

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 7, 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, Absent

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

All three commissioners attended a Land Bank meeting on Wednesday.

Commissioner Maxwell attended a CCAO Taxation meeting on Thursday.

Commissioner Maxwell attended a Buckeye Hills meeting on Friday.

*Commissioners are in receipt of March expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

25-192- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of March 31, 2025.

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

25-193- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and Mr. Mayle to approve the following. See Attachment A

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best absent 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.

Contacted Kone Elevator Company to get cost on a Service Contract and do a Maintenance Service on the Elevator and repair the faults from the State Elevator Inspection Report. 4-2-25

Did an inspection on the Building and County Vehicles for Hail damage. All County Vehicles sustained Damage. 4-2-25

Received a call from the Senior Citizen Center about the rear entrance door being hard to close, tried to make adjustments and noticed the whole metal door frame anchors were loose. The door was installed by G&M Construction. G&M needs to check the door and frame and make adjustments as needed. 4-3-25

Ordered new restroom stall door latches for the restrooms. 4-2-25

Monarch Roofing inspected the roof above the Development office and Workforce offices and will be getting a Quote ASAP, he did several bad places where the roof panels were installed incorrectly and are now rolling up and possibly causing the leakage. 4-1-25

Contract and Service

Mr. McConnell is working on a contract that should be ready today. A service will be conducted to address faults from an inspection.

911 Phone Issue

The 911 phone issue was fixed, and the person who fixed it added a missing program part. However, calls to the number were misrouted to the basement's front desk.

Restroom Stall Door Latches

Restroom stall door latches were ordered. Concerns about the stability of a door mounted in a metal frame were discussed, but it was deemed safe for use.

Vehicle Damage

Most vehicles have hail damage except for two older metal ones.

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

Timesheet

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

We took in 10 dogs this week. Six have been adopted, leaving us with one who still needs forever homes. Three have been returned to their owners successfully.

We still have the eight dogs from the situation back on March 23rd. As of today, they are still with us. We are waiting on the owner to come and get them.

We are still working on making the pound more dog friendly. It has been a fun and rewarding project, with still lots of work to do, but we will get there.

We want to offer our sincere gratitude to the continuous volunteers who come and help with the dogs. Pup Cups have become their favorite treat. The dogs love the attention they get when our volunteer's come to visit. When a dog is found as a stray or owner surrender, the dogs go through shock per say. They are not used to being in a kennel all the time. That is why it is so important that we continue to have volunteers come and visit and give them so much love and attention.

We also want to remind everyone who adopts a dog that they are more than likely not going to be the pet you want them to be. There is a 3-3-3 rule when it come to adopting a dog. While some may warm up right away others are scared, or not sure of their new surroundings. We ask that you please give them time. Don't return them in 24 hours as that is not enough time for them to decompress.

We also want to honor those who continue to bring blankets, towels, toys and treats to the dogs as well as food. The dogs really love them. And we at the pound truly appreciate all you do for us.

Adoption: When someone else opens their home to one or more fur babies, they get a toy, a leash and a collar. The leashes and collars are either donated by our gracious citizens or local businesses who donate them to us. We truly appreciate the donations that we continue to receive. We couldn't do this without each and every one of you.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells and Adam Shriver met with ODNR staff to review the Opera House project that received the AMLER grant on April 1, 2025 at 11am. A request for proposal for engineering and design will be advertised next for the project.

Shannon Wells, Commissioner Mayle, Commissioner Maxwell and Commissioner Best met for a land bank meeting on April 2, 2025 at 9am in the Morgan County Economic Development office.

Shannon Wells and Tracy Simons met with ODNR Director, Mary Mertz and staff at the Morgan County Visitor's Center on April 3, 2025 at 4pm.

Proposals were received from three consulting firms for the demo projects at 303 W. Riverside Dr. McConnellsville. The village administrator, Adam Shriver and Shannon Wells reviewed the proposals and have recommended to move forward with Mannik Smith Group.

Capital appropriation requests from US Senator Bernie Moreno's office are being solicited until April 11, 2025.

A meeting of America250 will be in the community room on April 8, 2025 at 6pm.

25-194- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to accept Norman Lawncare in the following amounts: \$100 Health Department \$110 Transit

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

John Wilt, EMA/911

EMA Report/911 Report See Attachment B

Meeting with Fire Chiefs and Others

Mr. Wilt met with fire chiefs, the sheriff, and EMS on Sunday evening to transition to a quarterly meeting schedule. The next meeting is scheduled for June 29th at 7:00pm.

911 Program Review Committee

Mr. Wilt discussed changes with the 911 program review committee and is awaiting a response from the architect of the budget.

Shared Space and Billing Issues

Mr. Wilt mentioned a shared space with the sheriff and billing issues, including a \$32.50 charge and a \$488 water bill. There are concerns about incorrect billing for water and utilities.

River Level Management

Mr. Wilt noted that the river is expected to rise to 11 feet when draining starts north of their location, praising the management efforts.

Staffing Issues

Discussion on the lack of sufficient crews for emergency services, with concerns about only having one crew available and the need for dispatchers. The issue of full-time employees dictating their schedules was also raised.

Non-Emergency Transports

Concerns were raised about using emergency crews for non-emergency transports, such as routine appointments, which could be handled by transit services with proper scheduling.

Community Impairment Cases

Discussion on ongoing cases involving community impairment, highlighting the waste of resources.

Operational Challenges

Challenges in managing emergency services due to staffing issues, lack of tools for EMS management, and the need for better scheduling and resource allocation.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

John Telez, Engineer; Steve Hook, Deputy Engineer

Bid Openings

25-195- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and Mr. Mayle to table asphalt bids.

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

25-196- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to table asphalt materials bids.

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

Valerie Mayle, BOE

Polling Location Accessibility

Discussion on the accessibility issues at the current polling location, including the need for a compliant van access aisle and curb ramp. The suggestion to move the polling location to the community room was made to address these issues.

Polling Location Change Notification

The requirement to notify every registered voter if a polling location is moved was discussed. Plans to inform voters about the potential new permanent polling location were mentioned.

Parking Issues at Polling Locations

Parking challenges at the current polling location were discussed, including the lack of parking and the need for parking meter covers for poll workers.

Alternative Polling Locations

Consideration of alternative polling locations, such as the library, was discussed. Concerns about space and accessibility for poll workers and voters were raised.

John Telez, Engineer; Steve Hook, Deputy Engineer

25-197- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and Mr. Mayle to untable asphalt bids.

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

25-198- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to accept asphalt bids.

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

25-199- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and Mr. Mayle to untable asphalt materials bids based on the recommendation of Engineer Telez.

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

25-200- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to accept asphalt materials bids based on the recommendation of Engineer Telez. See Attachment C

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

Amber Wallace, Senior Citizens Director

Event Participation

Discussion about participation in an event at Buckeye Hills, with 26 or 27 people signed up.

Concerns about senior attendance due to past flooding issues.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

Over the past week, the Board of Elections received multiple alerts from MS-ISAC about a vulnerability on the BOE network. The IT Director traced the issue to one of the Balotar laptops. ServerSim investigated and discovered that the CrowdStrike Falcon EDR software had uninstalled BitDefender antivirus during an update. BitDefender was still present on the machine and causing problems for the Falcon EDR software. BitDefender was completely removed and reinstalled in its entirety, solving the MS-ISAC alert problem.

A corrupt mail database was discovered at the Morgan County Health Department last week. This occasionally happens with County e-mail databases when users create a lot of folders and sub-folders on the mail server. The County's current mail server is not intended for such heavy use. The user's e-mail account was copied to the computer, deleted from the server, and recreated. This resolved the issue.

A video conferencing system was installed in the Prosecutor's office this past week. Using similar hardware to other offices throughout the County, the system was mounted to the wall in the Prosecutor's office/conference room.

DEG Petro contacted the IT Director and said they would ship a new screen for the meter on the County's fuel pump at Greuey's Fuel. The current screen is damaged and difficult to read.

The Commissioners asked the IT Director get another quote for the surveillance system at the Riecker Building and to break down the cost of each quote by office.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-201- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Mayle to request a supplemental appropriation in the (006) PA account of \$9,776.00. I am requesting this in the 996-0006-5340.00 H5 Public Assistance account. We made a duplicate payment to Morgan Co. Transit, so they are writing us a check for \$9,776.00 to correct this.

Please increase: PO #25-00037 (H5 Public Asst.0 in the amount of \$9,776.00

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

25-202- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Mayle to do the following:

Starting April 9, 2025 Vendors License sold by the county will increase in cost by \$25.00 making them \$50.00 Per House Bill 366. In order to properly receive funds and expend the \$25.00 increase back to the state, we would like to establish a new revenue and expense line within the general fund

Establish revenue line 001-1501-4015-00 State Vendors License Fee

Establish expense line 001-1501-5315-00 State Vendors License Fee

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

25-203- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to transfer the amount of \$1200.00 from the Monitoring and Surveillance line item #023-2025-5301.00 to miscellaneous expenses line item #023-2025-5307.00.

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

25-204- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

25-205- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to recess Monday April 7, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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

25-206- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene on April 10, 2025 11:00am for a meeting with Representative Balderson.

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

25-207- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to adjourn the meeting on April 10, 2025.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steven Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:



**Morgan County
Commissioners**

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Cecil Mayle
Heidi Maxwell
Steve Best
Sheila Welch, Clerk

25-193

April 7, 2025

**Resolution In Support of State Issue 2
Renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program on the May 6, 2025 Statewide Ballot**

Whereas: the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) is a state-local government partnership program that funds local infrastructure projects in communities across Ohio;

Whereas: the program has, for nearly 40 years, provided over \$7 billion for improvements to keep Ohio's roads and bridges safe and in good condition for residents, first responders, and all motorists traveling on Ohio roadways, and to improve local wastewater treatment, water supply, and stormwater infrastructure in all 88 Ohio counties;

Whereas: the SCIP provides essential grants, loans, and loan assistance to local governments;

Whereas: the renewal of the SCIP **will not raise taxes for Ohioans**, and the renewal is critical to prevent a gap in infrastructure investment, as the current authorization is set to sunset July 1, 2025;

Whereas: funding for the State Capital Improvement Program relies on an amendment to Ohio's Constitution about every ten years, and has been overwhelmingly renewed by voters three times since its creation in 1987;

Whereas: Morgan County has benefitted from the SCIP, receiving \$4,030,237.00 (over the last ten years) in grant funds, which have significantly improved the quality of life and safety for Morgan County residents;

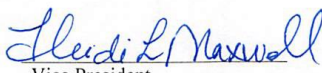
Whereas: infrastructure investment encourages economic development, creates and maintains business, contributes to public health and safety, creates construction jobs and helps keep Ohio competitive; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: *that the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County joins the Strong Ohio Communities coalition in support of State Issue 2 and urges a YES vote on Issue 2 on May 6, 2025.*

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2025.



President



Vice President

Member

Attachment B:

EMA/OHS Report to Commissioners, 4/7/2025

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Mitigation planning is on hold awaiting information from State EMA.
- Submitted workplan and all initial paperwork for FY24 EMPG.
- LEPC exercise committee needs to meet this week – exercise set for Thursday, 5/29/2025.
- Submitted applications for EMA Director to Commissioners with summary sheets to match applicant's information with job quals.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 4/7/2025

- Met with public safety leaders on Sunday 3/30. Discussed transition to County central dispatch and other issues. Moving to quarterly meetings, next is Sunday, June 29 at 7:00 pm.
- Met with 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. Discussed changes that have taken place with 9-1-1, planning for County central dispatch and facility, levy outcome. Group decided to meet as needed except for annual requires meeting.
- We continue to have some issues with Guardian. Working through them with some progress. Coordinating with other pilot programs to compile all issues we are all having.
- Still waiting for response from architect with proposal for initial design work.
- Continuing to populate data for Sundance CAD. Dispatchers are using CAD in a practice environment currently. Migration date is up to the Sheriff.
- Continue working with APCO for Intellicomm implementation, guidecard review, training, etc.
- Still working with eDispatches to get Reinersville Fire on board and then transition the remaining departments, will combine detector with Chesterhill's and see if that works.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Wilt

Attachment C:

Attachment - A

2025- Asphaltic Concrete Bid Results
Cost/ton at the plant

Vendor					Shelly Mat.
Product	Marietta	Haydenville	Byesville	Zanesville	Zanesville
404					
2005	\$ 28.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 29.50
2006	\$ 32.50	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 32.50	\$ 33.50
2007	\$ 41.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 39.50	\$ 45.00
2008	\$ 46.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 47.00
2009	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 60.00
2010	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.75
2011	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 62.00
2012	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 65.00
2013	\$ 64.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 64.00
2014	\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 64.00
2015	\$ 66.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 63.00
2016	\$ 65.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 68.50
2017	\$ 63.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 59.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 63.00
2018	\$ 64.50	\$ 62.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.00
2019	\$ 66.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 66.00
2020	\$ 66.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 66.50
2021	\$ 66.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 67.00
2022	\$ 75.00	\$ 65.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 72.00
2023	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 81.50	\$ 90.00
2024	\$ 82.50	\$ 82.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 83.50	\$ 90.00
2025	\$ 82.50	\$ 82.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 83.50	\$ 90.00
\$/ton increase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1-yr. % Incr.	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
20-yr. % Incr.	189.47%	198.18%	179.66%	192.98%	205.08%
405					
2005	\$ 62.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 62.00	\$ 75.00
2006	\$ 66.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 66.00	\$ 80.00
2007	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	No Bid	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
2008	\$ 75.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00
2009	\$ 80.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 85.00	\$ 120.00
2010	\$ 90.00	No Bid	No bid	\$ 95.00	\$ 110.00
2011	\$ 95.00	No Bid	No bid	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00
2012	\$ 100.00	No bid	No bid	\$ 105.00	\$ 110.00
2013	\$ 105.00	No bid	No bid	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
2014	\$ 110.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 115.00	No Bid
2015	\$ 112.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 117.00	No Bid
2016	\$ 110.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 120.00	\$ 135.00
2017	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 120.00	No Bid
2018	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2019	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2020	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2021	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2022	\$ 125.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 135.00	No Bid
2023	\$ 140.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
2024	\$ 145.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 160.00	No Bid
2025	\$ 145.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 160.00	\$ 170.00
\$/ton increase	\$ -			\$ -	
1-yr. % Incr.	0.00%			0.00%	
20-yr. % Incr.	133.87%			158.06%	

We will pick up material from the plant
that will give us the lowest overall costs

We may not be using any of this material

2025 - Engineer's Recommendations for Asphaltic Concrete Bid

Attached are the results of the bid comparison for the "Asphaltic Concrete" submitted and opened during the Morgan County Commissioner's regular session on Monday April 7, 2025

I.) Asphaltic Concrete – Attachment - A

Two companies, (**Mar-Zane, Inc. and Shelly Materials Inc.**) submitted quotes for supplying Asphaltic Concrete to Morgan County and its Townships.

Shelly Materials, Inc. submitted a quote from one (1) source; **White Cottage Plant** at **\$90.00/ton**, the same as last year.

Mar-Zane, Inc. submitted quotes for the following four plants: **Plant #6** located on SR #60 north of Duncan Falls at **\$ 83.50/ton** for **404** materials, **same as 2024**. **Plant #2** located on SR 7 south of Marietta at **\$ 82.50/ton** for **404** materials, **same as last year**. **Plant #4** located on SR 33 south of Haydenville at **\$ 82.00/ton** for **404** materials, **same as last year**. **Plant #13** located off SR #209 east of Byesville at **\$ 82.50/ton** for **404** materials, **same as last year**.

We are not planning on using any 405 materials due to the high unit costs. However, if we do; the cost is **\$145.00/ton at Plant #6**. This is **same as last year**.

Due to the high cost of fuel and transportation; **it is my recommendation that we accept all five (5) bids from Mar-Zane, Inc. and Shelly Materials, Inc.** with the understanding that the plant location utilized for a given project will be determined by the lowest total cost (asphalt + transportation) to that project. For example, it may be cheaper to pay \$6.00/ton more for material from the Marietta plant and not pay the high transportation costs from Philo or White Cottage when working in the Stockport area. Likewise the Deavertown area would be best served from the Zanesville plant.


John Telesz – Morgan County Engr.

2025- Liquid Asphalt Materials Bidding Cost Comparison

I recommend we award the contract to Asphalt Materials, Inc.

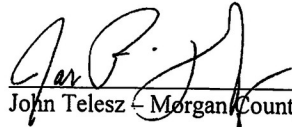
**Engineer's Recommendations for Liquid Bituminous Materials Bid –
2025**

Attached are the results of the bid comparison for the "Liquid Bituminous Materials" submitted and opened during the Morgan County Commissioner's regular session on Monday, April 7, 2025.

I.) Liquid Bituminous Materials – Attachment - A

Asphalt Materials, Inc. of Marietta, Ohio was the only vendor which submitted a timely bid for supplying liquid asphalt material. The individual product bids are shown on Attachment "A", Asphalt Materials' bid is a 0%- increase this year.

It is my recommendation that we accept the bid submitted by Asphalt Materials, Inc.


John Telesz – Morgan County Engr.