

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, February 26, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Cecil Mayle, President
Adam Shriver, Vice-President
Richard Welsh, Member

24-114- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- All commissioners attended the CIC meeting Tuesday.
- All commissioners attended the Planning Commission and the Land Bank meeting.
- Commissioner Mayle attended a meeting concerning the squad service at M+M.

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

- G&M Construction worked on windows to complete the project. 2-22-24
- John Taggart will be up to look at the pickup truck and see what repairs are needed to get it running. The vehicle won't start and not getting fuel, possible fuel pump replacement needed.
- There are still Christmas Decorations at the Grove Park that need to be taken down before mowing season, which starts in in about 3-4 weeks.
- Apperson's ordered parts for toilet in Womens public restroom 2-6-24.

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- Commissioners set up an additional part-time Riecker Maintenance position interviews.

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

24-115- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to appoint Julie Baker who serves as county prevention specialist(s) to our child abuse and child neglect regional prevention council pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 3109.172.

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

-Meeting Requests

- Kim Forman on 2/26 @ Lori's in Caldwell for Bid Conference.
- Heidi Burns & Kari Schaad on 2/29-3-1 @ Nationwide Conference in Lewis Center for PCSAO Execs Mtg.

John Wilt, EMA; 911 Coordinator

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Completed and submitted paperwork for HMEP grant and for EMPG grant.
- Single Audit Notice – Received information from State EMA to disregard the notice for now.
- Morgan County EMA, along with Muskingum County EMA will be participating with the Army Corp of Engineers in a tabletop exercise regarding ice jams on the Muskingum River. Timeline has not been set, but will be later this year.
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 2/26/2024

- Sent out invoices to partner Counties for final payment on Pilot project.
- Still working on new financial reporting documents for State. This is radically different from what has been due in the past. Will send out to required entities and submit to the State 9-1-1 Office by 3/1/24.
- Still working on 9-1-1 Final Plan for approval and submission. Due April 3.
- Looked into the “One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund”, or legislature “earmarks”. They are not finalized – the \$250,000 for ECC was passed by House, but not Senate. The Senate will take up the legislation on/or after April 8. While I did not find any information from our Senator, Chavez, I did find the following from Senator Johnson:
 - Every two years, the Ohio Legislature passes a Capital Budget Bill supporting local community projects and infrastructure. This year, the General Assembly has an additional \$700 million available for projects across the state, thanks to a “One-Time Strategic

Community Investment Fund” created in House Bill 33, last year’s operating budget.

“Throughout my time in the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate, I have fought hard to obtain funding for projects in the 14th Senate District, and I plan to continue that work this year. In order to do so, my office needs your project applications!

Historically, Capital Budget funds have only been allocated to projects that meet specific qualifications. However, projects awarded money through the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Funding (OTSCIF) will not need to meet the same qualifications. As long as your project invests in your local community, you will be considered for funding.

With the passage of House Bill 2 this week, there has been some confusion about the status of this process. It’s important to clarify that no funding has been guaranteed for any projects through HB 2. In fact, this bill was created without any input from the Senate, breaking a long-held tradition in the General Assembly of both chambers working together on a capital funding bill. While some in the House of Representatives have claimed that funding has been “secured” for local projects, this is simply not the case. As with any other piece of legislation, both chambers must have the time to discuss and deliberate the bill before passage.

For projects seeking funding through Capital funding or OTSCIF, it is more important than ever to submit a funding application through the Senate, even if your project was allocated all or some requested funds in House Bill 2. My office’s deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 8th, 2024. Please reach out to me at johnson@ohiosenate.gov or (614) 466-8082 for an application, or if you have any questions about this process.”

Obviously, we would need to reach out to Senator Chavez instead of Senator Johnson, which I intend to do. I will be asking for support of our ECC project from the Senate.

Liz Kid, Pound Keeper

2/11-2/17

- Created and started implementing a sign-in and sign-out sheet for all dog pound volunteers to track the number of volunteers per day throughout the week.
- Received two new business paid sponsorship for adoption from Bell View Manor.
- Looked into space for the possibility of a washer and dryer. To save space looked into location for a stack able washer and dryer, however with the current layout and structure of the pound no such location is currently available without the need for a new electrical and water lines to be run.
- Began working on a Morgan County Pound Procedure Handbook. This would greatly improve our information on a cleaning supplies checklist and order form.
- Discussed with staff on future available layout for outdoor activities and tie out for the dogs this summer.
- Maintained the Morgan County Dog Pound Facebook page messages.

2/18-2/24

- Met with the Morgan County Commissioners Tuesday morning.
- Asked a local company about putting in a new ac unit to combat the heat in the summer. After discussing their work with other clients of the company, I have decided to seek an alternative company for the install. Currently trying to contact Apperson Heating and Cooling for a possible quote.
- Contacted QCS about having the bathroom flooring installed and the shower casting repaired. They have agreed to do the job, currently awaiting a quote.
- Currently working on Morgan County Dog Pound Procedure Handbook for the staff and volunteers.
- Currently on cleaning supplies and dog supplies checklist and order form.
- Gathering information and layout for the possibility of a new feces disposal system.

- Monitored the Morgan County Dog Pound Facebook page.

-The commissioners, Shannon Wells, Ashley Karlen (Spectrum), Brad St. Clair (Spectrum) met in the Development Office so Ms. Karlen and Mr. St. Clair could give the commissioners and Mrs. Wells an update on Spectrum.

24-116- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to declare a desk excess property and to allow maintenance to dispose of it.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

24-117- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adopt the Procurement Policy 1223 for Public Transit effective February 14, 2024.

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

-Commissioner Mayle, Commissioner Shriver, Commissioner Welsh and Shannon Wells met with Shawn Carvin, Executive Director from the Ohio Land Bank Association on February 21, 2024 to discuss the Morgan County Land Bank.

-Shannon Wells and Traci Baker continue to upload documents for the transit Technical Assistance Review (TAR) visit scheduled for April 4, 2024.

-Shannon Wells attended the Ohio Winding Road open house on February 23, 2024 at the Morgan County Visitor Center.

-Broadband proposals for the ARC Power grant were due February 23, 2024. A proposal was received from Spectrum and Agile Networks.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Amber Wilson, Senior Center Director

-The commissioners attended the club meeting today located at the senior center during lunch hour.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Safety Council this week.

-Beginning to update the website.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-118- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Shriver to establish a new fund for the MRC STRONG grant.

We are requesting line items for the following:

Salaries	062-0062-5102.00
PERS	062-0062-5367.00
Medicare	062-0062-5368.00
Contract	062-0062-5306.00
Other Exp.	062-0062-5309.00
Receipts	062-0062-4001.00

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

24-119- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to supplementally appropriate \$5,000.00 into 014-0014-5303.00 supplies for expenses to get office real estate.

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

24-120-Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

24-121- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to adjourn the commissioner meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

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Sheila Welch, Clerk

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