

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, August 7, 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

\*Commissioners are in receipt of July expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

**23-369-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of July 31, 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 Buckeye Hills Executive meeting this past Friday.

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

-Submitted report  
-Full report can be found online at:  
[https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog\\_warden\\_reports.html](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. Awaiting parts

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

-Roofing Abatement to be completed 8-3-23

-Advance Heating and Cooling scheduled to complete RTU1 services 8-8-23

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

-Brush cleared from antenna relay tower and building.

-Park area in front of Riecker Building Complex cleaned and all shrubs trimmed and weeds removed.

-Worked Saturday 7-29-23 to reset all 3 RTU's and Elevator after power surge Friday 7-28-23

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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-COG Meeting 8/8 at 11:30am.

-FCFC Meeting Friday, 8/11 at 9:00am.

-PRC Biennial Plan

-Mandated Share for August--\$3,286.75

-OMJ Center—The area has a decrease in visits but for Morgan OMJ the visits have increased. January to March had 234; April to June 337; and the current quarter looks promising to surpass those numbers. The new location is working out well.

-Travel Requests

- Kim Foreman to WDB Meeting IN Caldwell on 8/7/23.

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

-The commissioners asked about Ervine Road. Engineer Hook noted a survey needs to be completed by the land owner.

**23-370-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

PID No. 116948

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 **10th day of April 2023**, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

**The project consists of improvements to C.R. 14 (S.L.M. 0.726 - 1.232), C.R. 15 (S.L.M. 0.270 - 0.317), C.R. 18 (S.L.M. 1.102 - 1.177), C.R. 66 (S.L.M. 0.672 - 1.924), and C.R. 79 (S.L.M. 1.573 - 3.061), including constructing and replacing guardrail and end treatments, 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 **Twenty Thousand and - - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$20,000.00)**, 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 **Twenty Thousand and - - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$20,000.00)** 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, at Page \_\_\_\_\_, and under date of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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

***Ray McComas, Kinder Insurance***

-Discussed claims for the quarter.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Shannon Wells, Adam Shriver and Jennifer Ponchak attended a virtual meeting on August 1, 2023 with MS Consultants to discuss trail projects for the Appalachian Grant funding.

-Shannon Wells attended a virtual meeting with Designing Local on August 3, 2023 to discuss Appalachian Grant funding projects when they were assigned. (murals in each village, visitor center displays, aquatic center)

-Shannon Wells has requested a meeting with Kelly Architectural for updates on the Grove alternatives at Union Hall.

-Shannon Wells will conduct interviews for the office manager position for Morgan Transit on Wednesday, August 9, 2023. Adam Shriver will participate in the interviews.

-Madilynn Farley will start as an office assistant for the tourism office. She completed training at Wit N Whimzy last week, and will have training with Shannon Wells this week on tourism.

Shannon Wells and Tracy Simons gathered and sent picture files for all photos to include on Economic Development website to Robintek. Clinton Gessel has given permission to use some of his photos.

***Buckeye Trail, Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer***

-Discussed whether or not the trail is on an open road (prosecutor Howdyshell will create an easement for the entire portion) or vacated (in which it will be given back to Buckeye Trail.)

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***M&M Fire Department/EMS John W. Finley; Fire Chief; Jake Woodward, Squad Captain***

-Through a PowerPoint presentation, information was given to the commissioners on the past, present and future of EMS. Although the past showed promising data, it hasn't lasted. Currently, funds are low and insurance is high. A plan is in place to help with this situation.

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted report

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

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

**23-371-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate these funds into the following line items:

081-2024-5102.00-Salaries \$189,000

081-2024-5306.00-Contracts \$65,000

081-2024-5307.00-Travel \$2,000

081-2024-5309.00-Other Expenses \$55,000

081-2024-5367.00-PERS \$15,000

081-2024-5368.00-Medicare \$6,000

081-2024-5369.00-Worker's Comp \$4,000

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

**23-372-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate these funds into the following line items:

068-2024-5102.00-Salaries \$48,000

068-2024-5306.00-Contracts \$6,000

068-2024-5307.00-Travel \$500.00

068-2024-5309.00-Other Expenses \$3,000

068-2024-5367.00-PERS \$4,500

068-2024-5368.00-Medicare \$1,500

068-2024-5369.00-Worker's Comp \$1,500

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

**23-373-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate these funds into the following line items:

084-2024-5102.00-Salaries \$304,000

084-2024-5306.00-Contracts \$15,000

084-2024-5307.00-Travel/Training \$25,000

084-2024-5367.00-PERS \$13,000

084-2024-5368.00-Medicare \$7,000

084-2024-5369.00-Workers Comp. \$6,000

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

**23-374-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate these funds into the following line items:

083-2024-5102.00-Salaries \$48,000

083-2024-5307.00-Travel \$500.00

083-2024-5309.00-Other Expenses \$5,000

083-2024-5367.00-PERS \$4,000

083-2024-5368.00-Medicare \$2,000

083-2024-5369.00-Workers Comp. \$500.00

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

**23-375-**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**

**23-376-**Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on July 24, 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**

