

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 25, 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

23-447- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of September 18, 2023

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Commissioner Mayle attended a Community Action meeting on Tuesday.
- All commissioners attended a Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday.
- All commissioners attended a CIC meeting on Thursday as well.
- The commissioners made Engineer Hook aware that County Road 2 needs to be mowed. Engineer Hook noted it would be mowed today.

At Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Westfall Building and Doors installed both garage door controllers, the electrician came Friday to rewire outside security buttons. Still awaiting the bottoms for the controller covers.
- Window replacement continuing.
- Abatement finished removing shingles from West side of Courthouse 9-20-23
- Roofing Crew started working on the roof 9-21-23.
- Had John Telesz look at the East side roof of the Courthouse from inside (Attic) were a lot of light is showing through where the pitched roof meets the flat roof, there shouldn't be any light visible from inside the building.

Cheryl Brink, Treasurer

- Discussed proposals of CDs with commissioners.

Heidi Burns, Kim Foreman JFS

-Discussed moving GED classes which currently has four students, from Transit to OMJ Center. The commissioners feel classes may grow, so they suggested doing a it a while longer and maybe holding class in both locations.

-Travel Request

- 10-2-23-10-3-23 Missy Fisher and Heidi Burns to Columbus for CFIS training.

John Wilt, EMA; 911

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- I have provided various government owned locations lat/long info (high-ground) for potential MARCS sites. Also provided lat/long and owner info for Pisgah Ridge ATT Tower, and Poplar Ridge SBA towers.
 - a. Owner: MORGAN CO COMMISSIONERS, Address: 900 S RIVERSIDE +39.62055, -81.820834
 - b. Owner: STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, Address: 4205 MONASTERY RD +39.661379, -81.829201
 - c. Owner: MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Address: MONASTERY RD +39.672014, -81.833919
 - d. Owner: VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE, Address: MONASTERY RD +39.665787, -81.834031
 - e. Owner: ROSS LORETTA KAYE ET 3 AL, Address: POPLAR RIDGE, +39.66716, -81.880962 (SBA TOWER SITE)
 - f. Owner: EARL DEAN, Address: 8254 PISGAH RIDGE RD 10 SD, +39.721679, -81.878097 (AT&T Mobility Tower)
- No communication from Jay Edwards....
- Finalizing paperwork and process for COOP (Coordination of Operation Planning) project for County Offices.
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 9/25/2023

- We have received payments from some of the partner counties:

County	Due	Paid
Carroll	\$ 55,620.21	
Union	\$ 30,138.85	\$30,138.84
Columbiana	\$ 31,105.97	\$31,105.97
Monroe	\$ 63,735.23	\$63,735.23
Harrison	\$ 55,118.24	
Total	\$ 235,718.50	\$ 124,980.04

- Working with PSAP managers (Woodward and McGrath) to gather information for State Compliance Report in October.

- Working with Jesse Owens State Park manager Ron Mingus, and ODNR Wildlife regarding dispatchable addresses and road centerlines for park/wildlife areas.
- Investigated issue where a call located on CR 2 when it was actually on SR 376. It was an AT&T phone so I used mine to simulate the call. Found that with my location services (GPS) on it located exactly where I was. With it off it located me on CR 2.
- Working with Rapid SOS, a service that utilizes alternative ways to locate callers, provide medical info, etc. Should have this active soon.
- I have asked 4 CAD vendors to set up CAD demos as we need to move quickly with obtaining a CAD vendor.
- Telecommunicator training and EMD dispatching are at a critical juncture. We need to discuss immediate solutions as M&M does not feel they need to have trained personnel or perform EMD with pre-arrival instructions.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Chris Helle, Office Manager for Morgan County Public Transit has started employment effective today, September 25, 2023.

Mrs. Wells will submit documentation for the Morgan County Development Office to be the lead entity for the next round of Brownfield and Demolition funds available from Ohio Department of Development. A request of proposals may be considered for consultant assistance to identify brownfield/demolition projects to submit for the next round.

A possible grant opportunity, named Rural Reimagined EV Charging Network Program, sponsored by Tennessee Tech could allow for Morgan County to be granted one EV charging station. The agreement has been sent to the prosecuting attorneys office for review. Installation costs and maintenance costs would be county responsibility. A partnership with a village may need considered to manage the charging station.

Quotes are due October 2, 2023 for the demolition of 1:30 4th Street Malta, Ohio. No contractors attended the pre-bid scheduled last week.

A nomination form has been completed for \$150,000.00 of Household Sewage Treatment funds from the Ohio EPA for 2024. Commissioner signature requested.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

- Submitted report
- Full report can be found online at:

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

-The commissioners discussed with Mrs. Thompson the situation that occurred last week with Kelly Caldwell, Humane Agetet. Concerned citizens were upset about their dogs being taken without their knowledge and taken to the dog pound due to malnutrition. It appears Ms. Caldwell was using Mrs. Thompson's door tags for herself. The commissioners advised Mrs. Thompson to let Ms. Caldwell to get her own door tags to avoid confusion as to who left the tag.

Steve Caraway, CCAO; Andrew Loewen, Aflac County Benefits Plus

CCAO and Aflac County Benefits Plus are focused 100% on Ohio counties.

- Managed by CCAO Service Corporation
- Supplements core benefits i.e., CEBCO
- Available to all 88 Ohio counties (regardless of CEBCO status)
- Group underwritten—aggressive pricing and strong plan design
- Enhances employee benefit understanding
- Reduces administrative workload
- One-on-one employee benefit concierges

CCAO and Aflac County benefits focus on concierge support, easy selection process, full administrative support, benefits employees want, offer competitive rate and to help employee retire with savings.

According to the US Bureau of Labor, the private sector pays an average of 15.6% more than the public sector. This statement does not factor in employees benefits.

In a recent Aflac workforce report it was discovered that 41% of working American could not pay \$1,000.00 in unplanned medical expenses.

According to a recent WTW survey, 4of 5 employees are asking their employers for more voluntary benefit options.

Aflac Partnership

- Certified enrollment team made up of local Ohio based team members
- Strong underwriting offer driven by the statewide purchasing power of Ohio counties
- Group vs. Individual underwriting

- Able to support ALL counties, regardless of size
- Working with 51 of 88 Ohio counties
- 1M insured lives in the public sector
- 37,000 public sector groups have confidence in Aflac with their supplemental benefits
- Ethisphere World's Most Ethical Companies 6 years running

Benefits offered are accidents, hospital, cancer, critical illness, life, fraud/theft and pet.

The commissioners plan to proceed with the program.

Steve Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer

23-448- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session at 1:36pm with Steve Hook and John Telesz pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) negotiations.

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

23-449- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session at 1:48pm with Steve Hook and John Telesz pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) negotiations.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Spent much of the week answering questions from potential buyers concerning sheriff vehicles being sold on GovDeals.

-Wednesday is safety council meeting

-Mr. Babcock is currently setting up office for a new employee at Transit.

Amber Wilson, Van Driver

-September 26-Council Meeting is set for 1:00pm.

-October 6 there will be speaker at 10:00am for Medicare open enrollment.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-450- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Steve Best to bore under CR 4 located in the Township of Penn, Section No. 5, Morgan County Ohio.

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

23-451-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

23-452- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to adjourn commissioners meeting September 21, 2023 at 9:20am.

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

Adam Shriver, President

Richard Welsh, Vice-President

Cecil Mayle, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk