

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 15, 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 plant visit at EZ Grout Thursday.

25-459- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The commissioner discussed with Mr. Babcock the idea of placing a timeclock at the dog pound. Mr. Babcock noted he would look into it.

Alan Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

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

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

Chevrolet Truck has a broken brake line for the rear brakes, it will need to be taken somewhere to be replaced. 9-8-25 The Maintenance Team will be using the old mini van until the truck is repaired.

Bought Paint for the exterior doors, but couldn't paint them because of the rain and humidity, will be scheduled to paint the week of 9-15-25

John Telesz Engineer; Patrick Kidd, Deputy Engineer

Budget reallocation and legal documentation

Discussion about reallocating funds, which the engineer confirmed their office has for special projects. The commissioners discussed having proper legal paperwork before moving money, and the engineer agreed to provide the necessary documentation.

Purchase of surveying equipment (GPS) for county projects

Plan to purchase GPS surveying equipment to support various county projects, including surveying for the sheriff's facility extension.

Sophia Wiseman, OSU Extension

September 2025 OSU Extension Monthly report for Morgan Co. Commissioners

Sophia Whisman- 4-H Extension Educator

At the end of August Sophia attended the last Senior Fair Board meeting before the Morgan County Fair. On August 21st Sophia held makeup Livestock Skillathon for youth who could not attend Skillathon earlier in the month. 7 youth registered for this option and all exhibitors completed this requirement. August 25th Sophia held an Older Youth in Training and Junior Leader meeting where all OYIT gave their speeches to complete the program. September 1st Sophia attended the weigh in to prepare for the Morgan County Fair. September 2nd-5th Sophia served as the Junior Fair Coordinator for the Senior Fair Board to help manage the Livestock shows for the week. September 6th Sophia attended the Livestock Sale to assist the Sale Committee and Senior Fair Board. September 11th Sophia attended the Junior Fair Wrap-up meeting with the Junior Fair Board, some Senior Fair Board, Sale Committee and Horse committee to discuss the positives and negatives of the fair and discuss any changes to be made.

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

4-H Activities for Pam Montgomery included working in the Junior Fair Building to assign booth to 4-H clubs and set-up the Cloverbud booth to highlight their activities in 2025. She assisted with Junior Fair activities during the Morgan County Fair and took leadership of the Junior Fair Horse Show.

Pam participated in the monthly Morgan County Family and Children First meeting, provided leadership to the quarterly Alternative funding group for OSU Extension, and attended the 4-H Healthy Living Design Team meeting.

Family and Consumer Sciences activities included a Successful Co-Parenting program and the start of Active Parenting 4-week series.

As an Area Leader she attends staff meetings, Extension Advisory Committee meetings, and holds one-on-one meetings with staff member in all four counties Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington. In the past couple months, she had been working on hiring an Office Service Coordinator in Perry County, and an Extension Educators Coordinator for Morgan County.

Betsy Ellingsworth- SNAP-Ed Coordinator/Educator

Betsy is collaborating with the Morgan County United Ministries (MCUM) foodbank in Malta and offered recipes for recipients of food commodity boxes to aid them with how to use the items they received on September 3 in Stockport & Chesterhill. She also has partnered with the Farm to Family mobile food pantry to provide nutritional information weekly as participants receive their food.

She concluded the Senior Summer Seafood Adventures nutrition series at the Senior Center which took place in July & August on Tuesdays at 11am.

She has been at the Morgan County Farmer's Market monthly to distribute recipes and nutritional resources to those who attend.

Betsy also concluded the adult summer salads/walking series at the library which was held every Thursday in August from 3-4.

She went to each elementary school to distribute Celebrate your Plate materials for classroom teachers to use and distribute.

As the SNAP-Ed program is coming to an end, Betsy distributed remaining Ohio SNAP-Ed promotional items at the Morgan County Fair.

Jordan Penrose- Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator

In August, Jordan had his monthly TV interview on WHIZ News and discussed upcoming events and spotted knapweed. He also wrote an article for the Ohio Farmer about smooth bedstraw. Jordan attended the Ag Crops team meeting and the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District meeting. In September, Jordan was at the Fair all week, assisting Sophia and Pam. He also attended an AG Law in-service. Jordan has also continued work on his Mechanical Control of Johnsongrass

research project and is now taking measurements once a month and mowing twice a month. He has continued insect trapping in corn fields on five different farms that have partnered with him to monitor corn earworm and western bean cutworm. Jordan has also continued to participate 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

In the month of August Alivia spoke with the M&M Rotary group about the FCS services that Extension offers in the community. Alivia attended the office staff meeting and One on Ones supervision with Pam Montgomery. Alivia attended multiple famers markets and assisted with Skillathon. Alivia assisted with preparing for the Morgan County Fair. Alivia then assisted with the duties at the fair in September.

Steve Redrup, EMA Director

Weather station is active and its web address is listed on the EMA Facebook page

Assisted county residents with a phone line issue effecting their ability to call for emergency services

Attended training conference at the Ohio Fire Academy

Worked on maintenance of trailers and equipment

The EMA roof was worked on

Working with the health department on removing their equipment from the EMA offices.

Provided shelving and hand sanitizer dispensers to the dog pound

Working with Morgan Manor to provide face masks for residents

Jeff Michaels; Elaine Flesher, Health Department

Car Seat Safety Program

There is a free car seat program available to the community, addressing the need for proper child restraint. A significant challenge is the current inability to distribute or properly size and install car seats due to a lack of certified staff. Mr. Michaels outlined a plan to address this by getting

two staff members certified for car seat installation and distribution, as they cannot currently pass them out.

Other Public Health Concerns and Services

Mr. Michaels also highlighted various other public health concerns related to car seat safety. Different ways to address these issues would be by making sure your child has regular doctor visits, and keeping up with vaccines, which can be controversial for some.

Environmental Health and Compliance

The department actively monitors food establishments, adhering to the Ohio revised code. This includes both retail food establishments, such as Save-A-Lot, for which they report to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and food service operations, like McDonald's, for which they report to the Ohio Department of Health. Furthermore, they manage the sewage treatment program, ensuring compliance with National Pollution Elimination Discharge Systems (NPDES). These systems, equipped with ultraviolet lights and aeration, are crucial for treating direct discharges into watersheds, bringing micro counts to a safe level to protect aquatic life.

The commissioners attended a Solid Waste District meeting in Caldwell, Ohio in the afternoon.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

25-460--Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to untable bids for the demolition project on Water Street in Stockport.

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

25-461- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to recommend the following: DLZ has reviewed the bids and is recommending the commissioners award the project to McVoyt Construction for \$26,000.

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

25-462- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve Wilkins Excavating for \$10,600 for one septic system repair at 1811 SR555 (Swank). There was four quotes received for the project and Wilkins was the low quote. See Attachment A

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

Subgrant Agreements

- BBBS – Lunch Buddies (School/Community Based Mentoring)
- BBBS – Beyond School Walls (Mentoring program with High School Juniors)

MOU meeting reminder Tuesday, 9/16 at Noon

Travel Request

- Joe Frazier to Marietta for OMJ Operator’s Meeting
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Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director

Funding status and uncertainties

It was reported that funding from JFS will not be received this year or for 2026. The status of Title 3 funding remains unknown until after October. **Medicare Open Enrollment assistance preparation**

It was also stated they are preparing for Medicare Open Enrollment assistance in October and will let the process run a little while longer to ensure it gains traction.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

Morgan County has an opportunity to receive free endpoint security software for all servers and workstations through its Amazon Prime membership. The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) has paid for Amazon Prime memberships for all counties in Ohio for the past two year. This year, free endpoint security software will be provided with that membership. The IT Director will research the efficiency of this software and find out if it meets the State’s requirements for endpoint security software.

Video cameras at the Dog Pound were reset following a power issue. It is unclear what happened, but all the cameras needed to be reinstalled on the recording unit. Remote access is still not working properly, troubleshooting is ongoing.

Work continues with the new CourtView servers for County Court and Common Pleas Court. This past week, Equivant informed the County that we would need to purchase SQL Server 2022 software for each server, a total expense of over \$14,000. Currently, the County uses SQL Express on the database servers; which is free, but is limited with what it can handle. With the implementation of eServices in CourtView, the full version of SQL Server will be needed moving forward. The software was ordered from Dell.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-463- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve a supplemental appropriation equaling \$1,035,000.00 to be dispersed between the following expense accounts as follows:

K11A Highway Laborers—004-0004-5102.01 to add \$37,500.00

K3 office supplies—004-0004-5303.00 to add \$3,000.00

K4 Small Office Equipment—004-0004-5304.01 to add \$3,000.00

K13 Large Equipment/Tires—004-0004-5304.01 to add \$85,000.00

K6 Travel/Conference Expense—004-0004-5307.00 to add \$10,000.00

K7 Advertising—004-0004-5308.00 to add \$1,500.00

K24 Utilities 004-0004-5309.00 to add \$5,000.00

K37 Misc. 004-0004-5309.02 to add \$200,000.00

K128 Repairs 004-0004-5330.02 to add \$150,000.00

K118 Group Employee Insurance 004-0004-5365.00 to add \$10,000.00

K21 pers County 004-0004-5367.00 to add \$20,000.00

PERS 004-0004-5367.00 to add \$7,500.00

Medicare 004-0004-5368.01 to add \$1,000.00

K22 Workman's Comp 004-0004-5369.00 to add \$35,000.00

K16 Special Projects 004-0004-5316.00 to add \$466,500.00

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

25-464- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$393.36 from the line item 001-0301-4003.00 (receipts/reimbursements) to line item 001-0301-5303.00 (supplies which is reimbursement for monies spent for NCOA mailing 2025 for Morgan County Board of Elections.

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

25-465- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to request transfers between expense line items in the #090 Bureau of Support account Please approve the following transfer:

From	To	Amount
090-0090-5309.00 Child Support	090-0090-5102.00 Salaries	\$5,000.00
090-0090-5345.00 Purch of Services	090-0090-5102.00 Salaries	\$3,800.00
090-0090-5345.00 Purch of Services	090-0090-5368.00 Medicare	\$1,200.00

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

25-466- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer for fund 085 Revolving Loan Fund:

Please transfer \$2,000.00 from the Septic Loan Disbursement 085-0085-5370-00 into the Septic Client Percentage 085-0085-5371-00.

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

25-467- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioner’s meeting on September 15, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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

25-468- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reconvene the commissioners meeting with Allan Miller (property owner), Adam Shriver & John Wilt on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 9:30am.

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

25-469- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, September 17, 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

Attachment A:

Morgan County HSTS

1811 St. Rt. 555 NW Malta,
OH 43758

Septic Installation		Total
Champion Services	-	\$0.00
D & L Drilling	-	\$0.00
Beagle Hill Services LLC	-	\$0.00
Fouss Septic Systems	-	\$0.00
Johns Excavating	-	\$0.00
Kings Future Builders	16,500.00	\$16,500.00
LM Excavating	-	\$0.00
Fleming's Excavating & Utilities	-	\$0.00
Muskingum Site Services	-	\$0.00
Newberry Excavating	12,600.00	\$12,600.00
Zemba	-	\$0.00
Masterson Complete	-	\$0.00
Shriver Septic & Excavation	-	\$0.00
Singree Construction	14,291.00	\$14,291.00
Wilkins Excavating	10,600.00	\$10,600.00

