

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, November 6, 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 October expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

23-498- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 30, 2023

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Wednesday, Commissioner Mayle attended a Jail Board meeting.

Thursday, all three commissioners met with Prosecutor Howdysshell to discuss EMS.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

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

-Window replacement and staining completed on old side of building, still waiting for last 14 windows to be installed in Development Offices, Work Force Offices and JFS Directors Office all windows and screens were delivered 11-1-23.

-Tractor seat base installed 10-26-23

- Flagpole has been moved and the flag was raised 10-31-23

- BMV sent new Van and Truck tags 11-2-23

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

-Tree trimming was completed on 10-31-23 by the County Highway Department.

Mark Howdysshell, Prosecutor; Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer

-Discussed the flood plain as well as the flood plain regulations.

Cheryl Brink, Treasurer

Reported the Treasurer's Office is currently in balance with the Auditor's Office.

Heidi Burns, JFS

-OMJ Newsletter

-ASPIRE

-COG—POWER project underserved in Chesterhill

-Travel/Meeting Requests

- Heidi Burns to ECODA @ New Lexington on 11/7
- Heidi Burns to COG @ Caldwell on 11/6

Fiscal Items

- Mandated Share for November, 2023-\$3,286.75
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John Wilt, 911; EMA

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continue to work with MARCS to get information regarding SBA tower information.
- Preparing RFP for Mitigation Plan update. Required to submit now for grant funding, plan expires 2025.
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- EMA entered into an agreement with Hyper-Reach as our new community notification system. It offers unlimited messaging and can have sub-users so County offices, or other partners could utilize it for communication with their employees or customers. This offers the potential for cost sharing with villages, townships, offices, etc. I negotiated a price of \$5000/yr with a 3 year price guarantee.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 11/6/2023

- Ohio 9-1-1 State Administrator and Compliance office will meet with me at 10 a.m. today regarding allegations made by N. Dunn regarding 9-1-1. She has been non-responsive to investigative efforts and this meeting will be a discussion of the allegations and how they were not applicable.

- Sent an email to PJ Hinkle, Morgan County Townships Association President, regarding the selection of an at-large township trustee for the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. I am hopeful that this will be addressed at the November meeting. I am still attempting to contact all of the Village Councils to set up a meeting with them to obtain the at-large council member.

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 Morgan 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 provided a demo that was attended by Capt. Woodward, Sheriff McGrath and myself. I am awaiting a quote from them and will be contacting Columbiana County for their evaluation of the CAD as they are currently using it.
- There have been several issues with call handling and routing and we have addressed each of these as they arose.
- M&M Chief Finley approached me with a request that the County hire a telecommunicator for M&M. I explained that the telecommunicator job for the County is a union position that falls under the direction of the Sheriff and I did not think that it would be feasible to utilize a single telecommunicator at M&M.
- I have located data lines that are a hold over from the previous E9-1-1 system that was discontinued in 2014. This has been a monthly charge of approximately \$400/month or \$4800/year - \$45,600. Working with Brightspeed to get shut off and to make sure there are no other data lines being paid for.

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telesz, Deputy Engineer

23-499- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Mayle to designate Commissioner Welsh as alternate representative for the OPWC sub-committee and Commissioner Mayle as the Representative.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

-The commissioners attended an Issue 1 Sub Committee meeting and Issue 1 Priority Project meeting lead by Engineer Steve Hook. See Attachment A

The commissioner attended a COG meeting in Caldwell.

Traci Simmons, ODNR Outreach coordinator

-Christmas in the Village will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from noon to 5pm.

- We will be not be closing the square this year. Indoor vendors will be at the Old Armory Center, at the Commons, and on sidewalks in the village.
- There will be carriage rides from a person out of Parkersburg. Same person who does Marietta's.
- We will be requesting the stage from the village to be set at the commons. We want to decorate it with lights and use it for live entertainment during the during the event.
- This year we have spent \$12, 537.00 on Christmas lights/decorations.
- We will be having a tree sponsorship program this year. We purchased 50, 5ft trees to be staked at the Commons. Each tree will be staked, have lights and a personalized sign. Trees will be \$100, and all proceeds will be used for Christmas Lights and town tree fund. A 30ft. tree is approximately \$30,000+.
- Our plan is to place lights on gazebo, shelter, trees, and grounded at the Grove and add sponsor trees, and decorations to the Commons.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

- Pierce Electric has started work this morning at the Grove trenching electric for lampposts.
- Shannon Wells submitted a pre-application for funding to Ohio Department of Development for Malta Medical.
- The Morgan County Manufacturing Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for November 9, 2023 from 6-8pm at the Old Armory. Citizens Bank, First National, North Valley Bank, Peoples Bank, Morgan County Improvement Corporation and JobsOhio will be sponsoring the event. There have been 90 attendees RSVP.
- Burton Planning Services will be in McConnelsville and Malta to do a site visit and walk around both villages looking at infrastructure inventory of sidewalks, crosswalks, ect.
- Shannon Wells sent information to install a new spigot at the Grove to the new McConnelsville Village Administrator, Tim Louis for approval.
- The healthy aging grant webinar is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 2pm.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizens Director

- Currently training the recently hired van driver.
- Holiday Dinner is set for December 7, 2023 at 12:00pm.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Mr. Babcock is presently working on election vulnerability scans.

23-500- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$13,704.00 from account number 001-1501-5322.00 to grant administration salary account number 099-0099-4001.00.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-501- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following funds:

Fund	From	To	Amount
General Fund	001-0103-5309 other expenses	001-0103-5303 supplies	\$27.80
General Fund	001-0103-5101 sal. employes	001-0103-5309 other expenses	\$2,004.97
General Fund	001-0103-5367 PERS	001-0103-5309 other expenses	\$1,000.00
DETAC Fund	060-0060-5309 Other expenses	060-0060-5102 salary	\$864.00
DETAC Fund	060-0060-5309 other expenses	060-0060-5367 PERS	\$302.40
DETAC Fund	060-0060-5309 other expenses	060-0060-5368 Medicare	\$9.85
DETAC Fund	060-0060-5309 other expenses	060-0060-5369 worker's comp.	\$136.30
DETAC Fund	060-0060-5303 supplies	060-0060-5309 other expenses	\$1,100.00

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

23-502- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following:

Please transfer \$10,000.00 from our salary employees account k-2 004-0004-5102.00 and place into our materials account k-12 004-0004-5330.00.

Please transfer \$20,000.00 from our laborer account k-11A 004-0004-5102.01 and place into our materials account k-12 004-0004-5330.00.

Please transfer \$30,000.00 from our contract projects account k-16 004-0004-5316.00 and place into our materials account k-12 004-0004-5330.00.

Please transfer \$10,000.00 from our PERS account 004-0004-5367.01 and place into our materials account k-12 004-0004-5330.00.

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

23-503- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

\$15,000.00 from 001-0207-5102.00 salary to the following:

\$10,000.00 to 001-0207-5304.00 equipment

\$5,000.00 to 001-0207-5303.00 supplies

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

23-504- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to request a new revenue line item 099-0099-4008.00 Demolition Grant.

I am requesting a new revenue line item 099-0099-5307.00 Demolition Expenses Line Item.

Also, I would like to request a supplemental appropriation:

Demolition Expense 099-0099-5307.00 \$160,600.00

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

23-505- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

Transfer \$204,772.00 from the 112-0112-5302.00 State Asst. Capital Replacement Line Item into the 112-011-5301.00 Federal Asst. Capital Replacement Line Item.

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

23-506- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$1,900.00 from the 085-0085-5309.00 Other Expense Line Item into 085-0085-5370.00 Septic Loan Disbursement Line Item.

Please add to PO 23-29808

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

23-507- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$30,000.00 to 014-0014-5306.00 to cover 2023 contracts.

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

23-508- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following:

Transfer \$15,000.00 from the 113-0113-5371.00 Insurance Line Item into the 113-0113-5309.00 Miscellaneous Line Item.

Please Add to PO 23-29823, also please add the unencumbered balanced of \$25,493 to the purchase order.

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

23-509- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer from 063-0063-5102.00 salaries \$5,000.00 to 063-0063-5309.05 vaccines and please adjust PO# 23-29909.

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

23-510- Motion by Mr. Shriver and second by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$1,500.00 from our small equipment account k-4 004-0004-5304.00 and place into our travel account k-6 004-0004-5307.00.

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

23-511-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

23-512- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on November 6, 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:

**Morgan County Sub-Committee Meeting
Reicher Building – Commissioner’s Office Rm. 216
155 East Main Street – McConnelsville, Ohio 43787
Minutes for November 6, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Stevan Hook, executive committee member. Those County Sub-Committee members present are:

Sub-Committee Members: **John W. Finley**—McConnelsville Village, **Cecil Mayle** (County Commissioners’ representative), **Stevan Hook** (County Engineer representative) and **Darel Kuntz** (Township Trustee representative), **John McCort** (At Large representative).

Other Attendees: Richard Welch (County Commissioner), Sheila Welch (Clerk), Adam Shriver (County Commissioner, (See Sign-in Sheet)

The 1st order of business - was to assign the County’s priority points to the two (2) submitted projects. Stevan Hook explained that the purpose of the meeting is to assign County priority points to each of the projects (maximum of 2) submitted by the Morgan County applicants. He then presented the county’s “**2 Projects**” and discussed how the points might be distributed.

The projects are to be assigned priority points as follows: 1st – 75 points, 2nd – 65 points, 3rd – 55 points, 4th – 45points.

Project Representatives:

Stevan Hook then presented the county’s “**Township and Village Co-operative Road Paving Projects**” and then discussed how the County Sub-Committee points might be distributed.

- **Morgan County Paving Project #2** - Morgan County Road #98 (Cordray Rd.) from SR #78 north to SR #37 and CR #86 Hooper Ridge Rd. from Athens Co. line south to the Athens Co. line.
- **Morgan County Co-operative Paving Project #1** – Includes McConnelsville Village part of McConnell Ave., 1.0 mile of Finkle Hill Rd. in Center Twp., and 0.367 miles of TR 1147 (Austen Dr.) in Bloom Twp., North Street in Stockport (CR #2 to Water Street).

The sub-committee then discussed the applications and did the following point assignments:

John W. Finley made a motion to award the priority point as follows:

75 pts – Morgan County Cooperative Paving Project #1

65 pts – Morgan County Paving Project #2

Cecil Mayle seconded the motion: **With 4 members voting yeas; Mayle, Finley, McCort, Hook,** and 1 member voting no -**Kuntz**. Motion passed.

Stevan Hook explained that there may be some minor discrepancies in the scoring of the projects at other locations. These discrepancies will be discussed at the executive committee meeting on

Wednesday December 13, 2022 at the Buckeye Hills Office at 1400 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio at 10:00am. After this meeting, scoring could change a little, which in turn may affect the way the county sub-committee awards it points.

John McCort made a motion to adjourn. **Cecil Mayle** seconded the motion. All members voted yea, and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were taken by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer.

Stevan Hook
Executive Committee Member