

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 21, 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-Absent
Steve Best, Member

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

All commissioners attended CIC meeting Monday.

Commissioner Best attended a Health Board meeting Thursday.

25-214- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell absent, 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 late April.

Received General Maintenance and Service Contract from Kone Elevator Company, awaiting approval to proceed. 4-14-25

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

Cleaned the old Transit Building, sprayed and cleaned the floor, cleaned the restroom and removed all trash. 4-18-25

Cleaning and Maintenance

Discussion on cleaning activities at the old transit building, focusing on the front section and the need for deeper cleaning in the back section.

Records Disposal

Concerns about records disposal rules and the need for someone to keep records, with a mention of a visit to the courthouse to assess antenna placement.

Job Applications

Joe Roberts applied for the lead dispatcher and EMA director positions. Discussion on his interview and suitability for the roles.

Steve Hook, Deputy Engineer

Pick-up Truck Donation

Discussion about the pick-up truck, initially intended for donation to the auditor's office, which was declined. The plan is to sell it on GovDeals and use the proceeds accordingly.

The truck will be sold on GovDeals, and the proceeds will be used as needed.

Broadband Expansion

Discussion on broadband expansion involving Charter and Bright Speed, with contractors working in different townships. Issues with overlapping territories and government deadlines for spending funds by the end of June were highlighted.

Efforts are being made to ensure all contractors are aligned, and the project is progressing under government deadlines.

Real Estate Account

Discussion on using funds from a real estate account to cover expenses related to equipment and other needs.

Funds from the real estate account will be used to cover necessary expenses.

Heidi Burns, JFS Director

Travel/Meeting Requests

- Heidi Burns and Keri Schaad to Athens on 4/28 for PCSAO Meeting

- Heidi Burns and Kari Schaad to Gallipolis on 4/22 for Residential Center Meeting
 - Joe Frazier to Caldwell on 4/23 for an OMJ Operator Meeting
 - PCSA employment
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Joint Agreement and Employment

Discussion on a joint agreement involving Perry County as the employer of record. The union is not in favor, but alternatives are considered. Three counties will split the cost.

Contractor's Time Off

A contractor wants to take one to two weeks off before starting to ensure readiness. The goal is to have no holidays once work begins.

Health and Wellness

Personal health issues discussed, including fluid buildup and chiropractic visits. Exercises and treatments are considered.

TANF and Truancy

Discussion on TANF exclusions for homeschooling due to truancy laws. Numbers from schools are used to justify exclusions.

Public Meeting

A public PRC meeting is planned, expecting 30-40 attendees. The meeting will address community concerns.

Financial Assistance

Discussion on providing financial assistance for eligible families, such as paying electric bills instead of clothing for homeschoolers.

Income Group Changes

Changes in income group reporting are discussed, with numbers expected to decrease from over \$1,000 to \$700-\$800.

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

Strays: Took in four strays this week.

Surrendered: Four dogs were owner surrendered.

Donations: We received blankets and towels from a very nice lady who wishes to be anonymous. We also received toys, and dog treats from the citizens of Morgan County. These donations were donations our local Tractor Supply. We thank each and every one of you who continue to support our fur babies.

Volunteers: We want to thank Cindy, Amanda, Shanda and JANELLE. These ladies spent several hours with the dogs. They helped clean, feed and water the dogs as clean kennels.

We still have five dogs in need of adoptions.

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 of dogs looking for a forever home.

Fees: Impound fee: \$4.00

Owner Surrender Dog: \$25.00

Adoptions: \$125.00 unless the dog is either spayed or neutered upon entering the pound. Then it will be \$25.00. The adoption covers 7 way shot, tag and spaying/neutered.

Food: \$1.50 per day as long as your dog is at the pound.

Example: If your dog is here five days, you will need to pay a \$4.00 fee plus \$1.50 per day food costs. If you do not have a tag for your dog, you will be required to purchase the tag the day you pick up your dog.

Method of Payment: We only accept checks or cash.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Sophia Wiseman, OSU Extension

Sophia Whisman- 4-H Extension Educator

Late March Sophia attended Junior Fair Board, Senior Fair Board, 4-H Committee, Older Youth In Training and Junior Leaders meetings. April 1st was our enrollment deadline. All enrollments for 2025 have been set. In 2025 we have 65 volunteers, 336 club members and 83 cloverbuds. Our numbers are up! April 1st Sophia attended a STEAM Inservice available for all 4-H educators. She taught and helped plan this Inservice for other educators to bring home programming ideas for camps/ afterschool and in school programming. April 4th Sophia taught 5 sessions of QA for the high school kids in the FFA room with Jordan Penrose and Alivia Mock. April 14th Sophia attended an extension advisory meeting. April 15th Sophia attended a Senior Fair Board meeting, the Junior Fair Board meeting was cancelled under advisement to another JFB advisor due to low availability to attend by the youth members. April 18th Sophia held our first Cloverbud STEM Day fully led by our OYIT/JL. Alivia Mock and Pam Montgomery helped with his event as well.

Pam Montgomery-4-H/FCS Extension Educator and Area Leader

In the past month she has been working to 4-H Camp Counselors to complete the annual required training. 4-H Fashion board held their third meeting April 7th and members learned how to make a basic seam and practiced working on machines. She is working with CARTEENS to plan the second program of the year. She worked with another 4-H Advisory Committee and a judge from another county to select scholarship for graduates in 2025.

Pam Montgomery attends the monthly Morgan County Family and Children First Council meetings and serves as the current chair of the council.

In the Family and Consumer Sciences program area Pam held the 2nd Successful Co-Parenting class of the year, the first Basics to a Household Budget, and is looking forward to the upcoming Active Parenting classes. She is still working with her co-presenter to set a schedule for Matter of Balance to be offered later in the year.

As the Area Leader for Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington Counties she continues to have one-on-one meetings with the staff members she is supervising in the counties, attends staff meetings, and Extension Advisory Committee meetings when requested. She also attends 2 monthly Area Leader Zoom meetings. She is just beginning the process and annual Performance Reviews with all the staff members in Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington Counties. She is excited to be onboarding Alivia Mock in Morgan County and is looking forward to onboarding the new Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator in Washington County who starts May 5th.

Betsy Ellingsworth- SNAP-Ed Coordinator/Educator

Betsy is collaborating with the foodbank in Malta and offered recipes for recipients of food commodity boxes to aid them with how to use the items they received in Stockport & Chesterhill on April 2 and in Malta on April 9.

She has started a “Spring has Sprung” nutrition series at the Senior Center which takes place every Tuesday at 11am.

She is offering a weekly nutrition series at Allwell Behavioral Health to those who attend a group meeting.

There is a monthly series currently being offered at JFS to help SNAP recipients with food budgeting and shopping.

Betsy has been at Morgan South & Morgan East Elementary for programming with the kindergarten- 2nd grade students at each school.

Betsy is also doing monthly SNAP-Ed programs at the Head Start parent meetings in Malta.

She attended a CHIP meeting with other community partners at the Morgan County Health Department on March 19.

Jordan Penrose- Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator

In March Jordan helped with the Perry County Pesticide Recertification. He also gave his monthly TV interview on WHIZ News, discussing upcoming events, regional ag updates, and gardening. Jordan also attended the pastures for profit planning meeting. He gave a talk on springtime gardening with the Master Gardeners. Jordan also had two Planning the Future of Your Farm Workshops at the office. He attended the Buckeye Hills EERA meeting for planning

with other ANR educators in the area. Jordan also was a part of the interview committee for the Washington County ANR educator position. He also helped Sophia and Alivia with quality assurance at the high school. He also held the April Cattlemen's meeting at the office talking about PRF insurance and breeding season management. He also took the hay samples that he had collected for the hay storage study and tested the samples at a lab at ATI. Jordan has also participated in various meetings, such as the weekly corn call meeting, bi-weekly between the rows meetings, monthly beef team meeting, and monthly forage team meeting, to share updates about crops, forages, livestock, and drought conditions in Morgan County with his coworkers around the state.

Alivia Mock- Extension Educator Coordinator

Alivia has continued to complete onboarding training to learn the needs of the extension agency and community needs. Alivia has aided in updating the Ag and Natural Resources blog and event calendar. Alivia has begun to post weekly Cloverbud Resources to the 4-H blog. Alivia put together five different activity kits for 4-H club advisors to sign out to utilize during their meetings for their Cloverbuds. These kits include crafts, science experiments, teambuilding activities, and educational resources. Alivia will be participating in a Real Money Real World community program at Waterford High School at the end of the month to learn more about the program and be able to facilitate it in Morgan County.

John Wilt, EMA/911

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Mitigation planning is still on hold awaiting information from State EMA.
- Received notice of FY23 EMPG supplemental in amount of \$3697. The period of performance for these additional funds is October 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025.
- LEPC exercise committee to meet Wednesday of this week @1300 hrs. – exercise still set for Thursday, 5/29/2025.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 4/21/2025

- Continuing to working through Guardian issues with some progress. Meeting tomorrow to discuss with engineering team and State personnel.
- Continuing to populate data for Sundance CAD. Dispatchers are using CAD in a practice environment currently. Migration date is up to the Sheriff.
- Sheriff's command staff received training on CAD. I installed CAD on all Sheriff's Office Toughbooks. Robert Dunn to install on desktops.
- Continue working with APCO for Intellicomm implementation, guidecard review, training, etc.
- eDispatches project is finally moving forward with Reinersville Fire on board. Other departments need to advise eDispatches that they accept 9-1-1 holding the master account and transition will be complete. The initial cost for this is \$4600 (including first year) will

drop to around \$3000 per year subsequently. This will give some financial relief to the FDs and will allow 9-1-1 access of an alternate notification route.

- Toured the courthouse for possible radio installation. There is room available. Spoke with Jason Pierce regarding backup power. Can possibly run circuits from SO generator or install small backup generator. Apparently will need to discuss with the Judge if he will permit this. Also will need more info from radio contractor regarding the visual impact of antennae and logistics of installation. I would like to have a fairly complete proposal prior to moving forward with Judge.

Mitigation Planning and Funding

Mitigation planning is on hold due to funding issues. A contractor is willing to prepare a mitigation plan using in-kind contributions. FEMA's approval is necessary for funding, but current funds are redirected to disaster relief.

23 EMPG Supplemental Grant

The 23 EMPG supplemental grant of \$3,697 was received and will be used for current expenses, supplementing the 24 grant. The period of performance started on October 1, 2022.

LAPC Exercise and Candidate Interviews

The LAPC exercise committee is meeting for midterm planning. Discussions about interviewing an overqualified candidate with a master's in business administration who is seeking engagement post-retirement.

Floodplain Property Leasing

Discussion on leasing floodplain properties with deed restrictions. Concerns about structures and mobile campers meeting floodplain requirements.

Dispatcher Payment and Liability

Exploration of paying dispatchers and the associated liabilities. Legal considerations discussed regarding contracting and advising dispatchers.

CAD System and Training

Sheriff's Command staff trained on CAD system. Migration date is uncertain. Deputies to be trained by mid-May.

Medical Director and EMS Protocols

Efforts to secure a medical director for EMS protocols. Most dispatchers are trained for EMD, with some needing CPR certification.

E-dispatches Implementation

E-dispatches system is moving forward with an initial cost of \$4,600, reducing to \$3,000 annually. It provides financial relief to fire departments and an alternate notification route.

Courthouse Radio Installation

Consideration of installing radios in the courthouse to reduce coax costs. Backup power options discussed, including small generators.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

The SR60 waterline extension project will be advertised in the Herald this week. Bids will be opened on May 22, 2025 at the Morgan Meigsville Water District.

Shannon Wells submitted a request to United Way for \$50,000 to support medical transportation costs for those in need.

Shannon Wells attended a Village of McConnelsville council meeting on April 15, 2025. The council agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Morgan County Economic Development office to administer the AMLER grant for the Opera House project for three years at \$75,000.00.

Shannon Wells and Adam Shriver worked with the Morgan County Airport Authority to prepare the runway lighting project to go to bid. The engineer is working with ODOT to get the plans approved before advertising.

Shannon Wells, Adam Shriver addended a virtual CDBG training on April 16, 2025. Morgan County is eligible for \$150,000 in Allocation funding for 2025 and multiple competitive grants such as critical infrastructure and neighborhood revitalization. Pre-applications are due May 30, 2025.

Congressman Balderson's office will be accepting Community Project Funding requests for FY26 until April 25, 2025.

25-215-Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to entering into a contract with Newberry Excavating for \$ 3,450.00 for the Home Sewage Treatment System Program for the reclaim of one septic system. This resolution will be contingent upon funding.

The following addresses will be provided services:

3161 S. St. Rt. 78 Malta, OH 43758 (Reclaim)

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

Amber Wallace, Office on Aging

Discussion about the upcoming Council on Aging meeting scheduled for April 22, 2025. There is uncertainty about whether a specific individual will attend.

Mary Ann's Retirement Party

Mary Ann's retirement party is scheduled for May 2, 2025, at the doctor's health fair. There are multiple events on the same day, including a Rotary event.

Health Fair and Farmer's Market Coupons

The health fair is scheduled for May 2, 2025, at the youth building in Malta. Farmer's market coupons for individuals aged 60 and above, valued at \$50, can be sent in now.

Rotary Hot Dog Fundraiser

The Rotary hot dog fundraiser, usually held in October, is scheduled for May 2, 2025. There is a conflict with the health fair, which will also serve hot dogs.

Health Fair Resources

The health fair will include resources such as stroke awareness, community arts, and library activities for seniors. There is hope for good attendance due to the valuable resources available.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The project to move the County's e-mail to Microsoft is still ongoing. The IT Director is working with Dell to identify the proper domain for a Microsoft login as well as importing the County's new web domain into Microsoft's services.

The IT Director met with Spectrum to discuss issues with the new VOIP phone at Noble County Public Transit. Spectrum advised several troubleshooting steps to take before replacing the phone entirely. Upgrading the Riecker Building to fiber Internet was also discussed. Quotes for fiber Internet were similar to what was provided earlier this year for the Sheriff's office, with \$550 per month for a 100 MB connection with a hardware firewall provided by Spectrum.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-216- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to requesting the following supplemental appropriations for the Public Health Workforce Fund 084 for which we received an additional \$50,000 per the Notice of Award dated 3/31/25, CFDA 93.967.

Salaries	084-2024-5102.00	\$30,000.00
Contracts	084-2024-5306.00	\$
Travel/Training	084-2024-5307.00	\$
Other Expenses	084-2024-5309.00	\$14,615.00
Insurance	084-2024-5365.00	\$
PERS	084-2024-5367.00	\$ 4,200.00
Medicare	084-2024-5368.00	\$ 435.00
Worker's Comp.	084-2024-5369.00	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
		\$50,000.00

Authorization Report—See Attachment A

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

25-217- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve a supplemental appropriation to expense line 001-1501-5329.00 indigent client recoup in the amount of \$5,000.00. This is to allow us to continue paying the state the recoupment cost of indigent cases.

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

25-218- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following supplemental appropriation of \$1,600.00 to expense line 001-0701-5102-00 Salary Apiary Inspector salary.

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

25-219- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer \$169.70 from 200-0200-5301-00 into line001-0602-4002-00 for 1st quarter 2025 Housing Trust Fund Admin Fees.

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

25-220- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to establish the following revenue line to collect 911 Call Center Settlement funds.010-0010-4004-0 Settlement Receipts.

25-221-Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

25-222- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting April 21, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steven Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Ohio Department of Health

Notice of Award

246 North High Street, Columbus Oh, 43215

1. Date Issued: 3/31/2025		2. Program Title:	
3. Revision: Revision 2		PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE	
4. Project: 05810012WF0223		6. Project Director , Agency Name, Agency Address	
5. EIN: 316400078		Jeff Michaels	
7. Budget Period: 7/1/2023 to 11/30/2027		Morgan County General Health District 4275 N. State Rt. 376 NW McConnelsville OH 43756	
8. The OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will pay 100.00% % of all allowable program expenditures not to exceed line 9(c).		9. ODH Award computation for grant: a. Amount of current ODH funding: \$420,000.00 b. Amount of ODH funding this action: \$0.00 c. Total ODH funding (from 10-a): \$420,000.00	
10. Source of Financial Assistance:			
(a).ODH Funding:	Source	Authorization	Grant Funds
	3GN0	CFDA 93.967	\$50,000.00
	3HP0	CFDA 93.391	\$5,000.00
	3GN0	CFDA 93.354	\$5,000.00
	3GN0	CFDA 93.967	\$360,000.00
		Total ODH Funding:	\$420,000.00
(b.) The Ohio Department of Health authorizes Morgan County General Health District to expend the following funding sources at the stated percentage (%) of the total approved budget Funding sources:			
Total Subgrantee Funding Sources			Total Approved Budget \$420,000.00
11. Program Income will be used in accordance with:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Deductive Alternative: Used to reduce the amount budgeted for grant funds and applicant share proportionately. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additive Alternative: Used to further the objectives of the legislation under which the grant was made and increase the total budget. All expenditures of such funds must have prior written approval in the form of a budget revision. <input type="checkbox"/> Matching Alternative: Used to finance part or all of the cost sharing requirement and will reduce the amount of applicant share. Any Program Income generated in excess of 10b (Program Income) must be treated in accordance with the Deductive Alternative.			
12. This Award is subject to the terms and conditions incorporated directly in the following:			
a. The Program legislation cited in the Authorization Section above. b. The Ohio Department of Health " Grants Administration Policy and Procedures". c. The Ohio Department of Health Solicitations and Subrecipient Program Application. d. The notice of award agreement including terms and conditions, if any, noted below in Section 13, Remarks.			
13. Remarks: Other terms and conditions attached.			
GRANT AWARD IS CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. In compliance with ODH Grants Administration Policy, payments are based on actual expenditures and a cost reimbursement basis. Your initial payment will be issued upon submission of an expenditure report. When payment is issued, specific information will be viewable through your GMIS account's Payment link. A Special Conditions link is available for viewing and responding to special conditions within GMIS. The 30-day time period, in which the subrecipient must respond to special conditions will begin when the link is viewable. Subsequent payments will be withheld until satisfactory responses to the special conditions or a plan describing how those special conditions will be satisfied is submitted in GMIS.			
ODH hereby awards to subrecipient named in section 6 above, funds as specified in section 9 above, subject to and in consideration of the subrecipient compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in section 10, 11, 12, and 13 above. This award is subject to the availability of federal or state funds (whichever is applicable). ODH may terminate this grant in writing at any time prior to the end of the budget period as stated in section 7 above. This Award, signed by the Director of the Department of Health, is effective for the Budget Period dates in section 7 above. Acceptance of the grant terms and conditions is acknowledged by the subrecipient upon receipt and expenditure of funds through the grant system.			
Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA _____ DIRECTOR OF HEALTH			

