

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 22, 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

**24-205-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024.

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

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The commissioners did the following over the past week:

Commissioner Shriver attended a meeting with Spectrum on broadband expansion.

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***Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance***

- Mowing scheduled for Thursday each week.
- Scott from G&M Construction was at the Courthouse and repairing the falling plaster in the offices on the second floor east side, 4 offices in total. 4-4-24, As of 4-19-24 still not finished
- Gave Trombold Pumps and Equipment the go ahead to order the sewage pump Alarm. 4-11-24
- New cameras installed at the Courthouse. 4-15-24 thru 4-16-24
- Veterans Services stage removed from front of the Riecker Building and picnic tables moved back to the front of the building 4-16-24.
- Disconnected heat tapes and set kitchen air handler to Spring/Summer mode.
- Checked tire air pressure on the Toyota Van, took it to the Transit garage all 4 tire air sensors are and 4 new sensors have been ordered and will be replaced next week. 4-23-24
- After rechecking every window that was replaced by G&M they still owe us 2 window screens on the second floor in the hallway.

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**24-206-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to declare the cub cadet riding mower excess and list on gov deals.

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

**24-207-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to purchase a John Deere Z Track turn mower through Ag Pro in the amount of \$11,854.61

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

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***John Telez, Deputy Engineer***

A meeting is scheduled this for this coming Thursday to discuss the Flood Plain.

Mr. Telez also discussed the Planning Commission.

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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

**24-208-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session at 9:07am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

**24-209-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session at 9:20am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

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***John Wilt, EMA; 911***

See Attachment A

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***Mystie Long, Pound Keeper***

4/14-Fed, watered, cleaned.

4/15/24-Fed, watered, Deep Cleaned.

4/16/24-Fed, watered, deep cleaned, walked and great Dane was sponsored and went into a foster to adopt home

4/17-24-Fed, watered, clean, and walked and played with dogs..

4/18/24- Fed, watered, cleaned.

4/19/24-Fed, watered, cleaned and walked.

4/20/24-Fed, watered, deep cleaned and walked.

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***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

**24-210-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to re-establish the Morgan County Convention & Visitor’s Bureau (MCCVB) Board effective Jan 1, 2024 and to approve the bylaws as recommended by Prosecutor Howdyshell.

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

**24-211-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve (M.C.C.V.B) to be a covered board on Morgan County insurance with CORSA.

**24-212-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNTY OF MORGAN FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

Whereas, the County of Morgan seeks to repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the County of Morgan intends to apply for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of a WPCLF loan agreement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the President of Morgan County Commissioners be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems on behalf of the County of Morgan, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That is resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 22th Day of April, 2024.

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

Shannon Wells- Weekly Report-See Attachment B

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***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

-PC Cyber Security Round 1 in progress; Round 2 coming in June.

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***Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications***

**24-213-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$700.00 in Sheriff's Foreclosure Expenses 092-0092-5309.00.

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

**24-214-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$3,000.00 into 001-0102-5306-00 contracts to continue paying contracts services.

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

**24-215-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000.00 into capital Improvement for the dog and Kennel fund.

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

**24-216-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve supplemental appropriations for fund 099 Grant Administration Fund:

Ohio Brownfield Expense 099-0099-5311-00 \$756,769.00

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

**24-217-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request new expense line items:

099-0099-5102-02 Workforce Salary line item

099-0099-5367-02 Workforce PERS line item

099-0099-5368-02 Workforce Medicare line item

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

**24-218-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request \$5,000.00 be moved from 004-0004-5304.01 (k-13) in the account 004-0004-5304.00 (k-4).

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

**24-219-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$5,000.00 from the 113-0113-5371.00 insurance line item into the 113-0113-5374.00 unemployment line item.

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

**24-220-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$1,000.00 from the 086-0086-5371.00 insurance premiums line Item into the 086-0086-5308.00 advertising line item.

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

**24-221-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from 063-0063-5102-.00 salaries \$25,000.00 to 063-0063-5309.00 other expenses and please adjust PO#-30348.

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

**24-222-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from 068-2024-5102.00 salaries \$2,310 TO 068-2024-5306.00 contracts and please adjust the PO# 23-30039.

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

**24-223-** 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**

**24-224-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to recess the commissioners meeting Monday April 22, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

**24-225-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reconvene the commissioners meeting Thursday April 25, 2024 at 8:00am.

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

A meeting was held to discuss the Flood Plain regulation letter sent to land owners within the Flood Plain.

**24-226-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to adjourn the commissioner meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 9:25am.

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

**Cecil Mayle, President**

**Adam Shriver, Vice-President**

**Richard Welsh, Member**

**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

Attachment A:

**EMA/OHS Report to Commissioners, 4/22/2024**

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Received drone video of flooding, unfortunately river had receded to approximately 11 feet at time of video.
- Completed a “windshield survey” for flood damages. This is an initial drive by of all affected properties to determine initial damage estimates and the need for a more in-depth survey. There were approximately 40 properties impacted, but, in consultation with the State EMA, it was determined that the level of impact did not rise to a level that would qualify for either FEMA or SBA coverage under IA (Individual Assistance). The FEMA threshold is high and the SBA requires at least 25 properties with 40% or more of uninsured damages. The County Engineer reported no PA impacts to County or Township roads.
- Completed EMPG cash request. Will submit \$13,698 under the FY22 EMPG – Supplemental as we had unexpended funds from last year. The total request will be in the amount of \$18,669.95.

**9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 4/22/2024**

- Prepared and sent the required reports of the Final Plan to all jurisdictions in Morgan County.
- Completed examination of ALI discrepancy report and submitted same for correction in databases. This has brought up issues with discrepancies between the Engineer’s office and the Auditor’s office. Also has brought up MSAG and GIS issues which will be addressed with Engineer’s office.
- Had a long discussion with Kim Foreman of Ohio Means Jobs regarding hiring of additional dispatchers. Unfortunately, the Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) program will not really benefit us due to the requirement of utilizing “approved” institutions. The only telecommunicator training available is through Cuyahoga Community College and is a 12-week program. They do have the ability to advertise positions and assist with the testing process to qualify applicants.
- Working on statement of work for electrical and network wiring needs for both Sheriff’s Office and M&M. Work will be more extensive at Sheriff’s Office.
- As reported previously, dispatcher compliance with SOPs is low. I plan to address this primarily with the Sheriff’s Office through Chief Deputy Fisher. I will continue to deliver call critiques to the Fire Department, as well, and will be including the Chief in this correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Wilt

Morgan County Economic Development  
Report to the Commissioners  
April 22, 2024

Commissioner Mayle and Shannon Wells attended an organizational meeting of the Morgan County Convention & Visitors Bureau on April 15, 2024 at 4pm.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson submitted a workforce partnership letter of intent to ODOT for two new vehicles for expansion in Noble County.

John Sampson visited with Noble County Commissioners on April 18, 2024 and looked at possible office locations in Caldwell. Flyers have been circulated to hire an office assistant and part time drivers in Noble County.

Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells met with Prosecutor Howdyshell on April 18, 2024 to discuss the ARC Power broadband project.

Shannon Wells met Roger Calendine and Danny Ray on April 19, 2024 at a residence on SR60 to notarize a water easement.

A recommendation to proceed with DLZ proposal is requested for engineering on the Chesterhill walking path and basketball court and Embree Park for CDBG 2023.

Shannon Wells is submitting a letter of support to Verdantas for a water booster station replacement project for Burr Oak Regional Water District. The booster station would support further expansion into Morgan County.

A resolution is requested to accept 2024 funds from the Ohio EPA for the Household Septic Treatment System program. \$150,000 of principal forgiveness funds were awarded.

The samples were over the permit limits at the transit facility at 900 S. Riverside Dr. due to lack of real sewer. Wisecarver Environmental is having the septic pumped and product added to see if it will resolve the issue.

The CVB audit from 2023 is now complete. Shannon Wells and Tracy Simons will meet with Boggs Tax Service regarding a 2023 tax return on April 25, 2024.

A Buckeye Hills Forward Mtg is scheduled for April 25, 2024 at 12pm.

A steering committee for the active transportation plan is scheduled for 1pm on April 25, 2024.





