

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, December 11, 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

23-567- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of December 4, 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 Jail Board Meeting.
- Commissioner Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting on Friday.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

- Window replacement nearing end, need to do a walk through with G&M to get a punch list.
- Toyota van is scheduled for new tires and wiper arm repairs, Dropped off 12-5-23

Lori Ryan Griffin, NRCS; Jeff Drake, Soil & Water, Kenny White, Soil & Water; Margaret Haines, Soil & Water; Trista Nelson, Soil & Water

- The office has a yearly fish and tree sale that brings in many customers that you would not typically think would utilize the SWCD office.
- We partnered with VFW Post 4713-Malta again to hold the Annual 4th grade field day at the fairgrounds. All the 4th graders at Morgan Local Schools were invited. There were numerous other volunteers that assisted with the day to make it a success.
- Not only does the office try to educate the younger generation, we also try to hold events for the adults also. It may be something as small as Pond Clinic, to the Ag and Livestock field day (held alongside OSU Extension), to a Conservation Bus Tour. The year the office was able to take roughly 50 people on a conservation bus tours. The left Morgan County on April mourning and headed to the OSU Sheep Center in Wooster, from there

we went to 3-D meats in Dalton. Our next stop was for lunch at the Dutch Kitchen followed by stopping at the OSU Beef Research Center in Wooster. Educational outreach is a huge part of the SWCD

- In June we had our 2023 Pond Clinic at the Patterson Family Farm on Price Road in Malta. Special guest for the evening with Steve Fender owner of Fenders Fish Hatchery to discuss pond management and Ben Smith State Wildlife Officer to have a Q and A with the landowners present.
- The Morgan County Fair was a happening place for the SWCD office this year. If you stopped by our fair booth there was a lot we were doing. Not only did we have a contest in our booth to guess the bushel per acre in a corn field, we also brought back the popular Find Kenny contest throughout the fair with, Find Kenny Disguise! Kenny was the talk of the fair. Kenny’s face was hidden 10 places throughout the fairgrounds and you had to write down all the locations you found him and submit your entry back to the booth to be entered to win a prize. Though the support of the local banks we were able to award the winners of the corn yield contest the Find Kenny Disguise \$50 at our annual meeting.
- The fair booth also tied into a new contest that the office started this year with the Corn Contest. The Corn Contest is putting a new spin on the old Corn Club that was popular in the 80’s in the county. We wanted to spot light some fun facts about corn, corn items and basic Morgan County fun facts. We had 17 producers participate in the Corn Contest this year. Yield checks were performed on the fields.

Heidi Burns, JFS

23-568- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following:

From	To	Amount
006-0006-5309.00 (PA H15)	006-0006-5345.00 (PA H33 Purch of Serv.)	\$5022.54
Please increase purchase order		
PO#23-29779 (H33) 006-0006.5345.00		\$5022.54

Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried
Morgan County Benefit Recovery (Fraud Plan)

Travel Request for Heidi for Thurs. And Fri. 12-14-15 to Lewis Center, Oh for JFS Quarterly General Session

Contracts for 2024

- Office on Aging for home-based services \$35,000
- Community Action for home delivery meals \$70,000
- Health Department for home based services \$75,000

23-569-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Loretta Murphy to the Library Board for the term of Jan 1, 2024 through December 31, 2030.

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

Tina Miller, Treasurer of Reinersville Fire Department

-Requesting information the commissions may have received regarding the department's charter status.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Shannon Wells visited the Ohio Winding Road Marketplace store in Shawnee Ohio on December 6 with Amy Grove and Tracy Simons The Ohio Winding Road (non-profit) is a potential new partner to setup retail in the Morgan County Visitors Center.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with Green Cab on Dec 7 to discuss providing contract service for Monroe County when public transit cannot assist clients.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with Julie Schaffer from RLS and Associates on Dec 7 to discuss transfer options for property located at 37 S. 5th Street.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with Melissa Zoller, Buckeye Hills on Dec 7 to discuss assisting Noble County with transportation.

A business visit will be held on Dec 12 at 10am at Hann Manufacturing with OhioSE.

A meeting with ODOT will be held on Dec13 at 10am to discuss the ownership of the transit building on 5th Street.

The commissioners a Southeastern Solid Waste Board meeting in Caldwell.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizens Director

- Healthy Aging grant is in the works.
 - Dec15 congregate meal is set for seniors at the Senior Center..
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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
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Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

- Discussed use cyber security plan.
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23-570- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following resolution for DD of necessity to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation.

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

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

23-571- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to MMRWD to bore under CR 56, located in Township of Malta. See Attachment A

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

23-572- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a supplemental appropriation in the following General Fund;

001-0103-5309.00 other expenses

Treasurer's Portion of Software Solutions Annual Support	\$3,838.85
001-0103-5309.00 other expenses	
2023 Postage reimbursements to Commissioners	<u>\$990.91</u>
Total 001-0103-5309.00 other expenses	\$4,829.76

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

23-573- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$5,000.00 into line public defender 001-1501-5328.00. This is used to pay Attorney's for indigent cases which need paid in a timely manor for them to be reimburse to us.

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

23-574- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to do the following transfers:

Transfer \$400.00 from the 113-0113-5371.00 insurance line item into the 113-0113-5311.00 leasing line item.

Add \$400.00 to PO 23-29824

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

23-575- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to do the following transfers:

Transfer \$400.00 from the 086-0086-5309.00 misc. expenses line item into the 086-0086-5311.00 leases line item.

PO23-29812

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

23-576- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer from 063-0063-5102.00 salaries \$900.00 to 063-0063-5309.05 vaccines and please adjust PO# 23-29909

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

23-577- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to do the following transfers:

Transfers \$12,500 from the 099-0099-5307.00 Demolition expense line item into 099-0099-5309.00 misc. line item.

Please add \$12,500 to PO23-29815

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

23-578-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

23-579-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting on December 11, 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

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO**

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Morgan County, Ohio (the "County"), met in regular session on December 11, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at the offices of the Board, 155 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, McConnelsville, Ohio 43756, with the following members present:

Mr. Shriver introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A
RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

(R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.222 and 5705.25)
(R.C. Chapter 5126)
Renewal DD Levy

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio (the "DD Board"), a board subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board is currently levying a 1.28 mill, six year levy for the purpose of providing programs and services for persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities and provide for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of mental retardation and developmental disabilities facilities operated by or contracted through the Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (programs, services, and facilities provided by the Board are commonly called the "Mary Hammond Program") (the "Existing Levy"), which Existing Levy was approved by the voters of the County on November 7, 2017, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2018 for collection in years 201 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, the DD Board passed a resolution, dated December 5, 2023, requesting the Board to seek voter approval to renew all of the Existing Levy for the purpose of the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a renewal tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Morgan County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a renewal tax, and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the County, the estimated property tax revenue (rounded to the nearest \$1,000) that will be produced by such renewal tax based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the renewal tax (based on the renewal tax's "estimated effective rate" (as defined in Ohio

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Revised Code Section 5705.01(Q)), as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(i)) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each \$100,000 of the “county auditor’s appraised value” (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01 (P));

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary for the Board to renew all of the Existing Levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose of the operation of community programs and services authorized by county boards of developmental disabilities, for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance, and operation of developmental disabilities facilities, or for both of such purposes.

Section 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.25, the question of such renewal tax levy (the “Renewal Levy”) shall be submitted to all of the electors in the entire territory of the County at the election to be held on March 19, 2024. All of the territory of the DD Board is located in Morgan County, Ohio.

Section 3. The Renewal Levy shall be at a rate not exceeding 1.28 mills for each \$1 of taxable value upon the entire territory of the County, for a period of six years.

Section 4. The Renewal Levy shall include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2024 tax year (commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 5. The Clerk of the Board is directed to promptly certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with instructions for the County Auditor to calculate and certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the County, the estimated property tax revenue (rounded to the nearest \$1,000) that will be produced by the Renewal Levy based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the Renewal Levy (based on its estimated effective rate) expressed in dollars (rounded to the nearest dollar) for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Mayle seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: Shriver, Mayle, Welsh

Nays: _____

The Resolution passed.

Passed: December 11, 2023

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Attest: Sheila Welch
Clerk

By: Adam Shriver
President

[Signature]
Commissioner

[Signature]
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of said County on December 11, 2023, and that a true copy thereof was certified to the County Auditor of Morgan County, Ohio.

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Sheila Welch
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
Morgan County, Ohio

