

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 31, 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 Maxwell attended a Senior Citizens meeting Tuesday.

On Thursday, Commissioner Best attended the Republican Womens meeting and an EGZ Aspire Energy meeting.

Commissioner Mayle attended a CCAO Legislative Platform meeting in Noble County Friday.

25-183- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of March 24, 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 Recorders 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 March.

Advanced Heating and Cooling Installed 2 new Exhaust Fan Motors for EF5 and EF6 3-25-25

Advanced Heating and Cooling has sent Quote to replace the Compressor on RTU3. 3-6-25

Received Camera Quote from ABC Communications for new cameras 3-24-25

Cleaned Grove Park and the Commons, getting the tractor and zero turn ready to start mowing, there is still Christmas decorations and lights at the Park and Commons that need to be removed. 3-26-25

Jed Hooper, Concern Citizen

Work Zone Safety Proclamation

Discussion about signing a Work Zone Safety Proclamation to honor fallen workers and promote safety during National Work Zone Awareness Week. The proclamation designates April 21st to 25th, 2025, as the awareness week in Morgan County.

The proclamation was signed.

Career Day Participation

Discussion about participating in a career day event in Morgan County schools. Commissioner Mayle suggested connecting with Morgan Local Schools for future involvement in career days and financial literacy classes for younger students.

25-184- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following Work Zone Safety Proclamation. See Attachment A

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

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

Timesheet

Heidi Burns, JFS; Cheryl Brink, Treasurer; Wendy Gorrell, MCDD; Randy Williams, Auditor; Courtney Morrow, Deputy Auditor; Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance; Melessa Hivnor, Recorder; Tracie Wagnor, BOE; Traci Baker, Development Office

Camera System Installation

Discussion on installing a new camera system from ABC, covering all floors and blind spots with 270-degree cameras. Each department head will have access, except for Board of Elections and JFS. The system will replace existing cameras, except for Board of Elections.

Budget and Funding

Discussion on funding the camera system, with a total cost of \$72,000. Departments are asked to contribute to avoid using the general fund. There's a threshold of \$75,000 for bidding.

Maintenance and Licensing

Discussion on maintenance fees and licensing for the camera system. No annual maintenance costs are expected, and the license includes lifetime upgrades.

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

We took a total of 10 dogs between Monday and Tuesday. Eight of them have one owner and they are to pick them up Tuesday, April 1st.

Thank you to all the volunteers this week who showed up to help clean, feed and water dogs. They are as follows: Lynn, Cindy, Amanda, Shanda and Terry. Your dedication to the pound and to the animals is deeply appreciated

We also want to extend our gratitude to Annette John-Finley and John Walter Finley for sponsoring the adoption of yorkies. He is in a wonderful and loving home thanks to your generosity.

Yesterday nine dogs were bathed. That was a fun experience. Thank you, Amanda and Shanda, for all your help on Friday.

Richie Sharkey will be coming up this week to mount our awning that S.P.O.T. donated to the pound.

We also want to thank all our generous donors who bring in blankets, towels and dog food. In addition, we want to thank the citizens of Morgan County who donated at Tractor Supply. We received several bags of treats, and stuffed dog toys.

The office is finally painted and decorated. It looks so inviting and bright. We have received many compliments on our Facebook page.

Internet Access

The speaker briefly mentions having finally gained internet access, which is seen as a positive development.

25-185- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the following resolutions concerning the DAV Chapter No. 145 and American Legion POST #24 See Attachment B

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

The TID grant application was submitted for \$500,000 for roadway improvements for Front Street/CR 2 Malta on March 27, 2025.

Shannon Wells, Adam Shriver and Commissioner Best met with Aspire Energy at EZG Manufacturing on March 27, 2025 to discuss gas utilities.

Shannon Wells and Adam Shriver will meet with ODNR staff to review the Opera House project that received the AMLER grant on April 1, 2025 at 11:00am.

The land bank will meet on April 2, 2025 at 9:00am in the Morgan County Economic Development office.

Ohio's Winding Road will host a free workshop for makers, artisans and craftspeople this Thursday, April 3, 2025 from 11:00am-1:30pm for small business owners.

ODNR Director, Mary Mertz will be stopping at the Morgan County Visitor's Center on April 3, 2025 at 4:00pm.

A quote was discussed from Daniel Ireton for mowing at the Health Department and Transit. He quoted \$95.00 for both.

Adam Tripplet & Charlotte Luna, Veteran's Office

Flag Placement and Storage

Flags are placed on veterans' graves before Memorial Day and removed after Veterans Day. Township Trustees are responsible for flag placement, with some areas assisted by organizations like the American Legion and Boy Scouts. Flags are stored in the courthouse basement.

Flag and Holder Procurement

Quotes are obtained annually for flag procurement. Last year, 7 quotes were received, and 4 were

selected. Flags are shipped to the courthouse, and township trustees sign out the required number.

Flag Holder Material Change

Flag holders were changed from bronze to aluminum to prevent theft. Aluminum has little melt value, reducing theft incidents. Damaged holders are replaced, and accountability is maintained through sign-outs.

Budget and Funding

The budget request is due by the last Monday in May. Funding for organizations like the American Legion and DAV is discussed, with a potential allocation of \$500 each.

Here are the quotes the Veterans Office presented to the Commissioners:

FLAG VENDOR	QUOTE PER FLAG	LINE TOTAL	FREIGHT LIFTGATE	TOTAL QUOTE
American Flags & Poles 276 Front Street Marietta, OH 740-373-4262	\$1.15 Stitched x 4	\$4,802.40	Pick-up	\$4,802.40
Fayette Flag & Banner Supply (Marty Roberts) 12998 Lakeside Drive Greenfield, OH 45123 (80 miles NE IN Cincinnati) Office: 937-981-1258 Cell: 740-335-7730	\$1.09 Stitched x 4	\$4,320.00	Included	\$4,551.84
US Flag Maker (Al Hutfles) 189 Cobb Parkway N. Suite C-4 Marietta, GA 30062 al@usflagmaker.net Phone: 770-919-0058 Fax: 770-499-9919	\$1.05 Stitched x 4	\$4,384.80	\$318.83	\$4,703.63
Admiral Flag Poles Inc. 5795 WestBourne Ave Columbus, OH 43213 Phone: 614-864-7653	\$1.12 Stitched x 4	\$4,885.92	\$359.00	\$5,244.92

Quotes submitted from All Quality Memorial Markers

PERIOD OF TIME	TOTAL HOLDERS	COST EACH	TOTAL COST	UPS SHIPPING ADDITIONAL
GAR	5	\$15.50	\$ 77.50	TBD
WW1	8	\$15.50	\$124.00	TBD
WWII	20	\$15.50	\$310.00	TBD
KOREA	12	\$15.50	\$186.00	TBD
VIETNAM	17	\$15.50	\$263.50	TBD
PERSIAN GOLF	9	\$15.50	\$139.50	TBD
IRAQ	15	\$15.50	\$232.50	TBD
US VETERAN— PEACE TIME	15	\$15.50	\$155.00	TBD
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John Wilt, EMA; 911

Interview Process

Discussion on the interview process, including questions about licenses, insurance, and experience with EMA and PPE. Emphasis on summarizing candidates' education and experience.

Driver's Records and Insurance

Concerns about hiring practices affecting insurance rates due to driver's records. Shannon is responsible for managing driver's records.

Fire Chiefs Meeting

The meeting with fire chiefs went well, and future meetings are scheduled quarterly, with the next on June 29, 2025. Discussions included e-dispatches and CAD system updates.

Emergency Dispatch Training

Three people are to be trained in emergency medical dispatching, with plans to start emergency fire dispatch training. All will receive APCO credentials.

ComTech Billing Issue

There is an issue with ComTech not sending a bill for a PO from last year, which should have been billed in January.

Upcoming Meetings and Plans

Discussion on upcoming meetings and plans, including a meeting about the levy and a revision of the final plan later in the year.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The Commissioners met with the department heads of the Riecker Building to discuss a quote from Advanced Business Communications (ABC) to update the surveillance system in the Riecker Building. Several offices mentioned that they needed to see more options since ABC's quote exceeded the threshold for a single bid. The IT Director will attempt to obtain two more quotes for an updated surveillance system in the Riecker Building.

The IT Director met with GloFiber sales engineers to discuss fiber Internet in the Riecker Building. The existing Internet in the Riecker Building is no longer able to support the workload for all offices. GloFiber offered 1 gigabit per second Internet with five public IP addresses and 2 msec latency for \$1000 per month. GloFiber's normal charge for this would be \$1225 per month. While this is a fair discount, it is significantly more than the \$200 per month of the existing Internet. The IT Director is currently discussing this offer with Riecker Building department heads.

On 26 March 2025, the IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council meeting. The topic of discussion was suicide prevention in the workplace.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-186- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer

\$6,000.00 from 099-0099-5102-00 salary line item into 099-0099-5306.00 contract administration line Please add to PO 2025-00002.

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

\$6,000.00 from the 099-0099-5102-00 salary line item into 099-0099-5309-00 miscellaneous expense line item. Please add to PO 2025-00003.

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

25-187- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to do the following transfers:

Transfer \$10,000.00 from the 112-0112-5102.00 mechanic salary line item into the 112-0112-5303-00 misc. asst. line item. Please add PO 2025-00022.

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

25-188-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

25-189- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting March, 31, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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

25-190- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reconvene the commissioners meeting April 2, 2025 at 9:00am for a Land Bank meeting.

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

25-191- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting April 2, 2025 at

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:

Board of County Commissioners
of Morgan County, Ohio

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is with great reverence that we proudly honor all fallen work zone workers and recognize the safety of those who are currently working on our roads during National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, each year, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) aims to promote the safety of the women and men who work to build our infrastructure and make our roads safer for our daily commutes; and

WHEREAS, Construction Laborers are often the most vulnerable in the event of a work zone intrusion, and they work tirelessly in the elements, often extreme, to improve the infrastructure for the public overall; and

WHEREAS, since 2020 there have been over 22,000 work zone crashes on Ohio roadways in which workers were present in nearly 40% of those intrusions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio, does proclaim April 21st - 25th, 2025, as National Work Zone Awareness Week and urges all citizens to pay attention, slow down and thank all Road Workers in Morgan County for their service.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Morgan County, Ohio



David Mayle
Shirley Maxwell
Steven Best

RESOLUTION

(for submission to your County Commissioners)

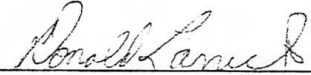
WHEREAS, the officers and members of D A V Chapter No. 145

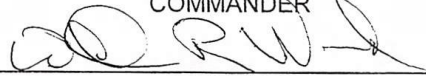
Disabled American Veterans seek to decorate graves, conduct memorial services and otherwise engage in activities appropriate to the observance of Memorial Day, and

WHEREAS, Section 307.66 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Board of County Commissioners, annually, upon the request of any chapter, post or branch of any congressionally chartered veterans organization in the County, shall appropriate a sum of money not to exceed five hundred dollars to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this request be and the same hereby is made of the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, that an appropriation of five hundred dollars be made to this Chapter for the purpose herein set forth.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above is true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the aforesaid Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans at its meeting held on APR 14, 2025.



COMMANDER


ADJUTANT

Note: The requesting Chapter acknowledges and agrees to the statutory requirement to file a sworn statement accounting for the complete expenditure of funds to the Board within sixty (60) days following Memorial Day.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the officers and members of AMERICAN LEGION POST # 24 of McCONNELSVILLE, OHIO, are desirous of decorating graves, conducting Memorial Services and otherwise engaging in activities appropriate to the observance of Memorial Day, and WHEREAS, Section 307.66(2503) of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the Board of County Commissioners, annually, upon the request of any Chapter, Post or Branch of any congressionally chartered veterans organization in the county, shall appropriate a sum of money not to exceed five hundred dollars to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that request be and the same is hereby made of the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County that such an appropriation be made to this **POST 24** for the purposes herein set forth.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify

That the above is true and exact copy

Of a resolution adopted by the aforesaid

AMERICAN LEGION POST#24

At its meeting held on

17 MAR 2025



COMMANDER



ADJUTANT

