

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 23, 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

**23-480-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 16, 2023

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Commissioner Shriver attended JFS Bridges Out of Poverty training on October 17, 2023. He also met with John Wilt to discuss RMS Issue on October 20, 2023.

***Marilyn Murray, Source One***

-Discussed with the commissioners and other department heads the possibility of being a new product supplier due to MVG closing. Source One has been around since 1933. They deliver every two weeks on Mondays. Individuals can choose to order over the phone or online.

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***Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance***

-Westfall Building and Doors, waiting for bottom covers for the controllers and 2 remotes.

-Window replacement continuing.

-Tractor seat base ordered 10-12-23 Received seat base 10-19-23

-Sidewalk project is continuing at the Grove Park. Flag Pole to be moved between Statue and monument. 10-18-23, flagpole hasn't been moved as of 10-20-23

-Working to get new Vendor to replace Muskingum Valley Grocery. Source one Supply will be at the Riecker Building Monday 10-23-23 @ 8:30.

-Sent paper work BMV to get new plates for the Toyota van and Chevrolet truck 10-11-23

-Garbage Disposal in Senior Nutrition kitchen leaking. Apperson's ordered part 10-19-23

-Talked to a new Vendor, Source One Supply to replace MVG for our cleaning supplies, they will be at the Riecker Building, Monday 10-23-23 at 8:30

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***Cheryl Brink, Treasurer***

-Discussed with commissioners that the Treasurer's Office and Auditor's Office have been out of balance with each other since April 30, 2019. To reconcile with each other, the Treasurer's Office must go back to May 1, 2019 and recreate the financial report each day for them to move forward.

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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

-Timesheet

-PCSA PACT Training with Perry County on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

-Participating in Trunk or Treat Wednesday evening.

-Reminder: Special COG Meeting regarding personnel at Washington County Commissioners' Room on Monday, October, 23, 2023.

-Travel/Meeting Requests

- Heidi Burns/ Missy Fisher/Ginger Bowen to OHPELRA Fall Conference in Dublin, Ohio on 10/27
- Heidi/Keri Schaad to Athens for PCSAO Mtg. on 10/23.

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***John Wilt, EMA; 911***

**EMA/OHS Report to Commissioners, 10/23/2023**

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Working with MARCS to get information regarding SBA tower information.
- Submitted cash requests for EMPG – through previous quarter we expended \$25,939.32 of \$79,158, \$20,394.08 for last quarter, leaving approximately \$32,824 for remaining quarter.
- Attended State EMA Directors Conference.
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.

- Our community notification system, currently CodeRed, from Onsolve, is up for renewal at the end of January. If we plan to renew, or change providers, we must do so soon so they will have adequate setup time, etc. Onsolve has raised prices the last two years and we have had other companies approach us with proposals. The most interesting is from a company that offers a much more robust system than we currently have. It offers unlimited messaging vs 1000-minute limitation we currently have. It can have sub-users so County offices, or other partners could utilize it for communication with their employees or customers. This could offer the potential for cost sharing with villages, townships, office, etc. Onsolve's price has increased from \$3,295 per year to \$5,643. The cost for the other system is \$5,450. I would like to propose entering into a contract with the new system and locking the price for a minimum of two or three years.

#### **9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 10/23/2023**

- Completed the gathering of information for State Compliance Report due today. Will submit after checking some information with the State.
- Morgan County 9-1-1 webpage and help ticket system now active. Continuing to work on webpage.
- Attended State ESINet committee meeting, the group is now called the State 9-1-1 Steering committee.
- Attended the NG9-1-1 "Road Show" presented by the State 9-1-1 office and ComTech. This was basically an informational meeting regarding the State NG9-1-1 initiative. As we were the original pilot much of what was discussed will not be a change for us except transitioning from the Morgan County Core to the State Core. We will be in a second pilot for 120 days with our current partners and 4 additional ones. At the end of the 120-day pilot the State will open the Core to all systems in the State. All 9-1-1 is required to sign on to the State Core within 5-years from the end of the second pilot.
- All counties are required to appoint a 9-1-1 program review committee under ORC 128.06. This committee MUST consist of:

(1) A member of the board of county commissioners, or a designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee;

(2) The chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in the county; (Mayor of McConnelsville)

(3) A member of the board of township trustees of the most populous township in the county as selected by majority vote of the board of trustees; (Member from Windsor Twp. trustees)

**(4) A member of a board of township trustees selected by the majority of boards of township trustees in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt;**

*This will require adoption by all (actually a majority) of the boards of township trustees (by separate resolutions). My suggestion is to have this brought up at the November meeting (Soup Dinner) of the township trustees and ratified by separate resolutions as soon as possible as this was effective October 3, 2023 and the committee needs to develop a Final Plan for April 4, 2024 submission deadline.*

**(5) A member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county selected by the majority of the legislative authorities of municipal corporations in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt;**

*This will require adoption by all (actually a majority) of the legislative authorities of a municipal corporation (by separate resolutions). This will include Chesterhill, Malta, McConnelsville, and Stockport. This will need to be brought up and ratified by separate resolutions as soon as possible as this was effective October 3, 2023 and the committee needs to develop a Final Plan for April 4, 2024 submission deadline.*

(6) An elected official from within the county appointed by the board of county commissioners. (My recommendation is the County Sheriff)

-This committee shall maintain and amend a final plan for implementing and operating a countywide 9-1-1 system. Any amendment to the final plan shall require a two-thirds vote of the committee. Each committee shall convene at least once annually for the purposes of maintaining or amending a final plan described in this section.

-This committee shall, not later than the first day of March of each year, submit a report to the political subdivisions within the county and to the 9-1-1 program office detailing the sources and amounts of revenue expended to support and all costs incurred to operate the countywide 9-1-1 system and the public safety answering points that are a part of that system for the previous calendar year.

-A county shall provide the county's committee with any clerical, legal, and other staff assistance necessary.

- Sundance CAD demo will be in person at EOC on 10/31/23 at 1300 hours. I am attempting to have two other systems demo that week.
- The ComTech contract for period beginning mid 2024 through 2029 will be approximately \$118,624.80 for the five years, or approximately \$23,728.56 per year. This will replace all hardware and software for all four positions. We paid \$32,735 (annualized) for ComTech and State core for 2023-24. The State will be taking over the core costs and DDTI, so we will see a reduction in the annual costs for 9-1-1 hardware and software. I am working with ComTech to ensure that we are being quoted for everything needed going forward and will be getting the absolute final cost nailed down soon. ComTech has requested payment for the entire 5-year contract upfront and would like it prior to the end of the year. Based on their performance during the pilot period I do not have any reservations in either provision. I will present a finalized agreement and invoice soon.
- When the bills for core services were calculated for our five partner counties it accounted for costs through 12/31/2023. There will be a final bill to partner counties for the period from 1/1/2024 until the State NG-911 pilot begins in August or September 2024. The collected amount should be approximately \$28,000 to \$30,000 and will be billed as soon as ComTech bills us for CPE and core services.

-See Attachment A

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***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-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)

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***Chris Penrose, OSU Extension***

October 9th-13th Sophia Whisman and Pam Montgomery attended the national 4-H conference in Pittsburg, PA and they learned new things to they will use to enhance the 4-H program. In addition, Pam, Sophia, and Amy Kirkbride put together the 4-H calendar for the upcoming year.

Sophia attended a Senior Fair Board meeting discussing the positives of the fair and any potential changes needing to be made and has started working on getting everything to be ready for the older youth programs and new volunteers for 2024. Pam notes that 2024 Camp Counselor applications are available online and November 20th is the deadline to submit. The final 2023 CARTEENS program is scheduled for November 14th.

Pam reported that the final Successful Co-Parenting program for 2023 is scheduled for November 14th from 9:30 AM-12 PM. Individuals interested in the program can call the office to register. Pam is also working on the 2024 Family and Consumer Sciences parenting program schedule and plans to finalize it by the end of November.

Pam, as Area Leader continues to meet with staff in all four counties (Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington). She is excited to report that a Family and Consumer Science Extension Educator has been hired for Muskingum County, Alexis Masterson, a Morgan County 4-H Alumni.

Chris Penrose attended the Farm Science Review where he provided education at the Extension Beef Information tent. The Farmers Market concludes this week (October 26th) and has had by all accounts the best season ever. He also had a presentation on Forages at the Ohio Polled Herford Association Annual Banquet in Noble County in October.

The Master Gardeners have been active with monthly meetings, the Fall Educational Series that was open to the public and held at the library, and the Fall Plant Sale that was at the Farmers Market on September 28th.

Plans have also been finalized for the December 4th Cattleman's meeting, and after the first of the year, pesticide recertification, a multi-county Agronomy meeting, and Master Gardener training for new volunteers. Call for more information.

***Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor***

-Discussed with commissioners the opinions of a retired paramedic, Robert Sears. The individual noted five units is too many and three is enough for Morgan County. The former paramedic also noted that the staff number is more important than number of squad units required in the annual contract.

***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

-Mobility Manager, Bobby White, organized and participated in a fall leaf tour in Morgan County on October 18, 2023 that was available to the public. There were 15 people that participated and the Morgan County Senior Center and Morgan County Public Transit provided transportation. Commissioner Shriver funded the transportation.

-The Morgan County Commissioners have been awarded \$2,499,803.00 by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Power initiative to provide access to broadband service to unserved or underserved households and 23 unserved or underserved businesses in the county.

-The Morgan County Commissioners were also awarded an additional \$500,000.00 from the ARC in Distressed Area Development funding. The project will partner with Charter (Spectrum) who will contribute \$2,500,000.00 in matching funds for a total project estimated near \$5,500,000.00.

-The Morgan County Visitor Center participated in Heritage Day on October 21, 2023 and held a MoCo Tailgate Party. The Visitor Center saw more than 200 visitors during the event.

**23-481-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to enter into a contract with Good Ground for soil reports at two residential properties in the amount of \$13,050.00 for both properties:

7770 N. Wrightstown Rd. Gloster, OH 45732

492 N. Riverview Rd. Malta, OH 43758

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

***Debbie Canter, Imagination Library; Tara Sidwell, Morgan County Library***

County:	Morgan County (10-1-23)
Local Program Partner:	United Way of Muskingum, Perry, & Morgan Counties
Date Program Started:	6-25-2020
Current Enrollment:	483 (67.27%) of 718 eligible (2020 Census)
LPP Current Cost per month:	\$531.30 (\$1.10 per book)
Cumulative books delivered:	12,614

***Raymond McComas, Kinder Insurance***

-Discussed property appraisals. The last appraisal was completed in 2001. A new appraisal will be done this year. The cost will \$8,800.00.

***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-Setting up new computers for employees. Safety Council next Wednesday. Meet the Candidates last Thursday.

***Shelby Wahl, Senior Citizens Director; Amber Wilson, Senior Director in Training***

-Presented to Rotary information about the levy. Currently interviewing for van driver and Homemaker.

***Elizabeth Kidd, 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](https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html)

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

**23-482-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant CHARTER permission to span over County Road 64, 65, 90 & 10, located in the Township of Bloom and Bristol, Morgan County Ohio.

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

**23-483-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to request a supplemental appropriation in the PCSA Account of \$100,000.00.

Account	Code	Current Budget	Additions	Total
SCPA Misc.	050-0050-5303.00	\$300,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$400,000.00

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

**23-484-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to the transfer the following:

From	To	Amount
090-0090-5365-.00 (CSEA Insurance)	090-0090-5309.00 (CSEA Other)	\$20,000.00

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



**23-485** Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate \$50,000.00 in 001-0108-5315.00 Bureau of Inspection Expenses. This is to pay for the audits that are being caught up on.

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

**23-486-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a line item transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be taken out of line item 028-0028-5369.00 (workmans comp) to be put into line item 028-0028-5305.00 (van maintenance).

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

**23-487-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to set up an expense line item for 412-2022-5300.00 for unspent grant funds.

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

**23-488-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to supplementally appropriate fund 099 Grant Administration Fund:

Miscellaneous Expenses: 099-0099-5309.00 \$12,000.00  
Add \$32,000.00 to purchase order 23-29815

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

**23-488-**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**

**23-489-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on October 23, 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:



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 128.06 County 9-1-1 program review committee; final plan for countywide system.

Effective: October 3, 2023

Legislation: House Bill 33 - 135th General Assembly

(A) Except as provided in divisions (B) and (C) of this section, every county shall maintain a county 9-1-1 program review committee, which shall serve without compensation and shall consist of six voting members as follows:

- (1) A member of the board of county commissioners, or a designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee;
- (2) The chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in the county;
- (3) A member of the board of township trustees of the most populous township in the county as selected by majority vote of the board of trustees;
- (4) A member of a board of township trustees selected by the majority of boards of township trustees in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt;
- (5) A member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county selected by the majority of the legislative authorities of municipal corporations in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt;
- (6) An elected official from within the county appointed by the board of county commissioners.

When determining population under division (A)(2) of this section, population residing outside the county shall be excluded.

(B) In counties with fewer than five townships, a population in excess of seven hundred fifty thousand, and which contains more than one public safety answering point, the composition of the 9-1-1 program review committee shall consist of five members as follows:



- (1) A member of the board of county commissioners, or a designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee;
  
- (2) The chief executive officer of the most populous municipal corporation in the county. Population residing outside the county shall be excluded when making this determination.
  
- (3) A member from one of the following, whichever is more populous:
  - (a) The chief executive officer of the second most populous municipal corporation in the county;
  
  - (b) A member of the board of township trustees of the most populous township in the county as selected by majority vote of the board of trustees.
  
  - (4) The chief executive officer of a municipal corporation in the county selected by the majority of the legislative authorities of municipal corporations in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt;
  
  - (5) A member of a board of township trustees selected by the majority of boards of township trustees in the county pursuant to resolutions they adopt.
  
- (C) In counties that contain only one public safety answering point, the composition of the 9-1-1 review committee shall consist of three members as follows:
  - (1) If the public safety answering point is not operated by the board of county commissioners, the committee shall be composed of the following:
    - (a) A member of the board of county commissioners, or the member's designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the committee;
  
    - (b) One of the following:
      - (i) If the public safety answering point is operated by a township, then a member of the board of township trustees;



- (ii) If the public safety answering point is operated by a municipal corporation, then the chief executive officer of the municipal corporation;
  
- (iii) If the public safety answering point is operated by a subdivision that is not a township or municipal corporation or is operated by a regional council of governments, then an elected official of that subdivision or regional council of governments.
  
- (c) A member who is an elected official of the most populous township or municipal corporation in the county that does not operate the public safety answering point. When determining population under this division, population residing outside the county shall be excluded.
  
- (2) If the public safety answering point is operated by the board of county commissioners, then the board of county commissioners shall serve as the 9-1-1 program review committee.
  
- (D) Each committee shall maintain and amend a final plan for implementing and operating a countywide 9-1-1 system. Any amendment to the final plan shall require a two-thirds vote of the committee. Each committee shall convene at least once annually for the purposes of maintaining or amending a final plan described in this section.
  
- (E) Each committee shall, not later than the first day of March of each year, submit a report to the political subdivisions within the county and to the 9-1-1 program office detailing the sources and amounts of revenue expended to support and all costs incurred to operate the countywide 9-1-1 system and the public safety answering points that are a part of that system for the previous calendar year. A county shall provide the county's committee with any clerical, legal, and other staff assistance necessary.

