

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

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

24-125- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of March 4, **Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried**

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Commissioner Welsh attended a Family and Children First meeting on Friday.

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

-Pat Kelley was going to contact a contractor to look at the West side of the Riecker Building to see where the water is coming in. He seems to think that the upper level will need to have Point Tuck done between the 2nd and 3rd floors.

-Found and temporarily sealed a couple of cracks along the alley wall that could have caused the water leak in the basement last week.

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

-Timesheet

-PCSA issue-thankful to Mr. Babcock for speedy help as well as the Sheriff's Office and McConnellsville PD

-Basement leak

-Mandated Share-March \$3,286.75

-Meeting requests

- Kim Forman on 3/5 @ NCJFS for RACI Training
- Josie Wells on 3/12 @ SEORTC for CORE Training

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

-Discussed ongoing projects with commissioners.

-The commissioners discussed with Prosecutor Howdyshell about the attendance of an employee at the Courthouse.

John Wilt, EMA; 911

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Completed and submitted resource survey.
- Held LEPC Full scale exercise mid-term planning meeting. Discussed scenario, set future meeting dates.
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Preparing Grant application for FY22 Year 3 HMEP (Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant) – 80/20 grant, applying for exercise fees and EOC training.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 3/11/2024

- Sent out 9-1-1 financial reports as required by ORC. These go to each sub-jurisdiction in the county as well as State 9-1-1 office and Auditor of State.
- Still working on 9-1-1 Final Plan for approval and submission. Due April 3. I would like to change our designation to a single PSAP so we can comply with ORC re: training and EMD and so the regulating body is just the Commissioners. In order to do this we need adequate staffing at SO.
- Had long discussion with the Sheriff regarding hiring additional telecommunicators (TC). I am investigating pre-hire testing services to benchmark applicants. We will need to hire and train a minimum of 2 new TC, but that would require changes to the collective bargaining agreement to provide for 12 hour shifts with an average workweek of 42 hours – also would incur 4 hours of overtime for each TC each pay period with additional to cover vacation/sick leave, etc. This would utilize the Pitman Schedule – [WWOOWWW]
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- Obtained floorplan drawings for proposed Emergency Communications Center from architect. Will be doing measuring and rough drawings for planning purposes.
- Met with Marty Ham from ComTech. Went over a bunch of preparatory steps for changeover in August. We will need power and CAT 6 network cables run for Sheriff's Office. I spoke to Sheriff about Babcock spearheading this and received a negative reaction. (add comment)
- Will be speeding up process of evaluating and securing contracts for recording system, CAD system, EMD program, and obtaining quotes for radio communications console.
- Discussion of FD dispatching

Mistie Long, Pound Keeper; Liz Kidd, Pound Employee

-Mistie Long met with the commissioners and formally requested their approval for the procurement of additional equipment required for the upkeep and proper functioning of the Morgan County Dog Pound. Commissioners appointed her as interim pound keeper and to work with Ms. Kidd to learn the position. As the New Pound Keeper, Mistie Long is requesting these things to promote a better environment for the dogs, employees and volunteers.

1. An air conditioner Unit: The facility currently does not have air conditioning available; with the summer heat it is imperative to install an air conditioning unit, not only for the dog's safety, but for their comfort.
2. A washer a dryer set: Misty Long has been taking home the dirty laundry and washing it in her home, at her expense. It would be far more feasible to have a washer and dryer on site, as there is a location to place them existing within the pound. This would relieve a great burden were we to acquire them.
3. An external quarantine facility for new dogs: We do not have a quarantine facility. Within the last six months there have been two outbreaks of disease where multiple dogs have lost their lives; occurring almost immediately following intake of stray dogs. A secondary property would be ideal as to limit the cross contamination with a sick dog, as well as contamination of the ground. This is not only for the safety of the employees and volunteers, but for the safety of the dogs as well. Going forward all owner surrenders will be required to be vaccinated, and the vaccination record must be

surrendered with the dog. If the dog is not vaccinated the owner will be required to have the dog vaccinated prior to surrender. In doing this Ms. Long believes future outbreaks of disease can be prevented.

4. A regular supply of dog food. The dog pound is in need of regular supply of the same brand of dog food as constant rotation of different brands is hard on the dog's digestive system.
5. A possibility for residents of Morgan County who need to fulfill community service hours may be completed at the pound as deemed necessary by Head Pound Keeper.

-The new Pound Keeper believes these steps to be the first in making the Morgan County Dog Pound a better facility that we can all be proud of. She kindly requests the commissioners prompt attention in this matter so that we may proceed with the necessary procurement as soon as possible.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Commissioner Shriver, Bernie Anderson, (CIC) and Shannon Wells met with Sunday Creek Horizons on March 5, 2024 to discuss projects the CIC has prioritized Sunday Creek to begin work on.

-Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells met with OSU veterinary college professionals on March 5, 2024 to discuss the lack of small animal vet care and vet emergency care in Morgan County.

-Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with Noble County Commissioners on March 6, 2024 to discuss public transit operations in Noble County.

-Shannon Wells met with Burgess & Niple on March 6, 2024 to discuss properties for Brownfield and Demo submissions due April 1, 2024.

-The commissioners attended a Joint Solid Waste meeting in Calwell, Ohio today.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

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

-The commissioners discussed mechanization process and how it relates to Spot.

Amber Wilson, Senior Center

-The Senior Center received a \$1,000 donation from the VFW.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Gave the commissioners paperwork on the Apiary Inspector.
-Discussed that he plans to stay close in the upcoming weeks in case a computer issue arises at the Board of Election Office.

24-126- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to appoint Commissioner Adam Shriver as representative of Region 12 OneOhio Board for of one year ending March 2025.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-127- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to AEP to have construction within County Road 207, located in the Township of Morgan/Bristol Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-128- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$51.08 to line item #048-0048-5301 (Grant Expenses) which is interest gained from grant funds from the SOS for Physical Security and Cyber Security implementation to the Morgan County Board of Elections. This interest is required to be returned to the SOS.

24-129- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

24-130- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioner meeting March 11, 2024 at 4:00pm until Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00am in the Commissioner's Office.

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

24-131- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reconvene the commissioner meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:00am.

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

-Commissioner Mayle and Commissioner Shriver met with Senator Brian Chavez.

24-132- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioner meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:30am

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

24-133- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reconvene the commissioner meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:30am.

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

-The commissioners had a Land Bank meeting.

24-134- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to adjourn the commissioner meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2024 at 10:00am.

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

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Sheila Welch, Clerk

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