

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 30, 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

Mr. Mark Ponchak sat in on the commissioners meeting from 8:00-11:15am.

23-490- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 23, 2023

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Monday, Commissioner Shriver attended COG personnel meeting. Tuesday, November 24, 2023 Senior Council on Aging meeting. Wednesday, November 25, 2023 Regional Advisory Council on Aging.

Commissioner Shriver met with concerned citizens regarding tourism office. Spoke with concerned citizens about dog issues.

Friday, met with John Wilt to discuss upcoming meeting with State Auditor's Office regarding Next Gen. 911.

-Discussed courthouse and spraying project with sheriff and courthouse staff.

-Commissioner Mayle and Commissioner Welsh attended a budget meeting.

-The commissioners discussed dog issues from concerned citizens.

-The commissioners discussed calling a MCDD board meeting concerning a personnel matter within the board.

At Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

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

-Window replacement and staining completed, still waiting for last round of windows for Heidi's office, Work Force and Development Offices.

-Tractor seat base installed 10-26-23

-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 Trees trimmed 10-27-23

- Sent paper work BMV to get new plates (10-11-23) for the Toyota van (Received Van info 10-24-23) and still waiting for the Chevrolet truck
- Garbage Disposal in Senior Nutrition kitchen leaking. Apperson's ordered part 10-19-23
- Scaffolding removed 10-27-23
- Tree trimming will be done on 10-31-23. County Highway Department.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Shared practice opportunity
- Travel/Meeting Request
 - Heidi Burns/Ginger Bowen to UX Training @ Salt Fork in 11/2
- Mandated Share for State Fiscal Year 2024 is \$39441.00 October 2023 \$3,286.75

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer

- County Road slip was recently paved, OPWC funded 80% of the project.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- The Morgan County Manufacturing Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for November 9, 2023 from 6-8pm at the Old Armory. Invitations will be mailed out today. Citizens Bank and JobsOhio will be sponsoring the event.
- The press release announcing the broadband award for the award for the ARC POWER award of \$2,499,803.00 will be sent this week to the Herald.
- The Village of Chesterhill was awarded \$250,000.00 in Federal Development funding for a water improvement project.
- G&M Construction submitted cost estimates to install a new state approved hydrant at the Grove (\$7,000.00) and to install the new arch (\$5,000.00. Jason Pierce will begin lamppost installation this week. The flagpole was set in the new location last week.

-The State Auditor called October 30, 2023 and is trying to wrap up the CVB audit. They could not get a response from the President so decided to move forward and hope to have it closed out soon. The visitor center documented 363 visitors for the month of October so far. 170 of that total were counted on Heritage Day.

-Bobby White and Shannon Wells met with Burton Planning Services to gather required local plans, polices and other data for the active transportation planning process.

-The third quarter financial report for recycling needs signature.

-The SR266/377 water extension Pay App 4 needs signed to pay \$136,660.45.

-ODOT invoiced the Morgan County Commissioners \$50,000.00 for the center turn lane project set to bid December 14, 2023.

-Shannon Wells spoke to RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) and ORCA) Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia) regarding including Morgan County Appalachian Community Grant Program (ACGP) projects for Morgan County into their applications as lead applicants. Both organizations are interested in including multiple projects for Morgan County into their applications. ILCAO (Ironton Lawerance Community Action Organization) is also interested in McConnellsville streetscape, Stanberry renovation and Wharf lot improvements. Applications open November 2, 2023.

Union Hall theater roof replacement is nearing completion. The contractor has stated the building is now secure and stable. Shannon Wells has asked APG Architects to complete design work to include a renovation project for Union Hall in the ACGP. Other Chesterhill projects that have design completed for the first grant include: Chesterhill Produce Auction building improvements, streetscape, trail development.

-The commissioners attended a public viewing of Township Rd. 924.

23-491- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to vacate Township Road 924.

Township Road 924 (Robert Smith Lane) is located in Section 12, Township 9, Range 13, Deerfield Township of Morgan County, Ohio. Beginning at the intersection of Township Road 924 (Robert Smith Lane) and Township Road 197 (Smith Hill Road), thence from this place of beginning proceeding westerly along the center of Township Road 924, 0.078 mile to the terminus of this vacation. It is intended to vacate all of the right of way of Township Road 924 (Robert Smith Lane) in its entirety.

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

-Concerned citizens discussed a dog issue with the commissioners.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizens Director

-Mrs. Wilson noted that the interviews for a Van Driver and Homemaker positions are complete and has chosen separate individuals to hold each position.

-A citizen recently came in and donated funds to the senior center.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Mr. Babcock attended safety council this week.

-He filled out and returned the questionnaire given to him last week by our county's insurance company.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-492- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request transfers between expense line items in the #006 account.

| From | To | Amount |
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| 006-0006-5309.01 (Public Asst. H34) | 006-0006-5344.00 (public Ass. H9) | \$40,000.00 |

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

23-493- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to request the following supplemental appropriations for fund 112 Rural Transit Capital Replacement:

Federal Asst.: 112-0112-5302-00 - \$204,772.00 (federal share of vehicles paid by ODOT)

Misc. Asst.: 112-0112-5303-00 - \$18,000.00

Please increase the purchase order 23-29818 by \$18,000.00

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

23-494- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to add additional line items for the 2024 Budget:

084-2024-5306.00 contracts

084-2024-5369.00 worker's comp

081-2024-5365.00 insurance

075-0075-5369.00 worker's comp

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

23-495-Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$50,000.00 from our bridge account (k26) 004-0004-5330.01 and place into our materials account (k12) 004-0004-5330.00.

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

23-496-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

23-497- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on October 30, 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

