

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, July 31, 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

23-345- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of July 24, 2023.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-The commissioners had nothing to report this week.

Alan Eltringham, Pound Keeper

-Submitted report
-Discussed having a medical expense fund for medical treatment of impounded dogs.
-Full report can be found online at:
https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

Westfall Building and Doors ordered new controllers to finish repair of the overhead garage doors.

Scaffolding completed between the Sheriffs and Courthouse for removal of the east side roofing and chimneys.

Roofing Abatement to start Monday 7-31-23

Advance Heating and Cooling completed services on RTU2 and RTU3. 7-26-23 Will reschedule RTU1 for services.

RTU3 wasn't cooling prior to Advances arriving. All indications pointed to low R22.

Condenser was frozen so 30lbs of R22 was added and unit is cooling. Advance checked for leaks in the system but not were found.

Rear parking lot at the Courthouse to be closed during abatement and roofing project.

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer

23-346- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Engineer Hook to purchase a 2024 Freightliner dump truck 108SD snow plow Chasis in the amount of \$111,910 through Freightliner.

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

23-347- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Engineer Hook to purchase dump bed in the amount of \$70,754.00 from ACE Equipment.

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

23-348- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a slip repair on CR 14 West Mountville Rd. in the amount of \$413,127.00.

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

Cheryl Brink, Treasurer

23-349- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve signatories for the newly established account at North Vally Bank as follows:

Warrant Account

Randy Williams, Auditor

Courtney Morrow, Deputy Auditor

Depository Account

Cheryl Brink, Treasurer

Amanda Greer, Chief Treasurer

Jackielyn Hernandez, Deputy Treasurer

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Pre-COG review with Rebecca from OVER

-Credit Card Policy under new budget bill

-Healthy Aging Grant for Seniors

-Community Action Contract Amendment for Meals on Wheels

-Participating in the Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 5th

-Back to School shopping starts this week

-COG Meeting 8/8 @ 11:30

-Travel requests:

- Heidi Burns PCSAO @ Columbus on 8/2/23

John Wilt, EMA; 911

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- I heard from SBA, the company controlling the tower on Poplar Ridge. The tower is currently not in use. I need to apply for co-location before they will provide a price, but I need a lot of information from MARCS to complete the application. Have reached out to MARCS for same.
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Submitted \$13,728 EMPG 7th Quarter cash request and quarterly workplan.
- Working with State on NIMS requirements for sub-jurisdictions – EMA cannot certify NIMS compliance for any agency other than EMA, but State wants assurance that sub-jurisdictions are compliant.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 7/31/2023

- Continuing to work on issues with billing our pilot partners.
- Microsoft updates continue to create issues with the 9-1-1 computers. Jeff Babcock and I are working on solution.
- We had an electrical glitch that did not affect the 9-1-1 computers but dropped the Polycom phones at the FD. This lasted for 7 minutes. I turned it in to WestTel and ComTech for troubleshooting, but I believe it is related to power backup for phone controller. That is about how long it would take to reboot and reconnect.
- Discovered that 3 of our 4 phone trunks were not functioning. Tested at SO by making simultaneous 9-1-1 calls from my cell phones. First call was handled properly, second call rolled over to admin line and was not tracked or recorded. Put in trouble ticket – 3 of 4 trunks now functioning and Telco is working on issue with 4th trunk.
- Question arose about SO interrogating all callers, regardless of their needs, prior to transfer. This results in a time delay and caller having to answer same questions at least twice. Will work with SO to determine why this occurs and develop a policy to address.
- As 9-1-1 falls under the auspices of the Commissioners and the 9-1-1 coordinator does not supervise any of the 9-1-1 call-takers, 9-1-1 policies and procedures (SOPs, SOGs) should be promulgated under the signatures of the Commissioners, after their review and approval of same.

- Working on trouble ticket system to better track issues with 9-1-1. Should roll out this week.
- Patrick Brandt, the new Ohio 911 Program Office Administrator was in for visit. We discussed the approved legislation and future of pilot project. It appears that the new State core will be in place around September of 2024 and we will migrate to it. I expressed concerns that no pricing has been made available to this point. The State will be seeking 4 additional counties to participate in short pilot of new system- I am encouraging our contiguous counties to consider joining as this would make wireless borders more consistent and facilitate information exchange during transfers.

23-350- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to approve the renewal of the OSU Extension Levy. -See Attachment A

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

23-351- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to affirm the renewal of the OSU Extension Levy. -See Attachment B

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Marion Township trustees met to review the Union Hall bid. They are meeting with the prosecuting attorney to discuss who is responsible for the local match commitment.

-Shannon Wells worked with Tracy Simmons to continue finding an entrance arch for the Grove Project that would fit with the budget.

-G&M Construction had the visitor center door removed last week and taken for repair. It should be reinstalled this week.

Shannon Wells collected files for FY21, 22, and 23 and they were picked up for audit review on Friday, Kate Dugan dropped her front door key off and the checkbook for the closeout of the Morgan County Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

23-352-Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to join the outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia. -See Attachment C

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

- The security cameras and key fob system for building door project has been completed at the Morgan County Public Transit building located at 900 S. Riverside Dr.
- A license plate issued in Morgan County Public Transit has been verified to be stolen. It passed through Florida Department of Transportation and the case was closed regarding the charge.
- Robin Ambrozy, certified business advisor met with four small business clients in the Economic Development conference room on July 28, 2023.
- A zoom meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2023 at 1:00pm with MS Consultants to review Morgan County Trails projects to move forward for Appalachian Community Grant Program funds.
- Shannon Wells and Tracy Simons will meet with Robintek on August 2, 2023 for a project update on the Economic Development website.
- The posting for office manager at transit closed on July 28, 2023 and twelve resumes were received.

Keith Hosom, Concerned Citizen

- Discussed the budget of M&M Fire Department and M&M Ambulance.

Tate Andersen; Jeff Fleming, Medical Mutual

- Discussed 3rd quarter claims.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-253- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request the following new line items for revenue:

063-0063-4017.00	CPR Training
083-2024-4001.00	Tobacco Cessation Grant
068-2024-4001.00	Phep 24 Grant

The Health Department would also like to request the follow new line items for expenses:

068-2024-5102.00	2024 Phep Salaries
068-2024-5306.00	2024 Phep Contracts
068-2024-5307.00	2024 Phep Travel
068-2024-5309.00	2024 Phep Other Expenses
068-2024-5367.00	2024 Phep PERS
068-2024-5368.00	2024 Phep Medicare
068-2024-5369.00	2024 Phep Worker's Comp.
083-2024-5102.00	2024 Tobacco Salaries
083-2024-5307.00	2024 Tobacco Travel
083-2024-5309.00	2024 Tobacco Other Expenses
083-2024-5367.00	2024 Tobacco PERS
083-2024-5368.00	2024 Tobacco Medicare
083-2024-5357.00	2024 Tobacco PERS
083-2024-5368.00	2024 Tobacco Medicare
083-2024-5369.00	2024 Tobacco Worker's Comp.

The following items can be closed:

068-2016-5102.00
068-2016-5303.00
068-2016-5304.00
068-2016-5306.00
068-2016-5307.00
068-2016-5308.00
068-2016-5309.00
068-2016-5367.00
068-2016-5368.00
068-2016-5369.00
068-2018-5102.00
068-2018-5103.00
068-2018-5304.00
068-2018-5306.00
068-2018-5307.00
068-2018-5308.00
068-2018-5309.00
068-2018-5367.00
068-2018-5368.00
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081-0081-5102.00
081-0081-5303.00
081-0081-5304.00
081-0081-5306.00
081-0081-5309.00
081-0081-5367.00
081-0081-5368.00
081-0081-5369.00

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

23-254- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer from 063-0063-5102.00 salaries \$5,000.00 to 063-0063-5309.05 and please adjust PO#23-29909.

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

23-255- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer from 083-0083-5102.00 salaries \$2,075.00 to 083-0083-5309.00 and please adjust PO#23-29920.

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

23-256- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to set up a Receipt line item, Salary line item, General Operating Expense line item, Program Expense line item, and an Equipment line item for the CCA 2.0 fund #415.

FY BUDGET BRREAKDOWN	
SALARIES EMPLOYEES	\$109,998.00—415-0415-5102.00
PERS COUNTY PORTION	\$ 15,402.00--415-0415-5367.00
MEDICARE COUNTY PORTION	\$ 1,595.00—415-0415-5368.00
WORKMAN’S COMP.	\$ 3,298.00—415-0415-5369.00
GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 12,372.00—415-0415-5309.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$ 35,011.00—415-0415-5303.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,500.00—415-0415-5304.00
	\$179,176.00

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

23-257- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to American Electric Power to span over CR10, located in the Township of Bloom Township, Section No. 16, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

23-358- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to request a new revenue item to be set up for voluntary donations to assist with expense incurred in maintaining, repairing roads which animal-drawn vehicles travel. Donations 004-0004-4015

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

23-259- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$273,324.13 from the Gas and Motor Vehicle Account.

Please place the full amt. of \$273,324.13 into our Contracts Account (k-16) 004-0004-5316.00.

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

23-260- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to rename Fund #035 from Local Govt. Safety Capital Grant to 2022—AR-LEP 1085 Grant. In addition, please establish revenue line item 035-0035-4001.00 to receipt in Grant funds. Please establish expense line items for 035 and supplementally appropriate

Salary:	035-0035-5102.00	\$52,998.55
PERS:	035-0035-5367.00	\$12,393.73
Medicare:	035-0035-5368.00	\$ 1,027.11
Worker’s Comp	035-0035-5369.00	\$ 2,054.21

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

23-261- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$1,500.00 for Auditor Contracts 001-0102-5306.00.

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

23-262- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate \$1,000.00 for Auditor Travel Expenses and training/conferences Auditor Willams to attend.

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

23-263- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation of \$7,000.00 into Rotary Equipment 092-0092-5304.00 from Rotary Misc. Receipts/Reimbursement 092-0092-4004.00.

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

23-264- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$2,000.00 from Sheriffs Fees 001-0601-5304.00 into Sheriff’s Contract/Serv. 001-0501-5306.00 for a total of \$7,000.00.

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

23-265- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the expense accounts for FY2024 Felony Care & Custody funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services Subsidy/Reclaim Grant for the Morgan County Juvenile Court; the following are the appropriations requested for the corresponding expense account line item:

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>Acc. Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary, Probation Officers	023-2024-5102.02	\$ 52,000.00
Salary, Program Administrator	023-2024-5102.00	\$ 19,136.00
PERS, Probation Officers	023-2024-5367.02	\$ 9,360.00
PERS, Program Administrator	023-2024-5367.00	\$ 2,680.00
Medicare, Probation Officers	023-2024-5368.02	\$ 754.00
Medicare, Program Administrator	023-2024-5368.00	\$ 278.00
Worker's Comp., Probation Officers	023-2024-5369.02	\$ 1,560.00
Worker's Comp., Program Administrator	023-2024-5369.00	\$ 574.00
Monitoring Surveillance	023-2024-5301.00	\$ 5,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	023-2024-5307.00	\$ 25,000.00
Drug Testing	023-2024-5308.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total		\$117,342.00

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

23-266- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to request the following new line items for the 309 Morgan County Department of Tourism Fund and the following supplemental:

Expense Line Items:

Salary: 309-0309-5102.00--\$10,000.00
PERS: 309-0309-5367.00--\$ 3,000.00
Medicare: 309-0309-5368.00--\$ 300.00
Worker's Comp. 309-0309-5369.00

Revenue Line Items:

Leases 309-0309-4004.00
Salary Reimbursement 309-0309-4005.00

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

23-367-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

23-368-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on July 31, 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



***Morgan County
Commissioners***

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Phone: 740-962-3183
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Adam Shriver
Richard Welsh
Cecil Mayle
Sheila Welch, Clerk

At the July 31, 2023, commissioner meeting, a motion made by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle of the commissioner's intent for the renewal of an existing levy 0.8 and a decrease of 0.2 mill on the November 7, 2023 General Election ballot for the purpose of providing programs and services, including 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community Development, and Family and Consumer Sciences for five years commencing in 2024 tax year, first due in calendar year 2025.

Respectfully,

Adam Shriver, President

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Richard Welsh, Vice President

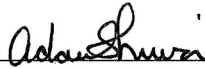
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Cecil Mayle, Member


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RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE
TEN-MIL LIMITATION – RC 5705.191

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, met in regular session on July 31, 2023, at the office of the Commissioners, with the following members present:







Commissioner Welsh 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 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 Morgan County for OSU Extension.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of R.C. 5705.191, 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 programs and services, including 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community Development and Family and Consumer Sciences, and to submit to the electors said tax levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such levy shall be at a rate not to exceed six-tenths (0.6) mill for each one dollar of tax valuation which amounts to six cents for each hundred dollars of tax valuation for a period of five (5) years commencing with the tax year 2024 first due in calendar year 2025 for the purpose of providing programs and services, including 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Community Development and Family and Consumer Sciences.

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 of an existing levy and a decrease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, is hereby directed to immediately 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 seconded the Resolution, and the roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Adam Shurin</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Pat Schmitt</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Paul Mayle</u>	<u>YEA</u>

ADOPTED the 31 day of July, 2023.

Sheila Welch
Clerk of Board of Morgan County Commissioners

Resolution # 23-350

Attachment B

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 July 31, 2023, the taxing authority of the County of Morgan (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted July 31, 2023, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (0.600) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for Extension Service purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 5705.191, to be placed on the ballot at the November 7, 2023, election. The levy type is Renewal with Decrease.
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 \$ 217,000.00.
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 (0.600) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 21.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.


Randy Williams Auditor's signature Date 7-31-23

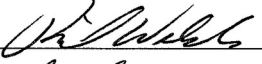
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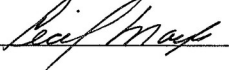
- 1. "Total taxable value" includes the taxable value of all real property in the subdivision as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection and estimates of the taxable value of public utility personal property for the first year the levy will be collected as set forth on the worksheets prescribed in conjunction with this form.
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.
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.
5. "The county auditor's appraised value" means the true value in money of real property.
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.
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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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. Mayle seconded the Resolution, and the roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Adrian Shuman</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Mr. Stahl</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Lucif Mayle</u>	<u>yes</u>

ADOPTED the _31 day of July, 2023.

Sheila Welch
Clerk of Board of Morgan County Commissioners

Resolution # 23-351

Attachment C

The Morgan County Commissioners met in regular session on July 31, 2023 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, certain municipal corporations, counties and/or townships of the State of Ohio (the "Original Council Members") entered into an Agreement establishing the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia, also referred to herein as "ORCA," (the "Agreement") pursuant to Revised Code Chapter 167, for the purpose of integrating conservation, outdoor recreation, and economic development in a way that strengthens and inspires communities in Southeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, ORCA, is authorized by the USDA, Forest Service Wayne National Forest Athens Ranger District through supplemental agreement to Master Challenge Cost Share Agreement # 20-CS-11091400-014 to develop, construct, and cooperatively manage the Baileys Trail System in an efficient and sustainable manner that reduces the burden on both parties while providing increased benefits to the public, and

WHEREAS, the ORCA has expanded participation to include ORCA Partners as defined in ORCA Bylaws, and

WHEREAS, ORCA intends to expand outdoor recreation opportunities at no cost for Partners as follows:

1. Planning. Inclusion of your county in the ARC POWER Grant, Buckeye Hills Regional Development Council, and Wayne National Forest Supported Multi-County Recreation Asset Assessment and Development Plan. This service is managed by ORCA and led by ORCA procured consultant Scott Linnenburger of Kay-Linn Enterprises. This plan will be a physical and digital document highlighting outdoor recreation and destination development opportunities in ORCA Member and Partner Counties.
2. Support. ARC POWER Grant support to advance collaborative or regional branding/destination development for top priorities identified by your county's Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director or leading tourism professional and compliant with ARC POWER grant regulations. A wide range of branding marketing activities may be possible, funding is limited to ~\$90,000 to share with all ORCA Members and partners.
3. Representation. ORCA will represent and include interested counties as the service area for an ARC ARISE Planning Proposal in partnership with the Pennsylvania Wilds. There is no guarantee this proposal will be selected for implementation. Counties and communities interested in being represented will communicate with ORCA staff, which will then work with the PA Wilds team to analyze feasibility of integrating technology into outdoor recreation to bolster economies in rural areas. Communities represented will receive copies of the planning grant project's conclusion, which is anticipated to be a technology integration implementation plan for rural Appalachian Pennsylvania and Southeast Ohio.
4. Invitation to the 2024 Ohio Outdoor Recreation Economy Conference and the opportunity to participate in planning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The Morgan County Commissioners:

That Morgan County wishes to partner with ORCA. The Board of Morgan County Commissioners will serve as ORCA Partner and appoints Tracy Simons, Morgan County Tourism, Clint Foreman, McConnelsville Village Councilman and outdoor enthusiast, and Matthew Hupp, outdoor enthusiast to serve on the ORCA Advisory Committee.

Approved this 31st day of July, 2023.



Adam Shriver, President



Richard Welsh, Vice President



Cecil Mayle, Member

