consistent with the prior practice of identifying mills in whole numbers per \$1 of valuation.
5. "The county auditor's appraised value" means the true value in money of real property. R.C. 5705.01(P).
6. For any levy or portion of a levy, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. R.C. 5705.03(B).
7. Please file this certificate with the subdivision as soon as possible, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 90 days before the election.



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At the June 20, 2023 commissioner meeting, a motion by Mr., Mayle and Seconded by Mr., Welsh to affirm the commissioner's intent to place a renewal levy of .5mill levy on the November 7, 2023 general election ballot for the purpose of providing protective services for abused, neglected or exploited children, for five years commencing in 2024 tax year, first collected in 2025.

Respectfully,

Adam Shriver, President

Richard Welsh, Vice President

Cecil Mayle, Member

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