

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, December 1, 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 attended DLZ meeting Tuesday.

25-608- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of November 24, 2025.

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

The commissioners attended a quarterly Records Retention meeting.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Timesheet

Travel

- Joe Frazier to Steubenville on 12/10 for OMJ Meeting
- Joe Frazier to Caldwell on 12/16 for Area 15 Meeting

CPS MOU Resolution

Pre-employment drug testing resolution

Agency Attorney contract renewal for 2026

Delayed start time – level 2

25-609- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following. See Attachment A

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

25-610- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following. See Attachment B

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

Patrick Kidd, Deputy Engineer

Sandblasting Crew Schedule and Progress

- The sandblasting crew's schedule has been moved to next week.
- This delay allows the in-house crew to finish welding diaphragms and shear components.
- The sandblasting crew is currently finishing work at Caney Bridge and made better-than-expected progress, completing a three-day job in about one day.
- The contractor owner will inspect the work at Caney Bridge tomorrow.

Bridge Maintenance Strategy

- Work at Caney Bridge serves as a test for maintaining other iron beam bridges.
- The new approach involves sandblasting and coating beams to extend service life.
- This method targets smaller, same-design bridges with iron beams and timber decks that have corrosion issues.
- By sandblasting rust off and painting the beams, they expect to add service life.
- The sandblasting material is technically "glass blasting," which is environmentally neutral and washes away.

Compressor Station Bridge Replacement

- The bridge at the compressor station is being replaced not due to corrosion, but because the original S-beams were undersized for current oil and gas truck loads.
- The 70-year-old concrete decks were found to be structurally sound internally.
- The new I-beams are stouter, with flanges 8–9 inches wide, compared to the previous 4-inch S-beams.
- The new beams will better handle heavy truck traffic in the area.
- Bridge dimensions will remain the same; only the beams are being upgraded.

25-611- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to table all fuel and aggregate bids.

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

Steve Redrup, EMA

EMA/ OHS Report to Commissioners

- Attended meeting on post disaster recovery
- Completed multiple classes, completing the National Disaster and Emergency Management University Professional Development Series

- Vehicle Maintenance
- Continued work on HMP

Traci Baker, Development Office

Project Updates

- **Water Line Project:**
 - Target completion by Christmas.
 - Bores were scheduled for last week; current completion status is unknown.
- **Stockport Demolition:**
 - Casey is preparing the 10-day demolition notice.
 - Tear-down is expected sometime in December.

Bids were opened yesterday for the 303 West Riverside Drive Demolition Project.

The Ruhlin Company \$75,000.00

Singree Construction Services \$141,490.00

Lafferty Contracting LLC \$154,030.00

Lary Lang Excavating Inc. \$101,843.00

See Attachment C

Alan Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

Able's Heating Cooling has ordered a new circuit board for the air handler on the 2nd floor West side of the Courthouse 11-13-25

Chevrolet Truck has a broken brake line for the rear brakes, we are going to replace it using the lift in the old transit garage.

Sealed front doors at the Courthouse to keep cold air out (Temporary) 11-24-25

State Elevator Inspector did the inspection on the elevator and passed it. 11-24-25 The Courthouse didn't pass because of the 911 phone not working. Otis Elevator is scheduled for 12-16-25 to look at the Courthouse Elevator, Inspector gave us 10 days to get it fixed or he is shutting it down!

Had Nathan from Apperson's here to inspect all the sewage lines from the kitchen dishwasher to where it goes outside for cracks and decided to replace all 4" inside pipes. 11-25-25

Wendy Gorrell, MCDD

County Board Funding and Services

Funding Sources and Structure

- **Primary Funding:** The board is funded by local levy dollars.
- **Medicaid Match:** The board must provide a Medicaid match and receives an invoice from the state.
 - The Medicaid match applies to waiver services.
 - Funds for the current year's Medicaid match have already been set aside.
- **Non-Medicaid Services:** Local levy funds cover services not funded by Medicaid, including:
 - Developmental specialists
 - Summer camp
 - Respite nights
- **Staff Funding:**
 - Developmental specialists and staff for 3–6-year-olds are funded exclusively by the levy.
 - Service Coordinators are partially funded by the local levy and through MAC (Medicaid Administrative Claiming), which requires documenting activities with photos 24 hours in advance.
 - Other employees are funded through TCM (Targeted Case Management) via a grant.

- **Property Taxes:** The board does not receive increased funding when property taxes rise; funding remains fixed unless a levy is rolled back or renewed.

Service Provision and Programs

- **Mandated Services:** The county board is legally required to provide Service Coordination.
- **Early Intervention (EI):**
 - The board provides the developmental specialist component for children identified with developmental delays. A baby with three delays becomes eligible for DD services, which can continue as they grow older.
 - Washington County holds the "home visiting" grant under the "Help Me Grow" program, which the speaker's board does not have. Ms. Gorrell has been trying to collaborate with the health department on this.
- **Other Services (Funded by Levy):**
 - Employment services
 - Summer camp
 - Respite services
- **Historical Context:** The health department previously managed these services, but the county board assumed responsibility about 15 years ago due to funding challenges.

Financial Status and Levy Management

- **Current Financial State:** The board is currently deficit spending.
- **Carryover Target:** The goal is to maintain a 100% carryover, providing a one-year financial cushion against major property tax law changes. Carryover was previously much higher.
- **Levy Rollbacks:**
 - The 1.26 levy was voluntarily rolled back for three years due to high carryover.
 - A rollback also occurred the year a building was sold, as extra funds were not needed.
- **Levy Renewals:**

- The board has four levies in total; two are very old and continuing.
- One levy is up for renewal in 2024.
- The board has run 10 successful renewal campaigns.
- For the last renewal, no active campaign was conducted due to feedback about public anger, and it still passed.
- Ms. Gorrell's policy is not to actively ask for renewal but to be available to answer questions from trustees and the public.

Potential Consequences of Levy Failure

- **Service Reductions:** If the levy fails, significant cuts would occur.
 - Layoffs would happen.
 - The board would provide only the mandated Service Coordination.
 - Services like developmental specialists, employment support, summer camp, and respite would be eliminated.
- **Long-Term Impact:** Not providing Early Intervention could lead to more significant delays for children later in life.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen's Director

RAC meeting tomorrow

Holiday dinner Thursday

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-612-Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

25-613- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve a supplemental appropriation to account number 031-0031-5309.00 in the amount of \$394.24. These funds are necessary to cover the remaining balance for the year for an ammo purchased. Your consideration and approval of this supplementary request is needed to complete the 2025 fiscal year.

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

25-614- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve a supplemental appropriation for fund 099 Grant Administration:

099-00995102.00	Salary Line item	\$20,000.00
099-0099-5102.01	Other Salary Line Item	\$ 4,129.45
099-0099-5309.00	Miscellaneous Expense Line Item	\$ 5,000.00
099-0099-5306.00	Grant Administration	\$b1,000.00

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

25-615 - Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to provide supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,110.00 to line item #277-0277-5301.00 (election commission expenses) which is the filing fee funds required to be sent to the Ohio Elections Commission for fiscal year 07/01/2025-12/30/2025.

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

25-616- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$1,274.94 to expense line 102-0102-5301.00 Broadband Expenses. This is the remainder of November and December Broadband expenses for 2025.

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

25-617- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting on December 2, 2025.

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

25-618- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to a reconvene the commissioners meeting Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 8:00am for a conference.

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

25-619- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to adjourn the commissioners meeting on Friday, December 5, 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
Commissioners**

155 East Main St., Room 216
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740-962-3183
Fax: 740-962-2014

Cecil Mayle
Heidi Maxwell
Steve Best
Sheila Welch, Clerk

RESOLUTION # 25-609

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners do hereby resolve that: Pursuant to 2151.4225 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Morgan County Commissioners have reviewed and approved the Morgan County Memorandum of Understanding. The Morgan County Memorandum of Understanding meets the requirements under sections 2151.4220 to 2151.4222 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Adopted this 2nd date of December, 2025

Vote: Cecil Mayle yes; Heidi Maxwell yes; Steve Best ✓

Motion Carried

Cecil Mayle
Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi R. Maxwell
Heidi Maxwell

Steve Best
Steve Best

Attachment B:



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RESOLUTION # 25-610

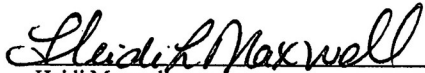
The Board of Morgan County Commissioners do hereby resolve that: Morgan County Job and Family Services may require a candidate being considered for employment to be subject to pre-employment drug testing. Such testing, if required, shall take place after a conditional offer of employment has been extended and subject to applicable federal and state law.

Adopted this 2nd date of December, 2025

Vote: Cecil Mayle yes; Heidi Maxwell yes; Steve Best yes

Motion Carried


Cecil Mayle, President


Heidi Maxwell


Steve Best

Attachment C:

The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc
401.250.0645

303 W. Riverside Dr. Demolition
McConnelsville, Ohio

DOCUMENT 004113 - BID FORM - STIPULATED SUM (SINGLE-PRIME CONTRACT)

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 BID INFORMATION

- A. Bidder: The Ruhlin Company
- B. Project Name: 303 West Riverside Drive Demolition Project.
- C. Project Location: 303 West Riverside Drive, McConnelsville, OH 43756.
- D. Owner: Morgan County Commissioners.
- E. Architect: The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc..
- F. Architect Project Number: 401.250.0645.

1.2 CERTIFICATIONS AND BASE BID

- A. Base Bid, Single-Prime (All Trades) Contract: The undersigned Bidder, having carefully examined the Procurement and Contracting Requirements, Conditions of the Contract, Drawings, Specifications, and all subsequent Addenda, as prepared by the Mannik & Smith Group and Architect's consultants, having visited the site, and being familiar with all conditions and requirements of the Work, hereby agrees to furnish all material, labor, equipment and services necessary to complete the construction of the above-named Project, in accordance with the requirements of the Procurement and Contracting Documents, for the stipulated sum of:

1. Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars
(\$ 75,000.00).

1.3 BID SECURITY

- A. The undersigned Bidder agrees to execute a contract for this Work in the above amount and to furnish surety as specified within 10 days after a written Notice of Award, if offered within 60 days after receipt of bids, and on failure to do so agrees to forfeit to Owner the attached Bid Security, as liquidated damages for such failure as follows:

- 1. In the following amount constituting 5 percent of the Base Bid amount above:

a. Bid Bond Attached Dollars
(\$).

- B. Form of Bid Security: Bidder has attached the following:

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 BID INFORMATION

- A. Bidder: Singree Construction Services
- B. Project Name: 303 West Riverside Drive Demolition Project.
- C. Project Location: 303 West Riverside Drive, McConnelsville, OH 43756.
- D. Owner: Morgan County Commissioners.
- E. Architect: The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc..
- F. Architect Project Number: 401.250.0645.

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 - 1. One hundred - forty one thousand four hundred ninety Dollars
(\$141,490).

1.3 BID SECURITY

- A. The undersigned Bidder agrees to execute a contract for this Work in the above amount and to furnish surety as specified within 10 days after a written Notice of Award, if offered within 60 days after receipt of bids, and on failure to do so agrees to forfeit to Owner the attached Bid Security, as liquidated damages for such failure as follows:
 - 1. In the following amount constituting 5 percent of the Base Bid amount above:
 - a. Seven thousand Seventy four dollars ^{50/100} — Dollars
(\$7,074.50).
- B. Form of Bid Security: Bidder has attached the following:



The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc
401.250.0645

303 W. Riverside Dr. Demolition
McConnelsville, Ohio



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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 BID INFORMATION

- A. Bidder: Lafferty Contracting LLC
- B. Project Name: 303 West Riverside Drive Demolition Project.
- C. Project Location: 303 West Riverside Drive, McConnelsville, OH 43756.
- D. Owner: Morgan County Commissioners.
- E. Architect: The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc..
- F. Architect Project Number: 401.250.0645.

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1. one hundred fifty-four thousand thirty Dollars
(\$ 154,030).

1.3 BID SECURITY

- A. The undersigned Bidder agrees to execute a contract for this Work in the above amount and to furnish surety as specified within 10 days after a written Notice of Award, if offered within 60 days after receipt of bids, and on failure to do so agrees to forfeit to Owner the attached Bid Security, as liquidated damages for such failure as follows:

1. In the following amount constituting 5 percent of the Base Bid amount above:

- a. two hundred thirty one thousand Dollars
(\$ 23,000).

- B. Form of Bid Security: Bidder has attached the following:

*Bid
Bond
Attached*

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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 BID INFORMATION

- A. Bidder: Larry Lang Excavating, Inc.
- B. Project Name: 303 West Riverside Drive Demolition Project.
- C. Project Location: 303 West Riverside Drive, McConnelsville, OH 43756.
- D. Owner: Morgan County Commissioners.
- E. Architect: The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc..
- F. Architect Project Number: 401.250.0645.

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- 1. ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS Dollars
(\$101,843.00).

1.3 BID SECURITY

- A. The undersigned Bidder agrees to execute a contract for this Work in the above amount and to furnish surety as specified within 10 days after a written Notice of Award, if offered within 60 days after receipt of bids, and on failure to do so agrees to forfeit to Owner the attached Bid Security, as liquidated damages for such failure as follows:

- 1. In the following amount constituting 5 percent of the Base Bid amount above:

- a. bond is for full amt of bid price Dollars
(\$_____).

- B. Form of Bid Security: Bidder has attached the following:

BID BOND

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