

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, May 27, 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 Mayle and Commissioner Maxwell attended a State Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Tuesday.

Commissioner Maxwell attended a TANF meeting and a Womens Republican Dinner Thursday.

25-259- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of May 19, 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 June/July. 5-6-25

Removed all Christmas Decorations from the Grove Park. 5-19-25

Cleaned and mowed Grove Park and Commons,

Called Modern Glass to check inside rear entry door, and entry door going into Workforce. The entrance door for Workforce slams very hard and can't be adjusted, all the oil has leaked out and the seals are bad. *Modern Glass Ordered new closer unit for Workforce and replacement Handi-cap button for main rear entrance door.* 5-19-25

Still awaiting Apperson's to replace sewer drain pipe in the basement women's public restroom. Waiting for 10' cast iron pipe to come in. 5-16-25

Door Repairs and Parts Ordering

Discussed ongoing issues with doors, including replacing closures and considering whether to purchase a rebuild kit or a new closure, noting that the cost was about the same. He mentioned that Modern Glass supplied new doors and ordered closures for the workforce. There was discussion about rebuilding all the doors, specifically the rear door going out and the outside one, and about the functioning of the inside and outside buttons, including the no-touch door button. Mr. Eltringham stated that they received about four times the number of buttons ordered but were only charged for the original quantity, so the extras were considered free. Plans were made to bring a couple of these no-touch buttons to test if they could be made to work correctly, as the inside button currently works the outside. There was also mention of possibly installing a push button type on another door and a reference to a picture from the opera house or courthouse showing a unique installation involving a piece of slate and a clock tower, with concerns about accessibility for maintenance.

Push Mower Condition and Replacement

Mr. Eltringham described the poor condition of a nine-year-old push mower, stating that the body was literally falling off. He speculated that the engine might be blown, as it had only been used about three times, or that it might have been mishandled, such as being turned upside down with gas in it. There was discussion about checking if the engine from another mower could fit this one. He also mentioned having a similar mower without a home, possibly with a Honda engine, which he considered superior. Comparisons were made between brands, noting that the Honda engine was more reliable and less expensive than others.

Budget and Spending Limits

Mr. Eltringham referenced a daily spending limit. He indicated that there was no money left to spend, as the account had been depleted. This constraint affects the ability to purchase new equipment or parts.

Randy Williams, Auditor

Credit Card Program and Financial Management

Auditor Williams discussed ongoing issues with the credit card program, including repeated increases in credit card limits across all departments without formal requests, and concerns about

misuse of credit cards for expenses that should be invoiced in the traditional way. There was mention of only \$90 or \$98 left on a credit card limit, and that the credit card program was set up about six months ago. He expressed reluctance to approve further increases, not due to personal disputes but because of concerns about financial mismanagement and improper handling of departmental finances. It was noted that most credit card transactions flow through the auditor's office, and that the program's oversight remains a concern.

Auditor's Office and Reporting Challenges

Auditor Williams explained difficulties in providing requested information due to the complexity of their systems and the lack of a simple report function. The process for extracting data is not straightforward, and the office has reached out to their software provider (SSI) to explore ways to generate the required reports. He also emphasized that delays in providing information are not intentional, but rather due to system limitations and the complexity of the requests. The office remains committed to cooperating with records requests as much as possible.

Budget Commission and Communication with Townships/Villages

Auditor Williams clarified that communications sent to townships and villages regarding the Budget Commission's decisions were straightforward and factual, with no intent to incite negative actions or "incite a riot." The communications included copies of meeting minutes and spreadsheets showing this year's and next year's expenses for each township or village. There was mention of a grand total of about \$8,600 added to budgets next year, and that the changes are not significant enough to greatly impact any individual township or village. He addressed misunderstandings and reassured that the information provided was accurate and not manipulated.

State Audit and Health Department Pressure

It was mentioned that the health department is under pressure due to an ongoing state audit, which may be causing stress for certain individuals. The audit is being conducted by the state, and the health department is experiencing increased scrutiny and pressure as a result. It was indicated that this may be contributing to recent tensions and will keep others informed about developments.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Team Disagreement and Communication Issues

At a recent PRC meeting last week, two individuals were still very disappointed and not on board with the proposed approach, while the rest of the group understood and supported the reasoning. When asked for alternative ideas, the two individuals did not offer any suggestions except to proceed as originally planned to arrange this week.

Potential for Repeat Applications and Hearings

Mrs. Burns anticipates that the two dissatisfied individuals may not attend next week, but may instead reapply, get denied, and file another state hearing, as they did last year. It was expressed confidence that the team would prevail again if this occurs, but believes the individuals may pursue this course of action to make a point.

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

Strays: One

Surrendered; 0

Adoptions:

Transfer of ownership: Three dogs were transferred to S.P.O.T.

Donations:

Jean: 12 cans of dog food, tide laundry soap and \$50.00

Virginia: \$100.00 Donations

Kathy: \$50 pound bag of dog food

Evelyn: Three boxes of treats

Chaz 7 Katelyn: \$20.00 and treats for the dogs in addition they donated four collars and more treats.

Donor who wishes to remain anonymous donated a scale so that we can weigh the dogs and 20 cases of moist and meaty dog food. They also donated fur boxes of milk bone treats.

Volunteers: Andi, Tim and Chaz, Katelyn and Cindy. They spent their day helping and cleaning, feeding, water and playing with the dogs. We could not do what we do without our volunteers.

This week we have been communicating with the Perry County Paws, and Perry County Volunteer's and Friends of the Shelter Dogs in Athens. They have been reaching out trying to find a rescue to take the two moms and seven puppies that were from Burr Oak.

I can't even express my deepest gratitude to Lori, Marshika, Tina and Nannette for all your help. In addition, I have been in contact with Malone from One of a Kind Pet. They are willing to take the remaining puppies and the two moms

Puppies and Mama Transfers

Arranged for the transfer of 7 puppies and 2 mothers to Malone from One of a Kind Pet Rescue. All necessary paperwork has been printed and will be signed at the time of transfer to maintain a clear paper trail. This ensures proof of where the puppies and mothers are going, in case anyone inquires about their whereabouts. The transfer is scheduled for today, and the speaker emphasized that no fee is being charged for the transfer. Additionally, Ms. Gridley plans to visit the New Lex facility on their own time (not on Thursday as previously considered) to observe their operations and ensure that their own family and procedures are in order. The visit is intended to help improve compliance and best practices.

Ohio Pet Fund Grant Application

She also discussed applying for the Ohio Pet Fund grant, which offers \$2,500 specifically for spay and neuter expenses. Kelly has identified this grant and will assist the speaker on Thursday in filling out the application, providing guidance on the process.

Donations and Equipment Updates

Several donations were acknowledged, including a scale donated by April from the animal shelter and 20 boxes of moisture-related supplies. Ms. Gridley expressed appreciation for these significant contributions, which support ongoing operations. Additional donations have also been received, and the speaker noted the importance of these resources.

Belfery Clinic Pricing Inquiry

At Rick's request, Ms. Gridley contacted the Belpre clinic, which has recently opened a satellite location in Beverly, to inquire about pricing for services. The clinic quoted prices ranging from \$300 to \$400, depending on the weight of the patient. She has sent all relevant information to the appropriate parties for further review and consideration.

Kennel Cytosis and Dog Anxiety Consultation

She also reported on a dog named Titan who has kennel cytolysis and exhibits high anxiety, including behaviors such as licking the pen, jumping, and nipping. Despite being taken for 20-minute walks three times a day, the dog's anxious behaviors persist. Ms. Gridley reached out to a specialist who focuses on dogs with high anxiety and stress. The specialist requested video footage of the dog's behavior for evaluation and will provide advice on how to help the dog improve, with the goal of making him more adoptable. It was mentioned that they would adopt Titan themselves but already have three dogs at home.

Facility and Equipment Maintenance

Mrs. Gridley discussed the condition of certain items, such as chewed-up trash cans, and sought guidance on proper disposal to avoid any issues. They also mentioned consulting with staff and maintaining communication with individuals involved in facility management and donations.

John Telesz; Patrick Kidd; Steve Hook, Engineer's Office

Issue Two Funding Distribution and Scoring System

Explanation of the Issue Two funding process, including the scoring system. The available funding is approximately \$8 million for the area, to be distributed among 10 counties. The program is highly competitive, with requests typically three times the available funds. The scoring system is crucial, and understanding how to maximize points is essential for successful applications.

Project Types and Funding Percentages

Clarification on typical project types, such as paving and water board projects. The standard funding split is 74% grant and 26% local match, though applicants can offer a higher local share to gain more points. Lowering the local match below 26% reduces the score and chances of

funding. Projects can receive up to \$404,000 in grant funding and an additional \$400,000 in loan money at zero percent interest per project.

Project Application and Selection Process

Outline of the project submission process: applicants submit project packages, which are reviewed and scored. Typically, 18 to 20 projects are funded annually, while 50 to 60 applications are received, most in the \$350,000–\$400,000 range. For entities with populations under 5,000, there is a "small government" program, but applicants must first go through the standard process before qualifying for small government funds. The district has been successful in securing up to five small government projects.

Scoring System Adjustments and Multi-Jurisdictional Projects

Consideration is being given to adjusting the scoring system to prioritize multi-jurisdictional projects, such as collaborations between counties, townships, and villages. This aims to encourage more township participation and to give such projects greater weight or funding. Combining projects and increasing local contributions can improve scoring. The committee is also discussing ways to ensure that townships and smaller entities have better access to funding.

Project Qualification Criteria

Eligible projects must involve at least a street, with arterials and higher-traffic roads receiving more points. Villages often face challenges due to lower traffic volumes, making it harder for their projects to score highly. The scoring system considers factors such as road usage and traffic counts.

Project Scoring Practices and County Representation

The scoring process does not use a strict matrix; instead, all project combinations are evaluated to determine the most competitive submissions. Strategic project combinations can improve chances of funding. However, some counties may miss out if projects are not combined effectively; last year, two counties did not receive funding, though this was due to their own project strategies.

Floodplain Regulation Changes

There was a request for discussion and feedback on proposed changes to floodplain regulations. The committee needs to decide which changes to adopt, and two public meetings are planned in the coming weeks to gather input and finalize decisions.

Inspection Scheduling and Reporting

Inspections are scheduled for early to mid-June, with immediate delivery of pictures and a full report to follow within a couple of weeks. The inspections are related to ongoing projects and compliance.

Contractor Performance and Safety Concerns

There was discussion of ongoing contractor issues, including complaints about equipment left on roads, safety lapses, and contractors with varying levels of responsiveness. Spectrum was noted as more responsive, while Jumpstart was cited for poor accountability. Communication with contractors and escalation to the sheriff have been used to address issues. Safety concerns include equipment blocking roads and inadequate safety practices, with some contractors not responding promptly to complaints.

Poison Hemlock Control

Update on poison hemlock control efforts: two staff members have recently obtained commercial licenses, allowing the team to begin spraying. The timing of spraying is dependent on weather conditions, and the team plans to start soon. The spread of poison hemlock has been observed, and mowing equipment is contributing to its distribution.

Ditch and Dirt Work Delays

Reports of delays in ditch cleaning and dirt work due to weather, rain, and contractor backlog. Full ditches from recent rains have caused additional complications. There is concern about the pace of grading and the need for improved scheduling and monitoring to prevent further delays and backlog.

25-260--Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to appoint Engineer Telesz as official committee member and Patrick Kidd as the alternate committee member for District 8 Integrating Committee.

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

John Wilt, EMA/911 Director

Applicant Follow-up and Staffing

Mr. Wilt and the commissioners discussed the lack of follow-up from a job applicant, expressing concern that the applicant has not yet reached out or scheduled an interview, despite

understanding he may have other commitments. They considered approaching the individual directly to clarify his interest and availability, noting that if he is serious about the job, he should be able to make time for an interview, even if it requires several hours of travel. They also mention searching out other applicants. The challenges of filling a part-time position are discussed, including the lack of benefits and pension for part-time roles, and the difficulty in attracting candidates willing to work flexible hours.

Radio System Upgrade and Procurement

Mr. Wilt details the process of obtaining quotes for a new radio system, noting a quote of \$20,000 and the need to consider reducing the system from four stations to two, as only two are needed for the foreseeable future. The cost of ten radios is estimated at \$30,000, and even with reductions, the total cost may not fall below \$75,000. There is discussion about putting the project out to bid, with concerns that bids from multiple dealers may come in higher.

CAD and RMS Training for Sheriff's Deputies

Mr. Wilt reports that sheriff's deputies are undergoing CAD and RMS training, with sessions scheduled for today and tomorrow. Deputies have embraced the new systems and are actively using them in their cruisers, resulting in more frequent use of Signal 7s and 11s. The system allows deputies to access photos when running driver's licenses, improving identification and safety during domestic and traffic incidents. There is positive feedback on increased backup support among deputies, and the new system is seen as an improvement over previous years.

Hazmat Exercise Scheduling

Mr. Wilt and the commissioners confirm a hazmat exercise is scheduled for Thursday, with training set for 5:00 PM. John has requested specific staff participation, and there is mention of encouraging staff to participate in 911-related training.

Tracy Simons, Convention & Visitor's Bureau

Minute Notes & Director's Report from Board meeting set on May 19, 2025. See attachment A.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

A bid opening for SR60 water has been rescheduled for June 5, 2025 at 11:00am at the Morgan Meigsville water district office.

An asbestos survey is required to begin the demo process for two buildings in the Village of Stockport. Quotes were received from the following companies for each address. A signature to accept the proposal is requested.

3310 Water St. Stockport

Envirohab—No quote received

Hina-\$500.00

Lepi Enterprises-\$850.00

3300 Water St. Stockport

Envirohab—No quote received

Hina\$800.00

Lepi Enterprises-\$850.00

The welcome sign on SR60 North was installed last week by Xpressive Graphics.

Citizen Participation meetings are scheduled May 27 at 6:00pm in the Village of Malta and May 28 at 7:00pm in the Village Stockport for proposed neighborhood revitalization projects.

Shannon Wells attended the meeting for Ohio Public Works Commission funding that this was led by Buckeye Hills on May 20, 2025.

Shannon Wells met with Gabe Hayes, Mannik Smith to look at ADA entrance options for the courthouse on May 20, 2025.

Shannon Wells attended a meeting of Heritage Ohio stakeholders on May 20, 2025.

Pre-applications are due this week for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Village of McConnelsville—Residential Public Infrastructure (sewer project)

Village of Chesterhill—Critical Infrastructure (water project)

Village of Stockport—Neighborhood Revitalization

Village of Malta—Neighborhood Revitalization

Amber Wilson, Senior Centers Director

Bingo and Meal Event

Discussion about an event scheduled for tomorrow, with bingo at 11 and a meal served at noon.

The speaker encouraged participation, noting that it's the last Wednesday for the event and expressing appreciation for everyone's help. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Van Insurance and Salvage Title Concerns

Conversation regarding the van, including details about an email sent on May 15 regarding its status and salvage options. Ms. Wilson discussed uncertainty about county rules on salvage titles for their only handicapped-accessible vehicle, questioning whether the county can have salvage titles and referencing hearing about four such cases, with a total of five vehicles possibly involved. There was mention of a vehicle believed to be a '17' model and discussion about whether \$9,000 is the threshold for totaling a vehicle, especially for pricier vehicles. She noted that the insurance company is currently handling the situation and that there is ongoing debate about whether to total four of the vehicles. The process includes having received an estimate, but the speaker clarified that receiving an estimate does not require immediately turning in a claim; there is an option to proceed or wait. It was also referenced their own vehicle, a '13', and expressed indifference to minor dents as long as the vehicle remains functional. There was uncertainty about whether to keep the vehicles until the claim is turned in and a need for clarification on the next steps.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

A network tap device was installed on the Riecker Building's Internet connection. The device will collect information about the connections to and from the Internet for analysis by a CORSA contractor. Participation in this program is mandated by CORSA, the County's liability insurance provider.

Work continues at the Courthouse on the new, combined firewall. The new hardware device was working in the IT Director's office, but failed to connect to the Internet when installed at the Courthouse. There is likely a hardware security control in place on the Spectrum fiber Internet equipment at the Courthouse that is blocking the installation of a new device. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

Advanced Business Communications (ABC) came to the Courthouse to setup an analog phone line for the Prosecutor's office. Unfortunately, the installation could not be finished as all the analog ports on the phone switch were in use. A new analog

card will need to be installed. ABC provided a quote for a new card and the Commissioners approved the purchase and installation.

25-261-Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to accept estimate #190 from Fox Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$8,250.00.

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

25-262- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to accept the estimate for ABC Analog for the Sheriff’s Office in the amount of \$1,340.55.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-263-Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following Expense line rename for Dog and Kennel. We are requesting to change 005-0005-5310-00 Payments to SPOT to be Spay and Neuter. This is because we are now paying multiple agencies for the spaying and neutering of dogs and would like to reflect that better with the name.

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

25-264- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to supplementally appropriate \$21,000.00 into expense line 001-0601-5312-00 Debt Payments—Radios. This is the total of 2024 and 2025 appropriations that will be later paid to Sheriff Rotary account for the future radio expenses. Attached you will find a letter from Sheriff James Fisher explaining the situation in more detail. See Attachment B

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

25-265- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the establishment of the following Expense and Revenue lines within the Sheriff Rotary fund for the use of Radio Replacement Funds.

092-0092-5307.00 Radio Equipment Funding

092-0092-4005.00 Radio Equipment Funding

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

25-266- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the following Budget Transfer for Dog and Kennel.

Transfer \$2,000.00 from 005-0005-5321.00 Capital Improvements to 005-0005-5310.00 Spay/Neuter0 Expenses.

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

25-267- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to establish a new revenue line item 099-0099-4012.00 ARPA Local Share.

In addition, establish a new line item 099-0099-5312.00 ARPA Local Share.

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

25-268- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to transfer \$8,000.00 from the 099-0099-5102.01 Other Salary Line Item into 099-0099-5306.00 Contract Administration Line Item. Please add to purchase order 2025-00002.

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

25-269-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

25-270- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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:

**Morgan County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Minute Notes
May 19, 2025**

Present: Clint Foreman, Shannon Wells, Tyrell Curtis, Steve Best, Brianna Mayle
Staff: Tracy Simons
Absent:

Meeting called to order by Clint Foreman at 4:30 PM

Approval of the March 3, 2025, minutes: Motion to approve by Steve Best, motion second by Clint Foreman. All in favor, minutes approved.

Financial report:

Public account balance: \$140,839.02
Private account balance: \$2,130.63
Total balance: \$142,969.65
March total balance: \$134,375.25
4th Q 2024 lodging tax: \$15,893.14

Director's Report: Attached

Marketing Budget Update:

Facebook insights have improved. Handout given with results to the board.

There have been 3 inaccurate posts on the Facebook page for tourism. Social media company iTrack has immediately fixed posts when made aware. Tracy will be reaching out to them regarding errors and checking the planner in Meta Business Suite when posts are scheduled ahead of time.

New Business

The CVB is responsible to bond the Director and Treasurer. We received quotes from Mathew's Insurance in the amount of \$274/yr for \$200,000 and \$301/yr for \$250,000 worth of coverage. We are unable to be bonded through the county. We will need to designate Shannon Wells, Treasurer and Tracy Simons, Director as agents entrusted to handle funds.

Lodging letters were sent out to short-term rental owners regarding the 3% lodging tax. We will be adding a short-term rental page/tab to our website.

Lodging meeting is set for Tuesday, June 19th at 6PM in the Riecker Building Community Room. The amended Code of Regulations will be sent out with the invitations.

The board is open to a one-time contribution of their portion of the Village of McConnelsville Lodging Tax to the Heritage Ohio program. The amount is to be determined after the village tax is in effect.

The board voted to have Kelly Ewart clean the visitor center 1 time/month and extra as needed at a rate of \$60 each cleaning. Motion by Tyrell Curtis, seconded by Steve Best, all in favor.

Tyrell is working on a Things to do in Morgan County Basket for visitors at Burr Oak Lodge. Letters to local businesses were sent out letting them know they can contribute literature, coupons, etc. for their businesses.

Action Items

The board designated Shannon Wells, Treasurer and Tracy Simons, Director as agents entrusted to handle funds. Motion Steve Best, seconded Tyrell Curtis, all in favor.

Next meeting TBD

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn by Tyrell Curtis, seconded by Shannon Wells. Meeting Adjourned 5:45 PM

DIRECTOR'S REPORT MAY 19, 2025

Ohio's Winding Road Celebration

The anniversary of OWR that was held at the visitor center was a success. We had 36 attendees. As a result of the positive feedback for the community artwork, we will be having another community art gallery during Heritage Day. After Heritage Day the art will be hung in the lobby area of the Riecker Building for the community to enjoy until January 2026. Artwork will be framed in black frames, matted, and have the artist's names and artwork title.

Events Calendar

Our new events calendar is doing well, and people are submitting their events. The naturalist is no longer at Burr Oak. Burr Oak is now adding events.

America 250

We met with the group for America 2510 for next year's events. There were some great ideas. Events will be once a month for the entire year. We will be meeting again to further discuss.

Heritage Ohio

We had our DART visit for Heritage Ohio. We now have a better understanding on the program. We're still in the process of organizing. Heritage Ohio will be meeting with the stakeholders for a 3-hour meeting in June. Prior to that, the stakeholders will be meeting to set up committees and board members.

ORCA

Still working on regional branding. The name has been an issue with many members.

Visitor Center

We had 91 visitors in March. This includes the 36 attendees for the OWR anniversary.

We had 50 visitors in April. Our March & April total is 141.

January & February combined total was 65.

Attachment B:

Morgan County Sheriff's Office

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Request to Transfer Budgeted Radio Equipment Funds to Sheriff's Office Rotary Account

Hi Jessica,

I hope you're doing well.

I wanted to follow up regarding the radio equipment funding for the Sheriff's Office. As you're aware, we completed all payments for the radio equipment in 2023. It was agreed upon between the Sheriff's Office and the County Commissioners that beginning in 2024, the previously budgeted amount of \$10,500 per year would continue to be allocated—but instead redirected into a radio equipment fund for future upgrades.

As of May 15, 2025, it appears that the \$10,500 budgeted for both 2024 and 2025 has not yet been transferred and remains in the general fund. After speaking with Commissioner Cecil Mayle, it was confirmed that the annual \$10,500 allotment should continue and be placed into a radio equipment fund within our Sheriff's Office rotary account.

If it would be possible to transfer the combined total of \$21,000 (for 2024 and 2025) into our (Radio Equipment) Rotary Account, I will ensure it is allocated appropriately for future radio equipment needs.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you need anything further from me to move this forward.

Best regards,

Sheriff, James R. Fisher

