

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, September 2, 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 on Tuesday.

Wednesday, Commissioner Mayle attended a jail meeting.

Commissioner Best attended a One Ohio via zoom on Thursday.

25-438- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of August 25, 2025.

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

Carpet replacement has started in the Development Office. 8-28-25

All mowing was completed on 8-27-25

Courthouse Clock has stopped working, Jason Pierce has found a Clock controller to replace the old clock motor that burnt up. The controller has been ordered 8-13-25

Ables Heating Cooling has ordered a new drip pan for the first floor West side air handler at the Courthouse. 8-12-25

Power Distribution Disconnect for the Sheriff's Office is located in the Courthouse Basement and should be moved to the basement at the Sheriff's office. Will need Jason Pierce to look at possibly installing a Power disconnect panel in the Sheriffs Building for Safety reasons before construction starts on the back of the Sheriffs Building. 8-26-25

Chevrolet Truck has a broken brake line for the rear brakes, it will need to be taken somewhere to be replaced. 8-27-25 The Maintenance Team will be using the old minivan until the truck is repaired.

Security Issues

Mr. Eltringham noted several security issues, in the building where three of the doors were not locked after community room rentals.

Maintenance and Construction

Painters are still working on Economic Development Office, the top part has been painted, and they are getting ready to do the bottom part, which includes installing baseboard;

The commissioners made a trip to the yard waste site to determine how to move forward.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

AEP announced the Morgan County Commissioners were funded for the 2025 LEAP grant. The request was submitted for \$40,000 to perform a countywide housing study in partnership with the Morgan County Improvement Corporation.

The contract books for the SR60 waterline project are ready for commissioner signatures. A preconstruction meeting will be scheduled next.

A bid advertisement is available at morganohio.com for the parking lot improvement project at the transit office at 900 S. Riverside Dr. McConnelsville. Bids will be received until September 29, 2025 at 10am and the project is estimated at \$385,000. This project is being funded by a grant received from ODOT and local transit reserve funds.

A bid advertisement is available at morganohio.com for a demolition project located on Water Street Stockport, Ohio. Bids will be received until 10am on September 8, 2025. This project is being funded by a demolition grant received from Ohio Department of Development.

A meeting will be held September 3, 2025 at 9am of the Morgan County Land Reutilization Corporation.

25-439- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve entering into a contract with Singree Construction for \$9,700 for the repair of one septic system. The address of the repair is 5501 SR60 Lot 4 McConnelsville, Ohio. One contractor responded with an estimate for the project.

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

Steve Redrup, EMA Director

25-440- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve supporting the Morgan County EMA's application for a Partners in Watershed Conservancy District. See Attachment A

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

An interview took place for the dog pound keeper assistant position.

25-441- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to hire Shawtaila Hamby.

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

Sunny Clay, Pound Keeper

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

No Report

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-442- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to request to rename the following:
010-0010-5301.00 911 Fund to 010-0010-5301.00 Local Fund Other Expenses

The remaining will make the intention of this expense line clearer for myself and the Auditor's Office Jess Junn and I have discussed this and is mutually agreed upon the request.

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

25-443- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$3,320.33 in account 415-0415-5304.00 equipment.

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

25-444- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer \$3,320.33 from 046-0046-5301.00 (Probation Fee) to 415-0415-4001.00 (Equipment).

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

25-445- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve 911 to request the following supplemental appropriation of \$ 10,000.00 for the purpose of ongoing expenses.

Amount:	To:
\$10,000.00	010-0010-5301.00 911 Fund (911 Local Fund Other Expenses)

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

25-446- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

25-447- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioner’s meeting on September 2, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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

25-448- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reconvene the commissioners meeting for a Land Bank meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 9:00am.

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

25-449- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 2025 at 10:30am.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steven Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

See Attachment A:



***Morgan County
Commissioners***

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Cecil Mayle
Heidi Maxwell
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Res# 25-440

Resolution Supporting the Morgan County EMA's Application for a Partners in Watershed Management Grant from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is committed to enhancing the county's capabilities in emergency preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District administers the Partners in Watershed Management Grant Program to support projects that promote flood mitigation, water quality improvement, and watershed conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County EMA seeks to apply for Partners in Watershed Management grant funding to acquire an unmanned aerial system (UAS), commonly referred to as a drone, to enhance situational awareness, damage assessment, and emergency response capabilities before and during flood events; and

WHEREAS, the proposed drone acquisition aligns with the goals of the Partners in Watershed Management Grant Program by improving the county's ability to monitor watershed conditions, assess flood-prone areas, and support mitigation planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of leveraging technology to protect life, property, and the environment within the Muskingum River watershed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Morgan County EMA's application to the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District for Partners in Watershed Management grant funding for the acquisition of a drone to be used in planning, mitigation, and emergency response operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the EMA Director to take all necessary steps to complete and submit the grant application and to administer the grant if awarded.

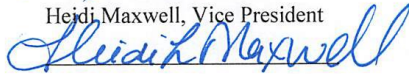
Adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

Sincerely,

Cecil Mayle, President



Heidi Maxwell, Vice President



Steven C. Best, Member
