

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 18, 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

24-135- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of March 11, **Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried**

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension

Sophia Whisman- 4—H Youth Development Extension Educator

February

Feb 20th Sopha attended Junior Fair Board and Senior Fair Board meetings. Sophia also held the older youth in training/junior leaders meetings on Feb 26 to plan for the upcoming STEM Day.

March

March 1st Sophia was on Live at Noon talking about older youth opportunities and why to join 4—H. March 5th Sophia held the new volunteer orientation that was rescheduled due to illness. This is where the new 4—H volunteers come to get trained for their new role. Sophia has also spent some time writing some articles for the Herald. On March 7th and March 13th Pam and Sophia held Mandatory Advisor Updates for our current volunteers. It is where we train our returning volunteers and inform them of any changes coming On March 9th Sophia attended the annual 4—H conference in Columbus with Pam Montgomery and a couple of volunteers and older youth. On March 14th Sophia attended a sale committee meeting.

Pamela Montgomery- 4—H Youth Development Extension Educator and Area Leader for Morgan, Muskingum, Perry and Washington Counties (Area 19

March

Observed Extension Educators that she supervises teach at Master Gardener training and the Ohio 4—H Conference. She holds a monthly zoom meeting with 4—H Master Clothing Educator Volunteers from across the state to plan for the Sew Ohio Event April 27th at the 4—H

Center in Columbus, OH. She is completing performance reviews on all the staff members that she supervises in Morgan, Muskingum, Perry and Washington counties. She serves as the chair of the Morgan County Family and Children 1st Council and attended the March 8th meeting. She attended two Human Resource training the first full week in March via Zoom. She assisted Sophia with the 4—H Volunteer Updates on March 7th and 13th.

Update on Staffing

Pamela reports that Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator position for Morgan County closed and state interviews will be held March 25th and county interviews April 10th. Lisa Kepler, the Supervisor for SNAP—ED made an offer for the position.

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

-We were able to get the truck running 3-13-24, the battery has a dead cell and doesn't have enough voltage to start the vehicle, Replaced the battery on 3-15-24 Truck is now operational.

-The Christmas lights have been removed from the Grove Park. 3-12-24

-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.

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

-Meeting Requests

- Sidney Forbes on 3/18 & 3/19 @ SEORTC for CORE training.

Susan Moody, SPOT

2023 Report

-Took 34 dogs from the pound

-Accepted 104 dogs from owners in the county

-Found homes for 25 cats not through MoCo.

-SPOT and MoCoKitty hosted Rascalunit mobile clinics 10 times in 2023 at a cost of over \$5200 each. Funding is about 1/3 from MoCo, 1/3 from dog owners, and 1/3 covered by SPOT for low-income owners. The goal is to stop production of unwanted puppies and kittens.

Average cost per dog at the clinic is \$95 for spay and \$85 for neuter, plus \$10 for the rabies vaccination. The pound fee does not cover the whole cost. Also SPOT provides parvo (6-way) vaccine for the pound.

-167 owner dogs were fixed at SPOT clinics in 2023. We sent 20 owner dogs Dr. Whalin for spay/neuter between clinics.

-SPOT also has an emergency pet food bank for Morgan County and we help out with parasite control products.

Mystie Long, Interim Pound Keeper

-Gravel delivered by JR McGrew—3/12/24

-Picked up six bags of dog food from Greuey's. Appersons cleaned the drains. Adopted out three (3) dogs. -3/13/24

-Took dog that was taken back to owners' family. -3/14/24

-Had to close pound due to emergency. -3/15/24

-Deep cleaned for next week. Hung new light in office. Made a video of our dogs available for adoption for the website.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-Commissioner Mayle, Commissioner Shiver and Shannon Wells met with State Senator Bian Chavez on March 12, 2024 to discuss economic development projects in the county.

-The new swing set at the grove is scheduled to be installed March 22, 2024.

-Quotes received to do asbestos testing at the following addresses scheduled for demo:

115 Finkle Hill Rd. Beverly, Oh 45715

Hina Environmental Services Inc--\$800.00

Lepi Enterprises Inc.--\$850.00
Enviro Hab—Nothing Submitted

10289 E. State Rute 60 NW McConnelsville, Oh 43756

Hina Environmental Services Inc.--\$550.00

Lepi Enterprises Inc.--\$330.00

Enviro Hab—Nothing Submitted

8423 McKinley St. Rosefarm, Ohio

Lepi Enterprises Inc.--\$2,550.00 for abatement of doors, clean caulking and boiler backing

Hina Environmental Services Inc.—No quote received.

Enviro Hab—No quote received.

-Shannon met with Burgress & Niple on March 14, 2024 to discuss properties for Brownfield and Demo submissions due April 1, 2024.

24-136- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Commissioner Mayle to the Morgan County Tourism Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

21-137- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to appoint Kathy Strode (food service) to the Morgan County Tourism Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

24-138- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Tyrelle Curtis (Owner/Manager of Hospitality) Business to the Morgan County Tourism Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

24-139- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to appoint Shannon Wells (Economic Development or equivalent position) within county government to the Morgan County Tourism Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh 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

Steve Hook, Engineer

24-140- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following:

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION
(LPA-ODOT-Let Project Agreement)
(PARTICIPATORY)

12-140

Ordinance/Resolution # : _____

PID No. : 115554

County/Route/Section : MRG-CR 3-0.00

Agreement No: 40645

The following is a/an **24-140** enacted by the **Board of County Commissioner** of **Morgan**
(Motion/Ordinance/Resolution)

.00.on) (Local Public Agency)

County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA).

SECTION I – Project Description

WHEREAS, the (LPA/STATE) has determined the need for the described project:

Resurfacing project that consists of an asphalt concrete overlay on Morgan County Road 3 (W Tridelphia Road). Begin work at the Perry County line and end work at State Route 37. Work also includes Perry County Road 46 from State Route 555 to the Morgan County line. The total project estimated length is 7.85 miles.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the **Board of County Commissioner** of **Morgan** County, Ohio.
(LPA)

SECTION II – Consent Statement

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project as detailed in the LPA-ODOT-Let Agreement entered into between the parties, if applicable.

SECTION III – Cooperation Statement

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the development and construction of the above described project and shall enter into a LPA Federal ODOT Let Project Agreement, if applicable, as well as any other agreements necessary to develop and construct the Project.

The County does hereby propose to assume and contribute the entire cost and expense of the improvement, less the amount of Federal Aid Funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for financing this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and further, the County agrees to bear one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the following items:

- 1) *Rights-of-Way*

- 2) *All costs for added construction items generating extra work contracts under Ohio laws, unless performance is approved by the State of Ohio and Federal Highway Administration before work is authorized.*

The LPA further agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.

PID No.: 119840

The LPA further agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required to fulfill the construction contracts shall be processed as needed. The State shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to the LPA. The LPA shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other sections herein.

The LPA agrees that if Federal Funds are used to pay the cost of any consultant contract, the LPA shall comply with 23 CFR 172 in the selection of its consultant and administration of the consultant contract. Further the LPA agrees to incorporate ODOT's "Specifications for Consulting Services" as a contract document in all of its consultant contracts. The LPA agrees to require, as a scope of services clause, that all plans prepared by the consultant must conform to ODOT's current design standards and that the consultant shall be responsible for ongoing consultant involvement during the construction phase of the Project. The LPA agrees to include a completion schedule acceptable to ODOT and to assist ODOT in rating the consultant's performance through ODOT's Consultant Evaluation System.

SECTION IV Authority to Sign

The LPA hereby authorizes Stevan Hook P.E.P.S Mogan County
Morgan County Engineer of said Engineer to
(Signature authority) (LPA-or its division, department or agency)
enter into and execute contracts with the Director of Transportation which are necessary to develop plans for and to complete the above-described project; and to execute contracts with ODOT pre-qualified consultants for the preliminary engineering phase of the Project.

Upon request of ODOT, the Stevan Hook P.E.P.S
Morgan County Engineer is also empowered to execute any appropriate documents to
(Signature authority) Morgan County
affect the assignment of all rights, title, and interests of the Engineer to ODOT arising from any
(LPA)
agreement with its consultant in order to allow ODOT to direct additional or corrective work, recover damages due to errors or omissions, and to exercise all other contractual rights and remedies afforded by law or equity.

SECTION V – Utilities and Right-of-Way Statement

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The LPA agrees that all utility accommodation, relocation and reimbursement will comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

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SECTION VI – Maintenance

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

SECTION VII-Emergency measure
(as applicable)

The 24-140 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project and
(Motion/Ordinance/Resolution)
to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: March 18, 2024.
(Date)

Attested: Sheila Welch
(Clerk)

Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer

(Contractual Agent of LPA – title)

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice President

Richard Welsh, Member

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY
STATE OF OHIO**

Board of County Commissioner__ of _Morgan_ County, Ohio
(LPA)

I, _Sheila Welch_____, as Clerk of the _Board County Commissioners ___
(LPA)
of _Morgan_____ County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of
____24-140_____ adopted by the legislative Authority of the said
(Motion/Ordinance/Resolution)
_Board of County Commissioners__ on the _18th__ day of _March___, 2024_____.
(LPA)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, if applicable,
this _18th__ day of _March__ 2024_____.

Sheila Welch

SEAL

(Clerk)
Board of County Commissioners Morgan
_____ of _____ County, Ohio
(LPA)

(If the LPA is designated as a City then the "City Seal" is required. If no Seal, then a letter stating "No Seal is required to accompany the executed legislation.)

*See Attachment A for signed version.

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

Amber Wilson, Senior Center

-Gave her report.

24-141- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Mr. Clint Foreman (municipal/township official) to the Morgan County Tourism Board with a term ending December 31, 2024.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

-Email issues with spam.
-Making sure everything is working in BOE.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-142- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to AEP/Ohio Power/Evan Shelest to span over County Road 36, located in Township of Winsor, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-143- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to AEP/Ohio Power/Lane Denny (TRC) to span over County Road CR-6, located in Township of Malta & Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-144- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to AEP/Ohio Power/Lane Denny (TRC) to span over County Road CR-3, located in Township of Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-145- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to MMRWD to bore under County Road 6, located in Township of Meigsville, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-146- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Chris Postle to preform construction in County Road 39, located in Township of Penn, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-147- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the Morgan County Health Department is getting an increase in funds in the MRC STRONG Fund (062), we would like to establish new line items:

- 062-0062-5365.00 Insurance
- 062-0062-5369.00 Worker's Comp

We would also like to supplementally appropriate these funds into the following line items:

062-0062-5102.00	salaries	\$59,700
062-0062-5306.00	contracts	\$74,000
062-0062-5309.00	other expenses	\$50,982
062-0062-5365.00	insurance	\$ 700
062-0062-5367.00	PERS	\$ 8,400
062-0062-5368.00	Medicare	\$ 860
062-0062-5369.00	Worker's Comp	\$ 1,000

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

24-148-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

24-149- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to adjourn the commissioner meeting on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

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Attachment A:

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Passed: March 18, 2024.
(Date)

Attested: Sheila Welch
(Clerk)

Steven Ford - Morgan County Eng.
(Contractual Agent of LPA – title)

Keith Mays
Adrian Shuman
D. J. Will

3/12/2024

CERTIFICATE OF COPY
STATE OF OHIO

Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio
(LPA)

I, * Sheila Welch, as Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners
(LPA)

of Morgan County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of
Resolution # 24-140 adopted by the legislative Authority of the said
(Motion/Ordinance/Resolution)

Board of County Commissioners on the 18th day of March, 2024.
(LPA)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, if applicable,
this 18th day of March, 2024.

SEAL

* Sheila Welch
(Clerk)

Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio
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