

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, December 4, 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 November expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

23-545- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of November 27, 2023

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Commissioner Shriver attended an Office on Aging meeting on Tuesday.
- Commissioner Mayle attended a Community Action lunch meeting on Wednesday.
- Commissioner Welsh went to the dog pound to transport a truck on Wednesday.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Informed the commissioners someone has vandalized the Christmas lights at the grove.
- Westfall Building and Doors, replaced bottom covers at the old county garage and job has been completed
- Window replacement and staining continuing.
- Garbage Disposal water vacuum cap in the Senior Nutrition kitchen has been replaced.
- Toyota van is scheduled for new tires and wiper arm repairs, Will drop off 12-5-23.

Heidi Burns, JFS

- Gave a sheet to the commissioners of the successes of JFS. Also, discussed the meal program with the senior center.
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John Wilt, EMA; 911

EMA Report

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continue to work with MARCS to get information regarding SBA tower information.
- Still working on preparing RFP FOR Mitigation Plan update. Required to submit not for grant funding, plan expires 2025.
- Continuous review and revision on Emergency Operations Plans.
- State has added additional forms for grants. Completed and submitted for HMEP and EMPG.
- Working on getting Morgan County interests addressed in the Appalachian Regional Grant. Buckeye Hills did not sponsor any submissions for this, but ORCA (Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia) did. We found out about it in three days before the deadline and ended up getting about \$10,000 included in the submission.

911 Report

- Spoke with PJ Hinkle regarding the at-large rep for Township trustee for 911. I will be attending the association meeting in January.
- Sundance CAD—Sheriff and I will eventually be visiting Columbiana and Hardin Counties to get their evaluation of Sundance CAD as both counties are using it. We may also visit Pike County as they are implementing it now.
- STILL continuing to research old unused data lines that we continue to be charged for. Once firmly established that these are no longer in use, we will shut them down.
- ComTech came in and did a site survey for the new NG-911 implementation We have several issues regarding rack space and power. All equipment not part of 911 needs to be removed from the 911 rack in SO.

Tina Miller, Treasurer of Reinersville Fire Department

-Discussed issues they are having with the Fire Marshall that visited Friday.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Talked Jason Pierce concerning the extra electric at the grove for Christmas decorations.

-A revolving loan fund 2nd public hearing is required to apply to Ohio Department of Development for funding for Malta Medical. It is scheduled for 10am December 4, 2023.

-Shannon Wells discussed an application to purchase Deanos with the revolving loan fund committee. Only two members could vote and both recommended to proceed following same terms as North Valley Bank for the project.

The new office manager at Morgan County Public Transit will start January 2, 2023.

Steve Hook, Engineer Hook; John Telesz; Deputy Engineer

Engineer Hook opened Aggregate, Tire, and Fuel bids.

23-546- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to table all aggregate bids.

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

23-547- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to table all tire bids.

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

23- 548- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to accept the fuel bids.

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

23-549- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to comply with State and Federal regulations the County Commissioners due hereby resolve to approve the Special Purpose Flood Damage Resolution as recommended by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and reviewed by the Morgan County Prosecutor.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

23-550- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following: Morgan County Board of Commissioners has approved a \$67,500 loan to Charles & Desra Moore for the acquisition of Deano's Pizza & Subs contingent upon receiving private financing to complete the acquisition.

This resolution shall also hereby authorize Adam Shriver, President, to sign all necessary application materials to Ohio Department of Development.

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

Chasity Schmelzenbach, Buckeye Hills

Ms. Schmelzenbach discussed the Economic Impact Study of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and their audiences in Southern Ohio. She provided the Commissioners material of the details of this study.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizens Director

-Discussed promoting the Senior Citizens levy.

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

-Discussed use of the space where Wit-n-Wimsey will no longer be.
23-551- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following resolution.
See Attachment
Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-552- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation for ARPA fund 321-0321-5301.00 in order to pay Ohio Department of Transportation for the project consisting of widening S.R. 60 and adding a middle turn lane from S.L.M. (North of McConnelsville) including drainage upgrades and pavement markings, lying within Morgan County for the amount of \$845,692.00. The money will be paid back to ARPA fund.

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

23-553- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant American Electric Power permission from the Morgan County Commissioners to span over County Rd. 3, located in Township of Malta, Section No. 24, Morgan County, Ohio

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

23-554- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$3,500.00 to jail expenses 001-1501-5310.00 to pay bills for the year 2023.

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

23-554- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following EMA funds:

From	Amount	To
009-0009-5304.00 Equipment	\$500.00	009-0009-5309.00 Other Expenses

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

23-555- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from the following fund:

Fund	From	To	Amount
DETEC	060-0060-5304 Equipment	060-0060-5309 Supplies	\$670.22

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

23-556- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

\$311.93 from 001-0207-5323.00 (visiting judge) to 001-0207-5321.00 (other fees).

\$545.65 from 001-0207-5303.00 (supplies) to 001-0207-5321.00 (other fees).

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

23-557- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request supplemental appropriations for fund 112 Rural Transit Capital Replacement:

Misc Asst: 112-0112-5303.00 \$60,100.00

Please increase the purchase order 23-29818 by 60,100

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

23-558- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

Transfer \$1,970.25 from the 099-0099-5369.00 worker's compensation line item into 099-0099-5309.00 misc. line item.

Please add \$1,970.25 to PO 23-29815

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

23-559- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer

- \$478.04 from supplies account number 001-0602-5303.00 to employees' salaries account number 001-060-5102.00.

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

23-560- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

Please transfer \$1770.97 from sheriff's radio payment 001-0601-5312.00 in sheriff's contract/services 001-0601-5306.00.

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

23-561-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

23-562 Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioner meeting December 4, 2023 at 4:00pm.

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

23-563 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reconvene the commissioner meeting on December 6, 2023 at 7:45am.

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

-The commissioners met with Shannon Wells, Economic Development Director.

23-564- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioner meeting December 6, 2023 at 8:35am.

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

23-565- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reconvene the commissioner meeting on December 7, 2023 at 11:00am.

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

-The commissioners attended the senior holiday banquet.

23-566-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on December 7, 2023 at 1:00pm.

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

FINAL RESOLUTION

The following Final Resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, County of **Morgan**, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA", in the matter of the stated described project.

WHEREAS, on **21st day of August 2023**, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

The project consists of widening S.R. 60 and adding a middle turn lane from S.L.M 14.11-14.52 (North of McConnelsville), including drainage upgrades and pavement markings, lying within Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, the LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The County agrees to assume and bear a lump sum amount of Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Two and - - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$845,692.00).

The share of the cost of the LPA is now in the amount of **Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Two and - - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$845,692.00); and**

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of the same to this legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, The LPA desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

- I. That the sum, of **Eight Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Two and - - - 00/100 Dollars, (\$845,692.00)** is hereby appropriated for the improvement described above and the fiscal officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue an order on the treasurer for said sum upon the requisition of the Director of Transportation to pay the cost and expense of said improvement. We hereby agree to assume in the first instance, the share of the cost and expense over and above the amount to be paid from **State** funds.
- II. That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.
- III. That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that the **Vice-President of the Board** be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract, providing for the payment of the LPA the sum of money set forth herein above for improving the described project.
- IV. That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.

This is to certify that we have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution with the original record thereof, found in the record of the proceedings of the LPA, and which Resolution was duly passed by the LPA on the 6th day of December, 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the record of said Resolution and the action of said LPA thereon.

We further certify that said Resolution and the action of said LPA thereon is recorded in the journal of said LPA in Volume 23-551, at Page 356, and under date of December 6, 2023.

Legislative Authority of the
Board of County Commissioners
County of **Morgan**, Ohio



Vice-President of the Board



Clerk (Secretary Ex-Officio)

SEAL
(If Applicable)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, is hereby directed to immediately certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Morgan County, Ohio prior to the date of December 20, 2023.

Commissioner Cecil Mayle seconded the Resolution, and the roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Adam Shurin</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>R. Will</u>	<u>YEA</u>
<u>Cecil Mayle</u>	<u>YEA</u>

ADOPTED the 27th day of November, 2023.

Sheila Welch
Clerk of Board of Morgan County Commissioners

Resolution # 23-542

