

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, February 9, 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:

Commissioner Best attended a Convention and Visitor's

Commissioner Maxwell attended a Tax and Finance meeting Thursday.

26-081- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the minutes of February 2, 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

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.

Contacted Apperson's to look at and give estimate on replacing all sewer pipes in the basement 2-2-26

Ordered new filters for the water refill stations through Apperson's 2-6-26

Heidi Burns, JFS

Amendment to the Lice Program Contract with Morgan Local Schools to include the correct rate amount.

COG meeting today.

Timesheet

John Wilt, 911

Grant Funding and Procurement

- There is confusion regarding reimbursement rules; State of Ohio grants administrator indicated funds might be utilized for other purposes, but clarification is needed.
- The grant was processed through the EMA.

Technical Infrastructure and Installations

- **Fiber and Consoles:** A fiber cut/move is scheduled for this Friday at 7:00 AM. There was assistance given in moving one of the positions.
- **Status Checks:** Need to verify the status of console and seat installations to coordinate with the MARCS pagers rollout.
- **MARCS Tower Location:** There is conflicting information regarding the new tower location (Village Council approval vs. State plans). The consensus is that it is ultimately a State decision.
- **Infrastructure Concerns:** Power and fiber access are the primary concerns for the tower location. Moving the location significantly could incur extra construction costs.
- **Action Plan:** A participant intends to call the State Director (Angie) to discuss the tower location.

Dispatch and Operational Protocols

- **Dispatcher Conduct:** A concern was raised about a dispatcher answering the 911 line unprofessionally.
- **Incident Response:** There was a debate regarding a recent call involving the smell of electrical smoke. It was dispatched as a non-emergent ambulance call, whereas protocol usually suggests dispatching three departments for a structure fire.

- **Mutual Aid:** Issues exist regarding the mutual aid agreement signed recently. Stockport is reportedly not following the agreement and refuses to self-dispatch unless requested.
- **CAD System:** Discussion regarding the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Some users are receiving EMS alerts but not Fire alerts. The system relies on dispatchers entering sufficient detail in the first entry to trigger the correct response.

Steve Redpup, EMA

Emergency Power Preparedness (Portable Generators)

The county currently relies on partner facilities to open quickly during outages like the Pennsville event. This ad has dependence risks continuity of operations during future winter outages. A practical mitigation is procuring “five to ten” small generators, following a BMA-style approach, to distribute backup power coverage. Timing aligns with the current year’s budget, aiming to have units available by next winter. This will improve resilience, reduce service disruption, and lessen reliance on external partners during grid failures.

Countywide Debris Management Plan and Coordination

The state requires every county to have a debris management plan and designate a debris management coordinator, likely the EMA Director in many counties. Without a plan, post-incident debris handling becomes disorganized, increasing disposal costs and complicating reimbursement. Key elements include vendor arrangements for hauling, designated managed sites to avoid random dumping, segregation of debris streams and avoiding sensitive locations. The fairgrounds are favored due to multiple ingress/egress points, large area, county ownership, and tolerance for temporary damage versus private sites that require pristine restoration. FEMA may reimburse operations under an emergency declaration, but not upfront planning; counties must fund planning themselves. The EMA intends to set up boards to map major county arteries for evacuation, define how to keep them open, and integrate debris site logistics to support evacuation routes.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

ODOT is reviewing the bid for the transit parking lot that was opened on February 2, 2026.

Genesis has made a request for 2025 EMS data.

Shannon Wells will meet Jamie Lang and Malta mayor at Malta Industrial Park facilities on February 10, 2026 to review space for future development.

Shannon Wells met with Village of Malta mayor and village administrator on February 5, 2026 to discuss future projects. Front Street from the old bridge to the dam redevelopment is a priority to be completed in 2026.

Private landowner addresses have been submitted to Ohio Department of Development for review and approval for the demolition program.

Shannon Wells will attend a meeting of Heritage Ohio Main Street McConnelsville on February 9, 2026 at 5:30pm.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

There were several overnight outages with the Spectrum Internet circuit at the Sheriff's Office over the weekend of 7 and 8 February 2026. The outages were apparently caused by cold weather and high winds, but no notification was received from Spectrum. The IT Director and the Sheriff discussed the possibility of changing to Glo Fiber for the Sheriff's office building's Internet connection.

The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council on 4 Feb. 2026. The topic of discuss was carpel tunnel. This was the January Safety Council meeting that was postponed due to weather.

Server Sim installed a new router in the Board of Elections this week. After the installation, there was an issue with address renewal on the DHCP server, but Server Sim fixed this issue after hours.

The County phone list was updated and distributed to all County employees. The IT Director reminded employees to shred their old phone list instead of throwing it in the trash.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

26-082 Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve February 2026 mandated share in the amount of \$3,442.75. See Attachment A

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

26-083- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to request the transfer of budgeted radio equipment funds from the Payment Radio Account Line—Account No. 001-0601-5312.00 into the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office Radio Equipment Rotary Account—Account No. 092-0092-4005.00 as agreed upon in 2023.

As agreed, upon in 2023, the county would continue to allocate \$10,500 annually, previously designated for radio payments, in the Sheriffs Office Radio Equipment Rotary Account. With the adoption of the 2026 budget, this letter serves as the formal request to move the \$10,500 from the General Fund to the Sheriff’s Office Rotary Account in accordance with the agreement.

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

26-084- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to transfer \$235,100.00 from the 112-0112-5301.00 Federal Asst. line item into the 112-0112-5303.00 Misc. Asst. line item.

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

26-085- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve all transfers. See Attachment B

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

26-086- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to pay the following invoice through a “Then and Now Resolution.” This expense was incurred in CY 2025.

017-0017-5317.00 Insurance: Stark County ESC= \$23,928.77 September 2025 premiums

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

26-087- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve all then and nows. Attachment C

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

26-088- 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

26-089- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting February 9, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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

26-090- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene the commissioners meeting for a CIC meeting February 9, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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

26-091 Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting on Monday February 9, 2026 at 5:00pm.

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:

MORGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

155 East Main Street, Room 009
McConnellsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740-962-4616 Fax: 740-962-5344

February 9, 2026

Morgan County Board of Commissioners
155 East Main Street, Room 216
McConnellsville, OH 43756

RE: Mandated Share

Commissioners:

Per letter received from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, the mandated share for State Fiscal Year 2026 is \$41,313.00 We are presently billing you for:

February 2026
\$3,442.75

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Approved By:



Missy Fisher, Fiscal Supervisor

Cc: Randy Williams, Morgan County Auditor

3CB 2/9/26
HRM 2/9/26
Cmm 2/9/26



Morgan County Sheriff's Office

James R. Fisher, Sheriff
37 E. Main St.

McConnelsville, Oh. 43756
Phone 740-962-4044 Fax 740-962-4035
Sheriff.Fisher@morgancountyohio.gov

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

February 3, 2026

Hello Jessica,

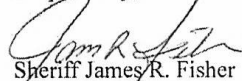
I hope you're doing well.

I am requesting the transfer of budgeted radio equipment funds from the Payment Radio Account Line – Account No. 001-0601-5312-00 into the Morgan County Sheriff's Office Radio Equipment Rotary Account – Account No. 092-0092-~~4005~~-00, as agreed upon in 2023.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,


Sheriff James R. Fisher
Morgan County Sheriff's Office
37 E. Main St.
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone # 740-962-4044
Fax # 740-962-4035

HRM 2/9/26
SCB 2/9/26
Cmm 2/9/26



***Morgan County Commissioners
Development Office***

155 East Main St., Room 135
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740-962-1322
Fax: 740-962-1341

February 9, 2026

RE: Morgan County Transit Transfers

Morgan County Commissioners:

Please do the following transfers:

Transfer \$ 235,100.00 from the 112-0112-5301-00 Federal Asst. Line Item
into the 112-0112-5303-00 Misc. Asst. Line Item.

Thank you,

Traci Baker

SCB 2/9/26
HRM 2/9/26
PMM 2/9/26

Posted 2.11.2026

Attachment C:



February 8, 2026

Morgan County Commissioners
155 E Main St
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

RE: Then & Now Resolution request

Dear Commissioners:

We request that you please pay the following invoice through a "Then and Now Resolution." This expense was incurred in CY 2025.

017-0017-5317.00 Insurance:

Stark County ESC = \$23,928.77, September 2025 premiums

Sincerely,

Amy Kissinger, Business Manager
Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities

155 East Main Street Room 306 McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740-962-4200 | Fax: 740-962-4435

HRM 2/09/26
SCB 2/19/26
CMM 2/9/26

