

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 28, 2025.
The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Cecil Mayle, President
Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President
Steve Best, Member

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

Commissioner Best attended a CIC Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday.

On Wednesday he also attended a CCAO Ag & Rural meeting. He met with the Sheriff and Enterprise as well. On Tuesday he attended a Heritage Ohio meeting also.

25-223- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of April 21, 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

Bragg's started installing new carpet and as of Friday 12-27-24 the conference rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors and the Treasurer's office are completed. They are moving to the Recorder's office 12-30-24 Commissioner's finished 1-2-25 Records Office is finished 1-10-25 Now working on the extension Office 1-8-25. Carpet will be replaced in the Auditors office 2-1-25 Auditors office Carpet replacement has been completed 2-2-25. Engineer is next to be done and they should start in late April.

General Maintenance and Service Contract from Kone Elevator Company has been approved and sent back to Mitch McConnell of Kone Elevator Company.

Cleaned and mowed Grove Park and Commons, and there is still Christmas Decorations in the park and other equipment at the Commons. 4-16-25

Cleaned and mowed the Dirt Pile Lot. 4-17-25

Ordered door stops for the Sheriff's office. 4-18-25

Alan, Bryan and Isaiah cleaned and raked the Grove Park and took everything to the yard waste site. 4-21-25

Painting has started on the 3rd floor, hallway and conference room are finished. 4-25-25

Painting Decisions and Progress

Discussion on whether to use blue paint, referencing a book about the building. A person has been chosen to do the project. They are finishing the blue in the hallways and will move on to the offices on the extension side. They have already completed the hallways, conference room, and restrooms.

Randy Williams, Auditor

County Employee Compensation for Poll Work

Discussion focused on whether county employees can be compensated for poll work, including the use of paid vacation days, overtime, and flat-rate payments. County employees can take paid vacation days and be paid for poll work, but overtime and compensation rules must be followed. Payment as a flat amount is possible, but overtime laws still apply if total hours exceed 40 per week, regardless of department or payment structure. There is uncertainty about the correct payment method (flat-rate vs. hourly) and how overtime applies when combining regular and poll work hours. Further clarification is needed to ensure compliance with labor laws.

Volunteer Work by County Employees

It was discussed whether county employees can volunteer for poll work. It appears county employees likely cannot volunteer for poll work within their own county, but may do so in another county if not employed there.

Ethics and Rehiring Former Employees

The meeting addressed ethical and legal considerations regarding rehiring former county employees or elected officials under contract, including contract duration and retirement status. Rehiring is permissible if rules are followed, particularly regarding retirement status and contract terms. Further consultation with legal and HR advisors is planned to ensure compliance and avoid ethical violations.

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

Travel/Meeting Requests:

- Joe Frazier to Caldwell on 5/14 for a Regional Workforce Meeting.
- Heidi Burns to Caldwell on 5/5 for WDB & COG Meeting
- Heidi Burns to Columbus for JFS Conference on 5-7-5-9
- Cathy Apperson, Joe Frazier, Kari Schaad, Missy Fisher, Amy Moore, Cheryl Bailey, ManDee Houston, Amanda Jenkins to Columbus for JFS Conference on 5-7-5-9

COG Meeting on Monday, May 5th—need RSVP; Heidi Burns will be going early for the WDB meeting as well.

25-224- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the (SOFA) Safe Opportunity Foster Alliance resolution:

Whereas, Safe Opportunity Foster Alliance (SOFA) was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation pursuant to Articles of Incorporation filed with the Ohio Secretary of State on April 2, 2025, to serve the needs of foster children and families in southeastern Ohio;

Whereas, pursuant to such Articles of Incorporation and SOFA's adopted Code of Regulations, Morgan County is a Member of SOFA's and is represented by the Morgan County Public Children Services Agency ('PCSA') relative to Morgan County Job and Family Services;

Whereas, Section 2.1 (c) requires each Member to pay initial membership dues of \$45,000 in the aggregate per-PCSA representation;

Whereas, Section 2.2 of SOFA's Code of Regulations authorizes the appointing authority of each Member per-PSCA representation to appoint by resolution an authorized representative ("an authorized reprehensive") to act of behalf of the Member at Member meeting; and

Whereas, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners is the appointing authority for Morgan County. Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, Morgan County Job and Family Services is hereby authorized and directed to pay the SOFA initial membership dues \$45,000 as required by Section 2.1 (c) of SOFA's Code of Regulations. Such dues equal Morgan County's full payment/pro rate share of its initial \$45,000membership dues.

Be it Further Resolved, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Heidi Burns, in her official capacity as Morgan County as Morgan County Job and Family Services Director, to serve as the County's Authorized Representative to act on behalf of Morgan County as Member of SOFA at Member meetings of SOFA.

Be it Resolved; Heidi Berns shall serve as Morgan County's Authorized Representative for the purposes set forth in this resolution until her successor is appointed by further resolution of the Morgan County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

Strays: eight

Surrendered: two dogs were owner surrendered

Adoptions: Three dogs were adopted this week.

Donations: Worm medicine

Carol Goff: Three kennels, dog food and wormer

Volunteers: Janelle, Terry and Cindy for all your help. Our volunteers are the best.

We also want to remind everyone if we don't have a certain breed of dog you are looking for, please visit S.P.O.T. website. Susan has plenty dogs looking for a forever home.

Adoption Fees and Costs

Discussion highlighted that current adoption fees do not cover expenses, with suggestions to raise rates to \$150 for spayed or neutered dogs. Surrender fees and adoption fees for already spayed/neutered dogs were also discussed, with the goal of breaking even financially.

Transport and Logistics

There are ongoing issues with transporting dogs. Alternative arrangements were considered, including owners bringing dogs for transport and another person would handle drop-off and pick-up at Zanesville. Zanesville charges a fee even if the minimum number of dogs is not met.

Kennel Cleaning and Maintenance

Maintaining kennel cleanliness is challenging due to persistent issues like the longevity of contaminants such as parvovirus in concrete. Cleaning protocols involve rotating dogs and using bleach, but concerns remain about fully eradicating the problem.

Inventory and Equipment

An inventory of town property and donated items is being conducted, with donated items marked accordingly. There was discussion about gas tanks and mowers, ensuring proper documentation and responsibility for equipment.

Staff Training and Responsibilities

There is confusion and some interpersonal conflict regarding staff responsibilities, especially around euthanizing dogs. Clarification is needed on roles with involvement and communication issues.

Public Communication

The decision was made to keep public communication about the pound's closure generic, without providing detailed reasons or responding to comments on social media, despite repeated public inquiries.

Veterinary Services and Costs

Veterinary costs, including rabies shots and other treatments, were discussed, with comparisons to other counties. There is concern about high charges and a desire to find more cost-effective options.

Puppy Adoption and Legal Issues

There were issues with adopting out puppies before the legal age of eight weeks, which is against regulations. Breed-specific challenges were noted, with some breeds being less favored by the humane society. There was also mention of emotional impact from having to euthanize certain breeds.

John Wilt, EMA/911

Logistics and Power for Radios

Discussion on setting up logistics and power for 11 radios at the courthouse, including running circuits from the sheriff's office, generator use, and ensuring sufficient current. Antenna

placement was considered, with options to install unobtrusive antennas at the courthouse. Further details from the radio expert are needed, especially regarding the number of radios and antenna feasibility.

Contracting with Dispatchers

Discussion with the prosecutor about contracting with dispatchers and payment arrangements. It was noted that contracts are flexible, but caution is advised regarding liability and clarity of agreements. There are complexities around funding sources for dispatching equipment and services, including questions about the use of levy and EMS funds. The sheriff expressed concerns about perceptions of responsibility and liability in dispatching services.

Lost Person Incident

A recent incident involved a lost person during mushroom hunting. The 911 call provided coordinates, and the use of the What3Words app was suggested to help pinpoint the location. Although the person was found relatively quickly, there were communication challenges, including Perry County's inability to communicate effectively during the incident.

Communication Issues During Incidents

The meeting highlighted the need for clear communication protocols during incidents, such as specifying which channels to use. Some radio channels will be available for dispatch, but communication breakdowns were noted, particularly with Perry County. The importance of effective coordination and resource availability was emphasized.

Interviews and Staffing

Brief discussion about upcoming interviews, scheduling, and questions for candidates.

LAPC Exercise

Announcement of an upcoming LAPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) exercise on May 29th, involving a chlorine tanker scenario near the high school, with a focus on transportation, roadways, and emergency operations. The exercise will be functional, with a simulation cell and communications set up. Details will be sent out; no outside flyer will be distributed.

John Telez, Engineer; Steve Hook, Deputy Engineer

25-225- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the agreement for the Right of Way Use Permit of Ohio Department of Natural Resources for CR2. See Attachment A

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-226- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to authorize participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2025. See Attachment B

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance; Brian Sharkey, Courthouse Maintenance

Wall Construction

Discussion about issues following the construction of a wall, including mention of two lights, a half-inch gap, and related concerns.

Property Maintenance

Discussion about mowing responsibilities, including references to Julie, Becky, Doug, and the dog pound, with some uncertainty about who is responsible for mowing certain areas.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Courtney Morrow, Deputy Auditor; John Wilt, EMA/911; Ed Haines, Homer Weekley, Jacob Woodward, M&M Fire Department; Randy Williams, Auditor/M&M Fire Department; John W. Finley, M&M Fire Chief

Health Savings Accounts (HSA) and Insurance Enrollment

- **HSA Accounts and Insurance Options**

Discussion on offering HSA accounts with higher deductibles, using People's Bank for payroll processing. Employees can set pre-tax contributions. Single plans have a deductible of around \$3,700, and family plans around \$10,200.

- **Insurance Enrollment and Renewal Dates**

Open enrollment moved to November, with the insurance year starting in January.

Discussion on aligning employee insurance schedules and handling deductible resets.

- **Financial Overview and Challenges**

Review of financials, including direct deposits and insurance payments. Current balance is approximately \$130,000. Challenges include uncollectible debts due to Medicare/Medicaid and expenses for unloaded miles.

- **Operational Challenges and Staffing**

Increase in emergency runs, leading to burnout among staff. Discussion on attracting staff with competitive pay and avoiding forced overtime. Participants are open to the idea of offering only HSA accounts.

Emergency Medical Services Challenges and Improvements

- **Patient Transport and Entitlement Issues**

Discussion on challenges faced with patient transport, including entitlement issues and the inability to bill for non-resident patients. Community fair medicine could help, but it's unaffordable.

- **Daily Call Volumes and Patterns**

Analysis of daily call volumes, noting higher patient numbers on Thursdays and Fridays. Anticipated increase in calls due to events and seasonal changes.

- **Response Times and Transport Statistics**

Details on average dispatch, on-scene, and transport times. Average round trip is about two hours, with specific times for dispatch and transport.

- **Community Paramedic Program**

Potential benefits of a community paramedic program to assist with non-emergency calls and chronic conditions like COPD. Current limitations due to lack of funding.

- **Medical Director Changes and Protocols**

New medical director implementing protocols for antibiotics and sepsis treatment in the field. Positive impact on mortality rates expected.

- **Staffing and Compensation Challenges**

Discussion on staffing issues, including loss of paramedics to higher-paying counties and differences in compensation between private and county agencies.

Challenges in EMS staffing, compensation, equipment costs, and service demands.

- **Difference between Advanced Paramedic and Paramedic**

Discussion on the roles and capabilities of paramedics and advanced paramedics, highlighting that paramedics can administer drugs and intubate, while advanced paramedics cannot handle cardiac arrests.

- **Compensation and Retention Challenges**

Challenges in retaining staff due to competitive pay rates from neighboring agencies and the impact of unpaid services in the past. Discussion on current pay rates and the difficulty in competing with other agencies.

- **Staffing and Volunteer Issues**

Issues with staffing levels, reliance on volunteers, and the impact of personal commitments on availability. Discussion on the need for more personnel and the challenges of maintaining adequate staffing.

- **Equipment and Financial Constraints**

Discussion on the costs of medical equipment, ambulances, and the financial constraints faced by the agency. Mention of the need for new squads and the high mileage on current vehicles.

- **Incentive Program for Staffing**

Introduction of an incentive program to encourage staff to take on additional hours, with specific monetary rewards for different durations of extra work.

- **Impact of Increased Population on Services**

The increased population due to recreational areas is straining resources without a corresponding increase in budget, leading to more emergency runs.

- **Billing and Financial Management**

Issues with billing for services not rendered and the financial implications of covering areas outside the usual jurisdiction.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells and Adam Shriver attended the Ohio Land Bank Conference in Columbus April 23, 2025—April 25, 2025.

Shannon Wells participated in a meeting with Heritage Ohio on April 22, 2025 regarding the Village of McConnelsville becoming a Main Street Ohio Affiliate program.

Shannon Wells and Adam Shriver worked to complete a pre-application to Buckeye Hills on April 25, 2025 of behalf of Consumers Gas Cooperative for \$750,000 to increase gas supply to over 230 customers in Morgan County.

Shannon Wells and Traci Baker are attending software training at transit April 28—30 2025.

Shannon Wells and Brad Peoples, Ohio SE have meetings scheduled on April 30, 2025 with Atlantic Emergency and Repo Coffee Roasters.

25-227- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve entering into a contract with Shriver Septic and Excavation LLC for \$ 12,900.00 for the Home Sewage Treatment System Program Contract 24-2C for the replacement of one septic system. This resolution will be contingent upon funding.

The following addresses will be provided services:

5055 Van Fossen Lane Chesterhill, OH 43728 (Replacement)

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-228- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to entering into a contract with Roxsol LLC for the soil evaluation and septic system design for two homes. The cost will be \$600 for the site and soil evaluation for each home. The design will be dependent on the type of system that will need to be installed. (Basic Gravity Feed System will be \$800 and the special devices, pumps, NPDES Systems and Mounds will cost between \$900-\$1,200). This resolution will be contingent upon funding.

The following addresses will be provided services:

8895 Boxer Mayle Lane Chesterhill, OH 43728 (Melissa Tabler)

6700 Beard Price Road, Glouster, OH 45732 (Derek Welch)

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council meeting on April 23, 2025. The topic of discussion was gas safety, which focused on natural gas and propane.

With older Windows 10 computers being replaced throughout the County, the IT Director is starting to amass a surplus of computers and parts that can be reused for other purposes. The public access terminal in the Clerk of Courts office was replaced with a kiosk style computer to allow visitors to access CourtView. Also, the maintenance computer in the Courthouse was repaired, replacing a failed hard drive.

The IT Director attended several meetings relating to Heritage Ohio's Main Street Revitalization Program in McConnellsville. The meetings were held on April 22 and 23, 2025.

Abby Porter, OUZ Student

Disparities in Rural Appalachia

Abigail Porter, a social work student at OUZ, discusses the significant challenges faced by rural Appalachia, including poverty, drug use, high suicide rates, and limited access to healthcare and mental health services. She references the Appalachian Regional Commission's 2024 report indicating that over 82 Appalachian counties are in extreme distress.

Plan for Broadband Act

Abigail introduces the Plan for Broadband Act, proposed in January, which aims to unite agencies and committees to expand broadband access across the United States and specifically in Appalachian areas. The Appalachian Regional Commission is one of the agencies involved. She emphasizes that increased broadband access would improve healthcare access—such as telehealth and phone consultations—and enable more students to complete electronic homework from home. Abigail expresses strong support for the Act, believing it will greatly benefit Appalachian communities.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-229- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve a budget transfer. This is to allow the Hydrosphere Engineering bills to be paid directly from General (001), rather by Engineer (004) and then reimbursed later from General (001)

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-230- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-231- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to recess the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-232- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reconvene the commissioners meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10:30am for EMA/911 Coordinator position interviews.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-233- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 12:00pm.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steven Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:

COUNTY OF MORGAN, OHIO
RIGHT OF WAY USE PERMIT

Subject to all terms, conditions, and restrictions printed, written below, or attached,

PERMITTEE:

Name: Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Contact: Jeremy Wenner, Chief Engineer
Address: 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. E Columbus, Ohio 43229
Phone: (614) 265-6719
Email: jeremy.wenner@dnr.ohio.gov

PERMIT:

Permittee, and its employees, agents, consultants and contractors, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio under Ohio Revised Code §§307.09 and 307.10 is hereby granted a right, permit, and permission to perform work necessary in the manner described, on the right of way of the County of Morgan at the location indicated herein. This permit shall be effective December 15, 2024 and shall continue in perpetuity so long as it is necessary to perform the work described herein.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The work to be performed pursuant to this permit (the "Work") involves the maintenance and upkeep of a floodwall and other structures appurtenant to the McConnelsville Dam, located in the Village of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio. These structures impact approximately three hundred sixty linear feet (360') of N. Riverview Road as further described in Exhibit A attached hereto and shown in the figure in Exhibit B attached hereto (the "Floodwall Work Area"), requiring periodic inspections and possibly reconstruction of some portions of the road, timber lagging retaining wall, culverts, drains and other property within the Floodwall Work Area from time to time.

CONDITIONS OF PERMIT:

[1] This permit shall be in the possession of employees /agents of permittee on site at all times who are in charge of the Work and shall be shown, upon request, to any employee of the Morgan County Engineer's Office.

[2] Contact Morgan County Engineer's Office three (3) days before Work begins, also contact Morgan County Engineer's Office when Work is completed for final inspection.

[3] No Work authorized by this permit shall begin until the Permittee has provided notice to the Morgan County Engineer's Office contact below:

Name: John Telesz, PE, PS.
Title: Morgan County Engineer
Email address: john.telesz@morgancounty-oh.gov
Telephone: 740-962-3171

[4] Prior to any excavation in the highway right of way, the Ohio811, <https://www.oups.org/excavators>, must be contacted in accordance with ORC Section 3781.25 to 3781.32. Ohio811 can be reached at 1-800-362-2764 or 811.

[5] All Work requiring persons or vehicles within the County of Morgan right of way shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Item 614 (Maintaining Traffic) of the Construction and Material Specifications, latest editions.

[6] No performance bond shall be required for Work performed pursuant to this permit.

[7] This permit shall be void if the performance of the Work described herein does not comply with the conditions, terms, and requirements applicable to this permit.

[8] This permit is not a substitute for satisfying the rights of, or obligations to, any other persons or entities who may have an interest in the underlying fee interest.

[9] The granting of this permit does not convey to the Permittee or to the property served any rights, title, or interest in county rights of way or in the design or operation of the county road; or in any way abridge the right of the Morgan County Engineer in his jurisdiction over county roads.

[10] Failure on the part of the Permittee to comply fully with the provisions and conditions of the permit will be cause for suspension, revocation, or annulment of the permit. By accepting the permit, the Permittee agrees to comply with all conditions, terms, and restrictions printed or written on or attached to the permit.

[11] All Work authorized under this permit shall be performed to the Morgan County Engineer's satisfaction, and the entire expense shall be borne by the Permittee. No Work shall be performed until the Permittee has contacted the Morgan County Engineer's appointed representative named on the permit and received instructions. The Morgan County Engineer's representative may inspect all Work covered by the permit. Work not in compliance shall be halted. The Permittee shall be notified of the Morgan County Engineer's determination and given an opportunity to correct the problem. If the problem is not corrected timely or to the satisfaction of the Morgan County Engineer, this permit may be revoked.

[12] All Work infringing on the pavement or shoulders shall comply with applicable standards and requirements regarding traffic control devices. Failure to comply will be cause for revocation or suspension of the permit. Any closure of lanes or shoulders shall be described in terms of location, duration, time of day, etc. Such Work shall not begin until all traffic control devices are in place.

[13] If any grading, sidewalk, or other work allowed by a permit interferes with the drainage of the highway in any way, such catch basins and outlets as necessary shall be constructed to take proper care of said drainage and any materials such as pipes and tiles damaged during any installation or repair by the Permittee or its employees, agents or contractors shall be repaired immediately at the sole cost of the Permittee. Permittee shall timely notify the Morgan County Engineer of any such damage and repairs thereto. If the Permittee fails to immediately repair the damage after it is discovered the Morgan County Engineer may perform the repair and the Permittee shall reimburse the County for the costs of said repairs.

[14] Upon completion of the Work, the Permittee shall leave the highway clean of all rubbish, excess materials, temporary structures and equipment, and all parts of the highway shall be left in a condition acceptable to the Morgan County Engineer.

[15] Except as herein authorized, no excavation shall be made or obstacle placed within the limits of the county road so as to interfere with the travel over the road.

[16] All pole lines are to be built in accordance with Rule 4901:3-1-08 of Ohio Administrative Code promulgated and enforced by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

[17] The Permittee i/shall be responsible for all public and private utility coordination and relocation required in the performance of the Work. All underground utilities shall be installed at a depth and horizontal distance from the road surface and any appurtenances in accordance with state and national safety standards and as pre-approved by the Morgan County Engineer. After installation, the exact location of the utility shall be provided to the Morgan County Engineer.

[18] This permit is valid only within the limits of right of way of the county road. Permits for that portion of Permittee's facilities located on other jurisdictions' rights of way must be obtained from the appropriate authorities.

[19] All Work shall be performed at no cost to the County of Morgan.

[20] The Permittee is responsible for complying with any/all applicable state and/or federal environmental laws including, but not limited to, obtaining any necessary Section 404 & 401 waterway permits prior to performing any Work within the county right of way.

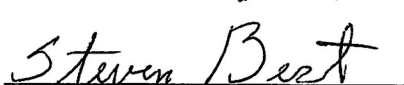
[21] All areas outside this permit where vegetation has been injured, disturbed or destroyed by the maintenance activity shall be fertilized, seeded and mulched. All restoration work is to be completed within 30 days after completing Work.

[22] Backfill is to be compacted to ODOT specifications.

[23] Any mud or debris that accumulates on the highway as a result of this project (i.e., from tire tracks, equipment, etc.) is to be removed immediately at the Permittee's expense.

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





Date: _____

Approved as to Form Only by:

/s/ Richard D. Welch 250325

Richard D. Welch
Morgan County Prosecuting Attorney

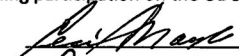
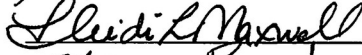
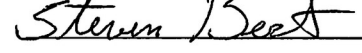
Attachment B:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION
IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025**

WHEREAS, the (MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ROOM 216, MCCONNELSVILLE OH) (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party's own errors, actions, and failures to act.
- d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 85% of its electronically **submitted** salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 2, by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

	(Authorized Signature)	<u>4/28/25</u>	Approval Date
	(Authorized Signature)	<u>4/28/25</u>	Approval Date
	(Authorized Signature)	<u>4/28/25</u>	Approval Date
_____	(Authorized Signature)	_____	Approval Date
_____	(Authorized Signature)	_____	Approval Date

THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SALT PARTICIPATION WEBSITE BY NO LATER THAN MAY 2, 2025.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT TYPED SIGNATURES. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED WITH TYPED SIGNATURES WILL BE INVALID AND INELIGIBLE FOR APPROVAL. YOU CANNOT SUBMIT A WORD DOCUMENT VERSION OF THIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.