

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, February 2, 2026.
The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Heidi Maxwell, President
Steve Best, Vice-President
Cecil Mayle, Member

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

All three commissioners attended a jail meeting while in session last Tuesday.

*Commissioners are in receipt of January expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

26-070- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the minutes of January 27, 2026

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

Able's Heating Cooling has ordered a new Fan Motor for the air handler on the 2nd floor West side of the Courthouse. Unit is still under Warranty, but we will have to pay the Labor 12-3-25

Chevrolet Truck has a broken brake line for the rear brakes, truck has been parked in the old garage until lines are replaced 1-7-26

Scheduling time to install TV mounts for Sheriff Fisher in the Dispatch Room, One mount and TV has been mounted. 12-22-25 Waiting for the second TV to arrive.

Right side overhead door at the garage won't go up, checked breakers for power. We will need to contact Westfall Doors and Buildings check out the door after the first of the year.

Spent 3 Days doing snow removal and cleaning sidewalks. 1-27,28,29-26

Terminix sprayed the Riecker Building. 1-30-26.

Heidi Burns, JFS

26-071- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to enter executive session with Heidi Burns at 8:55am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

26-072- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to exit executive session with Heidi Burns at 9:00am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Steve Redpup, EMA

Meeting Notes

☐ Topic Title: SHSP Grant Status and FEMA Timelines

- The SHSP grant remains on hold until FEMA approves projects.
- Ohio EMA is reviewing applications for FEMA eligibility and submitting them now.
- FEMA approval may take a couple of months; however, funds are no longer tied up in court.
- FEMA reverted to a three-year period of performance for grants, abandoning the proposed one-year term.

☐ Topic Title: EMDG and HMP Activities

- Continued work on the HMP last week.
- Submitted quarter nine EMDG through reimbursements, closing out the FY24 grant cycle.

☐ Topic Title: Scheduling and Logistics

- Mr. Redrup will be out of the office for the next few days in Columbus at EMA and for classes.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Bids were opened.

See Attachment A

26-073- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to table all bids for further review.

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

On January 29, 2026 Shannon Wells had a meeting with OhioSE to discuss the Vibrant Communities grant and The Stanbury Building.

A bid opening is scheduled for February 2, 2026 at 10am for the Transit Parking Lot Improvement project.

A meeting of the Morgan County Convention & Visitors Bureau is scheduled for February 2, 2026 at 4:30pm.

A meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2026 at 8:15am with the Village of Malta officials and engineer to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization grant award.

Patrick Kidd, Deputy Engineer

Meeting Notes

- Topic Title: Weekly Operations and Maintenance Plans
 - Crews will transition from snow maintenance to standard operations this week.
 - Brush removal is scheduled on County Road 14.
 - Soft spots on County Road 36 will be wrapped up, replaced, and completed this week.
 - Grading crews will be out daily, weather permitting.
 - Maintenance crew is addressing dings and dents on trucks to restore them to 100% readiness.
 - Weather may still bring snow; contingency readiness is emphasized.

John Isherwood, ABM

Meeting Notes

RFQ Process and Expected Responses

- Once the RFQ is released, organizations will be contacted; companies often hire staff to monitor these publications.
- A high volume of inquiries and requests for delays is expected.

- Delay requests may be used to gauge the opportunity's seriousness or due to resource constraints.
- Consultants may offer services with fees based on a percentage of savings generated by the project.
- The organization may receive between one and four responses or interview requests.

Managing Inquiries and Selecting a Firm

- Identify who will handle incoming phone calls and inquiries.
- Evaluate proposals using a matrix; one criterion mentioned was NASCO membership.
- After shortlisting, the selected firm will ask for focus areas
- The firm will detail the investment, funds, and scope for each potential measure, enabling the organization to select items to include.
- Firms will not include pricing in the initial response because the project scope is not yet defined.

Project Selection Strategy

- Use projects with quick paybacks (high savings) to fund projects with longer paybacks
- Combine fast-payback items with "wish list" items so excess savings from one can cover another's cost.
- Example: defer site walk requests to an engineer and be cautious not to interfere with insurance-related matters.

RFQ Publication Timeline

- Discussion occurred about placing the RFQ in the paper today.
- If published today, it would likely appear on Wednesday (the 17th) or Friday.
- The specific name of the local paper was asked but not provided in the transcript.

Amber Wilson, Senior Center Director

The commissioners aligned on promoting February as Heart Health Month, outlining a set of activities intended to engage the community. The planned program includes a healthy heart bingo event with a speaker from Genesis, and nursing homes contributing healthy snacks. The task force is actively involved in supporting the event's organization and outreach. A new calendar has been posted on Facebook to share updated schedules and details with the public. Regarding inclement weather, they clarified that at "level two," activities are to be treated as cancelled rather than asking people to attend, reinforcing a consistent public communication protocol.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The IT Director discussed the purchase of cell phones for the Commissioners' office and the renewal of the iPECS service license for the County's phone systems. Some cell phones were ordered for the Prosecutor's office, but they have not arrived as of this meeting. The renewal of the service license for the phone systems is required to upgrade their firmware and fix some minor issues that the County has experienced with the phones.

The IT Director discussed the County's fuel pump set up with the Commissioners. The computer that is used to process data from the fuel pump is older and still running on Windows 10. A service call would be required to reinstall the software on a newer computer. The IT Director will keep the computer running offline for as long as possible, similar to the Riecker Building's HVAC system.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

26-074 Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following:

Due to the closing of the Dispute Resolution account (#024) in the Probate Court budget (see attached) the Court requests the balance in that account, \$9,305.40 to be transferred to the Common Pleas Court's Special Projects (#27) balance. The funds are to be used for a digitalizing project in Probate Court. See Attachment B

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

26-075- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve all transfers.

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

26-076- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

26-077- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting until Wednesday, February 2, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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

26-078- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene the commissioners meeting for a Land Bank Meeting Wednesday February 4, 2026 at 9:00am.

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

26-079- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to recess the commissioners meeting Wednesday, February 6, 2026 at 9:30am.

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

26-079- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene the commissioners meeting for a Central Committee meeting Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 5:00pm.

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

26-080 Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting on Thursday February 5, 2026 at 5:30pm.

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

Heidi Maxwell, President

Steve Best, Vice-President

Cecil Mayle, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:



INNOVATIVE IDEAS
EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN
UNMATCHED CLIENT SERVICE

Client: Morgan County Commissioners
Project: Transit Pk. & Site Imp

Date: 02/02/2026
Time: 10:00 AM

REBID OPENING ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Email	Phone Number
Michael Betts	DLZ	mbetts@dlz.com	740-583-0236
MARK WELLS	MARK FOX		740-984-4725
Kevin CRAM			
Cecil Moxley	Commissioner		
Heidi Maxwell	Commissioner		
Steve Best	Commissioner		
Cathy Stogree	SLS LLC	stogree@slsllc.com	740-517-0274
David Russell	Wolf Creek	drussell@wolfcreekcontractors.com	740-541-4375
Sheila Zepke			
Traci Baker	Morgan County	traci.baker@morgancountyohio.gov	740-942-1322
Shannon Wells	Morgan County	shannon.wells@morgancountyohio.gov	740-942-1322

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MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 TRANSIT Pk Lot Site Imp - REBID
 Bid Date: 02/02/2026
 Bid Time: 10:00 AM

CONTRACTOR	BASE BID
Engineer's Estimate	\$385,000.00
PAUL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	
SINGREE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$339,067.00
MCVOYT CONSTRUCTION	
LARRY LANG EXCAVATING, INC.	\$396,662.89
SETTERLIN BUILDING COMPANY	
WOLF CREEK CONTRACTING	\$502,125.23

Attachment B:



**MORGAN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUDGE JOHN A. WELLS**

19 East Main Street
McConnelsville, OH 43756
Common Pleas Division: 740-962-3371
Probate & Juvenile Division: 740-962-2861

February 2, 2026

Morgan County Commissioners
155 East Main Street
McConnelsville OH 43756

RE: Transfer of Appropriations

Commissioners:

Due to the closing of the Dispute Resolution account (#024) in the Probate Court budget (see attached), the Court requests that the balance in that account, \$9305.40, be transferred to the Common Pleas Court's Special Projects (#027) balance. The funds are to be used for a digitizing project in Probate Court.

Respectfully,

Trina Webb, Court Administrator
Morgan County Common Pleas Court

SCB 2/2/26
HLM 2/2/26
Cmm 2/2/26



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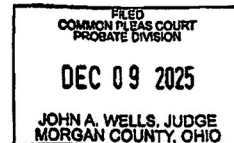
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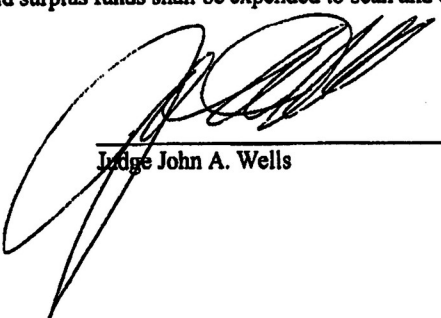
PROBATE COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO

Local Rule Terminating the Dispute Resolution Fund

This Court, pursuant to R.C. 2101.163 and by rule dated August 15, 2019 ordered the collection of an additional fifteen-dollar fee on the filing of each action or proceeding to fund the resolution of disputes and ordered the creation of a "Dispute Resolution Fund".

Effective December 31, 2025, the rule requiring the collection of this additional fee to fund the resolution of disputes is rescinded. The county treasurer may terminate the Dispute Resolution Fund after December 31, 2025.

Pursuant to R.C. 2101.163(c), the Court declares the entire balance of the Dispute Resolution Fund to be surplus. Said surplus funds shall be expended to scan and digitize the records of the probate court.



Judge John A. Wells

Morgan County
Cash Balance by Fund

From: 1/1/2026 to 2/28/2026

Funds: 024 to 024

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Account	Description	Type	Debit	Credit	Balance
Fund: 024 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND					
024-0000-1101.01	DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND	Cash	\$9,305.40	\$0.00	\$9,305.40
Fund: 024 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND Total:			\$9,305.40	\$0.00	\$9,305.40
Grand Total:			\$9,305.40	\$0.00	\$9,305.40

