

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, August 21, 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

23-389- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of August 14, 2023

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Thursday, all commissioners attended the Planning Commission meeting.
- Commissioner Shriver attended a zoom meeting with Sunday Creek Horizons to discuss infrastructure projects.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Westfall Building and Doors ordered new controllers to finish repair of the overhead garage doors. Awaiting parts
- New lights installed in Tourism Office, installing track lights.
- New roofing completed on Courthouse East side..
- Bryan will be on vacation all week, I'll be covering all the locations.

Alan Eltringham, Pound Keeper

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

Steve Hook, Engineer

23-390- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer
TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE
CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation
Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for
capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Engineer is planning to make capital improvements
to Morgan County Road #98 from SR #78 to SR #37 & County Road #86 from Athens
County Line south to the Athens County Line , and


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


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of the Morgan County
Commissioners :


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

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

Passed: August 21, 2023







Board of Morgan County Commissioners

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

-Special COG meeting updates.

-Personnel update

Sophia Whisman 4—H Educator

July

July 9th Comp Counselor's and Adult Staff moved into Camp Hervida to hold Morgan Counties 4—H Camp from 10th-14th. Sophia assumed the role of Assistant Camp Director to Pam Montgomery who was the Camp Director.

July 18th Morgan County held their annual project judging with Sophia as the organizer of the event. Pam attended and assisted at the event as well.

July 20th was the clothing judging and style review and awards night Sophia attended.

July 27th was Cloverbud Camp. Where Sophia was the Camp Director and Pam Montgomery was Assistant Camp Director. Older Youth in Training and Junior Leaders planned this camp for our cloverbuds, and its theme was "All About 4—H". We had 21 Cloverbuds in attendance.

During the month Sophia also attended the offices monthly staff meeting, Junior Fair Board, Senior Fair Board, Extension Advisory Committee, and 4—H Committee meetings. Sophia continues to work on Fair Entry to utilize at the fair this year for the data entry.

August

On the 31st of August we held our Make-up Project Judging for those who were able to attend the actual Project Judging in July.

All Royalty Applications were due on the 4th. We have six applicants for Junior Fair Royalty this year. Interviews took place on August 17th.

August 18th Sophia will travel to Waterford Fair to volunteer to judge booths. In August thus far Sophia has attended Older Youth in Training, Junior Leader, Camp Counselor Wrap—up, Sale Committee, Junior Fair Board Workday and Senior Fair Board meetings. Sophia is currently working on prepping for Morgan Counties Skillathon on August 19th.

Betsy Ellingsworth, Snap—Ed Program Assistant

During the summer, many activities have been held. Betsy Ellingsworth, the SNAP—Ed Program Assistant, has offered a summer snacks and chair activity bingo program at the Morgan County Senior Center, where participants have learned how to make healthy choices with snacks. At each session they focused on different ways to exercise: flexibility, strength, balance, & aerobic. This program concludes the last week of August.

Throughout the summer she also partnered with the Board of Developmental Disabilities to offer nutrition programming for youth at their six-week camp, joining each Tuesday to work with small groups as they learned about being healthy and using My Plate, crafting yummy foods, being active and making crafts.

On August 2nd, 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 cut back on salt & sodium with meals. She had several programs at Kate Love Simpson Library, joining preschool Story time on Wednesday mornings, Rocks to Cooks for Young Adults on Wednesday afternoons, and Moms and Tots on Thursday mornings. She is currently offering an adult program titled Savvy Shopping and Meal Planning in McConnellsville on Monday evenings and in Chesterhill on Tuesday evenings to help participants develop strategies for grocery shopping.

Betsy is so thankful for the opportunities she has been given to assist Morgan County residents to focus on healthier eating habits and grateful for all the community relationships she has made in this role. Another amazing opportunity has become available for her, she will be making a career move in September as the Executive Director at Morgan Behavioral Health Choices. Her last day of employment with OSU Extension as SNAP—Ed program assistant will be on August 30.

Chris Penrose, Extension Educator ANR

Several big Agriculture

& Natural Resource activities occurred since mid—July. First was the garden tour held in the Malta/McConnellsville area with seven locations that were toured with over 150 people involved in the event. Next, the annual Ag & Livestock Field Day was held at the Morrow Family Farm and 120 people attended the event which included a tour of the farm, several presentations, a landscaping presentation, weekly press releases in the *Morgan County Herald*, the monthly TV

show on WHIZ—TV, the numerous farms, office visits and calls. Chris wants to thank the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Morgan County Agricultural Society for the Agricultural Pesticide Disposal Day held at the fairgrounds on August 9th. A lot of unwanted and unknown pesticides were collected to be properly disposed of.

Pam Montgomery, Extension Educator 4—H Youth Development
Area Leader Morgan, Muskingum, Perry and Washington Counties

4—H Responsibilities: July 20th Pam was responsible for overseeing the 4—H Project Judging for clothing Projects and she assisted Sophia and the 4—H Fashion Board and Junior Leaders with the awards nights. She developed the agendas for the 4—H Advisory Committee and 4—H Horse Committee meetings and the end of July. She has worked on developing a high point excel programming for Junior Fair Horse Show. Both Sophia and Pam organized and led the wrap-up meeting for Camp Counselor, in Training, Older Youth in Training, and junior leaders. She was happy to attend the 4—H Riding Therapy program on August 17th and hope the weather cooperates so they can have more evening programs for the riders in the programs. Pam is assisted Sophia with Skillathon on August 19th as did Amy Kirkbride and Chris Penrose.

Family and Consumer Science Responsibilities: The Morgan Family and Children First Council identified a need for parenting classes and Pam was able to purchase curriculum and plans to start offering Active Parenting programs in September. She continues to attend the Morgan County Family and Children First Council meetings monthly. She offered Successful Co—Parenting monthly for divorced parents. Anyone interested in the program can call the office or visit the website to learn more.

As an Area Leader Pam attends staff meetings in all four counties and hold one-on-one meetings with staff via face-to-face meetings over Zoom. She is in the process of hiring a Family and Consumer Science Educator and Office Associate in Muskingum County.

Ryan Collins, Buckeye Hills

-Provided the commissioners a list of fundable projects. For example: 1) Stockport Sanitary Sewer Project 2) Village of Chesterhill Projects in general. The Produce Auction does not appear to be fundable.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

23-391- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to allocate \$27,000 from the Morgan County Revolving Loan Fund to the Chesterhill Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of equipment.

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

23-392- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session at 11:21am with Shannon Wells pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

23-393- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session at 12:05pm with Shannon Wells pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

23-394- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION
(LPA-ODOT-Let Project Agreement)
(PARTICIPATORY)

Ordinance/Resolution # : 23-394
PID No. : 115604
County/Route/Section : MRG SR 60 14.11
Agreement No: 38992

Center Ln

The following is a Resolution enacted by the Morgan County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA).
(Motion/Ordinance/Resolution) (Local Public Agency)

SECTION I – Project Description

WHEREAS, the (LPA/STATE) has determined the need for the described project:

Construct a center turn lane and improve 2,200 linear feet of State Route 60 to support an industrial park in Morgan County. Begin work 0.16 miles South of Clemens Land and end work .20 miles North of Buttermilk Hill Road.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Morgan County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio.

(LPA)

SECTION II – Consent Statement

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project as detailed in the LPA-ODOT-Let Agreement entered into between the parties, if applicable.

SECTION III – Cooperation Statement

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the development and construction of the above described project and shall enter into a LPA Federal ODOT Let Project Agreement, if applicable, as well as any other agreements necessary to develop and construct the Project.

The County TID does hereby propose to assume and contribute the entire cost and expense of the improvement, less the amount of Federal Aid Funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for financing this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and further, the County agrees to bear one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the following items:

- 1) *Rights-of-Way*
- 2) *All costs for added construction items generating extra work contracts under Ohio laws, unless performance is approved by the State of Ohio and Federal Highway Administration before work is authorized.*

The LPA further agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.

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The LPA further agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required to fulfill the construction contracts shall be processed as needed. The State shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to the LPA. The LPA shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other sections herein.

The LPA agrees that if Federal Funds are used to pay the cost of any consultant contract, the LPA shall comply with 23 CFR 172 in the selection of its consultant and administration of the consultant contract. Further the LPA agrees to incorporate ODOT's "Specifications for Consulting Services" as a contract document in all of its consultant contracts. The LPA agrees to require, as a scope of services clause, that all plans prepared by the consultant must conform to ODOT's current design standards and that the consultant shall be responsible for ongoing consultant involvement during the construction phase of the Project. The LPA agrees to include a completion schedule acceptable to ODOT and to assist ODOT in rating the consultant's performance through ODOT's Consultant Evaluation System.

SECTION IV Authority to Sign

The LPA hereby authorizes Richard Welsh, Vice President of said Morgan County Commissioners to

(Signature authority)

(LPA-or its division, department or agency)

enter into and execute contracts with the Director of Transportation which are necessary to develop plans for and to complete the above-described project; and to execute contracts with ODOT pre-qualified consultants for the preliminary engineering phase of the Project.

Upon request of ODOT, the Richard Welsh, Vice President is also empowered to execute any appropriate documents to

(Signature authority)

affect the assignment of all rights, title, and interests of the Morgan County Commissioners to ODOT arising from any

(LPA)

agreement with its consultant in order to allow ODOT to direct additional or corrective work, recover damages due to errors or omissions, and to exercise all other contractual rights and remedies afforded by law or equity.

SECTION V – Utilities and Right-of-Way Statement

The LPA agrees that all right-of-way required for the described project will be acquired and/or made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The LPA also understands that right-of-way costs include eligible utility costs.

The LPA agrees that all utility accommodation, relocation and reimbursement will comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

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SECTION VI – Maintenance

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

SECTION VII-Emergency measure

(as applicable)

The Resolution 23-394 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project and (Motion/Ordinance/Resolution) to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

-Union Hall pre-construction zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd at 8:30am.

-John Sampson is in Monroe County today for a public hearing with the county commissioners regarding Monroe Transit moving office locations.

-Ohio Department of Development has announced county allocation funding for the Lead Safe Ohio Program. Morgan County is eligible for \$645,000.00. Eligible activities will include removal of lead in income qualified housing.

-Shannon Wells has requested proposals for the electric project at the Grove from three licensed contractors.

-The Morgan County Visitor Center will have it's grand opening Friday, August 25, 2023 from 11:00am-7:00pm.

Steve Baker, Concerned Citizen

Wondering if CR.6 is going to be fixed. He also voiced safety concerns. The commissioners directed him to the Engineer.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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

Brandon Sifrar, Next Request

-Discussed public records requests. The commissioners explained to him the way public records requests work in their office. Mr. Sifrar will be sending the commissioners information on what he can offer the board.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

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Shelby Wahl, Senior Center Director

-Discussed levy and ARPA funding

23-395- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter executive session at 3:15pm with Shelby Wahl pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

23-396- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to exit executive session at 3:44pm with Shelby Wahl pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-397- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to American Electric Power do construction within CR-66 located in the Township of Windsor, Morgan County Ohio.

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

23-398- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to American Electric Power do construction within CR-17 located in the Township Of Penn, Morgan County Ohio.

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

23-399-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to recess the commissioner meeting on August 22, 2023.

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

The Morgan County Commissioners will be in public session for assisting the Development Director with Transit Interviews on **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** at the following location.

**Riecker Building, Office 135
155 East Main Street
McConnelsville, Oh 43756**

23-400-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

23-401--Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on August 22, 2023 at 6:30pm.

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

Adam Shriver, President

Richard Welsh, Vice-President

Cecil Mayle, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

