

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING

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

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

26-107- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the minutes of February 23, 2026

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

Todd Spence Concerned Citizen; Rusty Johnson, Pastor

National Day of Prayer Event Planning and Grove Usage

Request to Use the Grove for National Day of Prayer Event

- A group represented by Rusty Johnston requested permission to use the Grove for activities leading up to the National Day of Prayer.
- The event involves five churches and is planned for May 1–6, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM daily.
- Activities will include reading the Bible over a speaker and having people available to pray with attendees.
- The series culminates on the National Day of Prayer, with the main event held at the courthouse.

Coordination of Mowing Schedule

- The mowing schedule at the Grove was discussed to avoid conflicts with the event.
- Mowing typically occurs on Wednesdays, which overlaps with the group's presence.
- The schedule will be moved to Thursday for that week to accommodate the event.

Clarification on Courthouse Event Permissions

- The courthouse event for the National Day of Prayer is organized separately by Steve Smith from Cornerstone Church.
- There was confusion about whether commissioners had granted permission for the courthouse event.
- One speaker, new to town, sought assurance that proper channels were being followed for the Grove event.
- It was confirmed that the courthouse event is a one-hour gathering at noon, and the Grove request was officially noted.

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

The Visitor Parking Signs have been ordered for the parking spaces along the alley. 2-20-26

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 and currently waiting to be scheduled. 2-17-26

Monarch Roofing Re-inspected the lower level roof again and took a core sample of the roofing insulation under the roofing fabric. 2-13-26 (Core sample was taken 2-16-26)

Terminix Sprayed the Riecker Building. 2-23-26

Installed 2nd TV mount and TV for the Sheriff's Office. 2-26-26

Scheduled the sewer line replacement with Apperson's for 3-8-26.

Heidi Burns, JFS

SNAP Error Rate – Reviewed period of December, 2025 through February, 2026

- QA is reviewing cases prior to processing; would have been 5.5% error during that time frame but error was caught by QA and brought our error rate to 0%
- Small caseloads (54), so only 3 caused a 5.5% error rate – discrepancies were income and expenses
- QA is also doing complete case reviews

Applying for the Connectors Grant through Workforce

- Asking for entire \$40,000
- For Adults, Youth, and Dislocated Worker
- Training, Work Programs, and Supportive Services

Agency Training on Tuesday, March 3rd

- 1 hour will be for whole agency – “Civility in the Workplace”; doing a 3 part series
- 2 hours will be for management – “Fundamentals of Supervision”; doing a 5 part series

Shannon Wells, Development Office

ODOT released FY2027 awards for Buckeye Southeast Transit.

\$1,417,300 for operating and capitalized maintenance and \$381,578 for six replacement vehicles. \$89,566 for mobility management.

The annual meeting for OhioSE is tomorrow, March 3 at 10am in Chillicothe. Shannon Wells will attend. EZG Mfg. has been nominated for Best Workplace Culture.

Shannon Wells, Robin Ambrozy and OhioSE, Brad Peoples will meet with a local manufacturer to discuss the JobsOhio Small business grant today, March 2, 2026 at 2pm.

Taft Law has sent recommendations for funding on the jail, water and sewer projects discussed.

DLZ has submitted a contract modification for professional services for site survey work. The additional amount is \$8,000.

The Morgan County Land Bank will meet on March 4 at 9am in the Economic Development conference room.

An Opera House virtual progress meeting will be held on March 4 at 10am. This is for design for the AMLER renovation project.

Shannon Wells will meet with Monroe County Commissioners on March 5, 2026 to discuss the senior center contract.

Jessie Powers from ORCA – Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia had funding to help with grant projects for various Appalachian counties. She drafted a couple of grant ideas for the AARP program. Commissioners will need to decide if they want to submit.

Community funding projects for FY27 for Balderson’s office will be accepted on March 6 and March 12 depending on project type.

State capital budget requests are due March 12.

Steve Redrup, EMA

Morgan County Emergency Management and RFG presented the 2026-2030 Hazard mitigation plan to the commissioners. Discussion was had over the plan with multiple questions about

changes in this plan compared to the old mitigation plan. Rob Guentter with RFG discussed various parts of the plan and how data was collected. Steve Redrup the EMA Director advised that the plan will be submitted to the state for approval.

26-251- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following:

**ADOPTION OF THE updated 2026-2030 MORGAN COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS
MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2026, the Morgan County Commissioners passed this Resolution adopting the MORGAN COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN (the Mitigation Plan) pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which established goals to minimize and reduce natural hazard damages to existing structures and land use in order to maximize the protection of life, public health, safety, and welfare, and identify and develop revenue sources to complete the goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Morgan County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Planning Team is: “To develop a working document that fulfills the mandates of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and satisfies the requirements of FEMA and the Ohio EMA, as well as meets the needs of all of Morgan County. Further, by researching and planning for future natural hazards and implementing appropriate mitigation techniques, all of Morgan County can save lives and protect property, reduce the cost of disasters and provide for a rapid and efficient recovery by coordinating response efforts, and increasing the educational awareness of natural hazard events and their effects on the people, property, and resources of all Morgan County.”; and

WHEREAS, EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS, the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency Director shall lead in the update of a Mitigation Plan on behalf of the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Plan for Morgan County is useful to receive any state or federal mitigation funding such as flood prone property improvement or buyout funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morgan County is subject to flooding, winter weather, summer storms, and other natural hazards that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County contracted with RFG Associates, Inc. to facilitate and draft an updated Morgan County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mitigation Planning Team, comprised of representatives from the County, municipalities and stakeholder organizations, has prepared a recommended updated Mitigation Plan that reviews the options to protect people and reduce damage from these natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the recommended Mitigation Plan has been widely circulated for review by the County’s residents and federal, state and regional agencies and has been supported by those reviewers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan County Commissioners that:

1. 2026-2030 MORGAN COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN is hereby adopted as an official plan of Morgan County. 2. The Mitigation Planning Team will continue as a

permanent advisory body. It shall be composed of representatives from the existing Mitigation Planning Team, as recommended by the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency Director. This includes those municipalities that pass a resolution to adopt the Mitigation Plan.

3. The Planning Team shall meet as often as necessary to prepare or review mitigation activities and progress toward implementing the Mitigation Plan. It shall meet at least once each year to review the status of ongoing projects.

4. The schedule of the Planning Team meetings shall be posted in appropriate places. All meetings of the Planning Team shall be open to the public.

5. By *November 30* each year, the Planning Team shall prepare an annual evaluation report on the Mitigation Plan for the County Board of Commissioners and the municipalities.

The report will cover the following points:

a. A review of the updated plan.

b. A review of any natural disasters that occurred during the previous calendar year.

c. A review of the action items in the original plan, including how much was accomplished during the previous year.

d. A discussion of why any action items were not completed or why implementation is behind schedule.

e. Recommendations for new projects or revised action items. Such recommendations shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners and the affected municipality's governing boards as amendments to the adopted plan.

6. The director of each County office identified as "responsible agency" for the Mitigation Plan's action items shall ensure that the action item is implemented by the listed deadline subject to fiscal and staff time constraints.

Passed by the Morgan County Board of Commissioners on March 2, 2026.

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

Tracey Simmons, Visitor's Bureau

See Attachment A

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at: https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html

26-109- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to enter executive session at 2:30pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

26-110- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to exit executive session at 2:35pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Adam Tripplet, Veterans Office

Veteran Services Performance and Impact

- Morgan County ranks #2 in Ohio for veteran compensation per veteran population, with 40.17% of county veterans receiving compensation.
- This is a notable achievement given the county's distance from VA medical facilities.
- The county receives \$17 million annually in federal veteran funding, including \$9 million in direct compensation and pension.
- These funds significantly boost the local economy.
- The office has dramatically increased VA federal expenditures over the last 13–30 years, achieving a 1-to-69 return on investment on the county's allocation.

Budget Discrepancies and Forecasting Challenges

- The 2026 budget remains a moving target, creating major planning issues.
- Initial 2025 projection was \$323,000.
- A December 2 notice reduced it to \$300,000.
- A December 27 notice further reduced it to \$269,000.
- Frustration was expressed about late-year updates and poor predictability affecting hiring, raises, and outreach planning.
- Concerns persist about the accuracy of figures provided by the Auditor's Office, citing a past calculation error.
- The group confirmed the current year's approved \$296,000 budget is finalized and will be used.

Staffing and Health Insurance Costs

- The department is struggling to replace a retiring administrative assistant.

- The current \$296,000 budget can support filling the position.
- A \$269,000 budget next year would make it impossible to hire someone needing a family health insurance plan.
- Family health insurance costs around \$32,000 per employee; a single plan is about \$9,000.
- This volatility complicates hiring since a new hire's family status can drastically alter budget needs.
- A question was raised about adopting an "employee-only" health insurance policy to control costs.

Outreach Programs

- The annual ham outreach event is a key program providing resources and assistance to veterans and widows.
- It connects veterans with healthcare, mental health counseling, and flu shots.
- It generates about 30 new clients each year.
- A story highlighted the event saving a veteran who was contemplating suicide, underscoring its non-monetary impact.

26-111- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to enter into a contract with Taft Law for lobbying and consulting effective March 2, 2026 through January 1, 2027.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Safety Council meeting on February 25, 2026. The Ohio BWC presented and provided an update on the current status of their rebate/refund programs as well as grants that are available to BWC members.

On February 28, 2026, GloFiber returned to the Riecker Building to finish the installation of their fiber Internet circuit. Afterwards, the building's main Internet circuit was switched over to GloFiber from Spectrum with no major issues or delays. Several offices experienced minor issues related to the IP address change and internal DNS server settings.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

26-112- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to change the name of fund 068 from BIO-TERRORISM/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TO Public Health Emergency Preparedness, as requested by our Board of Health.

This request is for a name change only. There will be no changes to the fund's purpose, use, or allocation. See Attachment B

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

26-130- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the name change of fund 068.

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

26-113- 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

26-114- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting March 2, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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

26-115- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene the commissioners meeting for the Land Bank meeting Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 9:00am.

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

26-116- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting March 4, 2026 at 10:00am.

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:

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2, 2026

America 250

Devan Vincent resigned from Malta Council and America 250. Morgan County is listed on the Lake Erie to Ohio River Trail, Innovation Trail, and the Underground Railroad Trail.

The locks, the Muskie Bucket, and Henman/Kincaid Cave and the Chesterhill Genealogical Center are listed on the trails.

Heritage Ohio

I served my 1-year commitment, so I'm no longer on the board.

The organization is doing well. They now have a Facebook page and website.

County Map

The county engineer is still working on the map. I submitted information before the holidays.

Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG)

The Jesse Owens and Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area maps have been printed.

We also were able to get a new covered bridge trail designed and printed.

They will be delivered to the visitor center.

Visitor Center

Visitors

November – 88

December – 91

Total – 179

YTD - 857

**Morgan County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Minute Notes
February 2, 2026**

Present: Clint Foreman, Steve Best, Shannon Well, Erica Lindimore
Staff: Tracy Simons
Absent: Brianna Mayle

Meeting called to order by Clint Foreman at 4:32 PM

Approval of the November 17, 2025, minutes: Motion to approve by Steve Best, motion second by Clint Foreman. All in favor, minutes approved.

Financial report:

Public account balance: \$166,305.69
Private account balance: \$3,046.90
Total balance: \$169,352.59
November total balance: \$155,390.08
3rd Q tax \$18,331.27

Director's Report: Attached

Marketing Budget Update:

2026 budget was presented to the board by Tracy Simons. Attached. Board does not want to contract with Great Lakes Publishing in the amount of \$2,380 and has decided to move \$2,380 to the Misc. line item of the budget. Motion to approve the total budget in the amount of \$99,450 by Shannon Wells, 2nd Steve Best. All in favor. 2026 budget approved.

New Business/Action Items

OWR's Market Place may be closing. If closed the CVB will need to retain a vendor's license to maintain retail in the visitor center.

Hiring a PT seasonal position, \$13/hr, 20hr/week, April through October was presented to the board. Motion to hire a PT position by Steve Best, 2nd by Shannon Wells. All in favor, motion approved to hire a PT position at the visitor center.

Brianna Mayle has left the board due to the possible sale/closing of the Triple Nickel. A new food-service person will need to be appointed to the board.

Steve Best, Clint Foreman, and Shannon Wells will continue for 2026 as board members.

Tyrell Curtis has left the board and the new Burr Oak Lodge Manager, Erica Lindimore has taken her place and will continue in 2026 as a board member.

Donation in the amount of \$800 to the 4th of July festival for the Poverty Strings Band. This is up a \$100 from last year. Motion to approve donation in the amount of \$800 by Clint Foreman, 2nd Steve Best. All in favor, motion approved for \$800.

Clint Foreman suggested advertising for the Poverty String Band. They have a large following and this could bring new people into the area. We have advertising budget in the miscellaneous line item we can use.

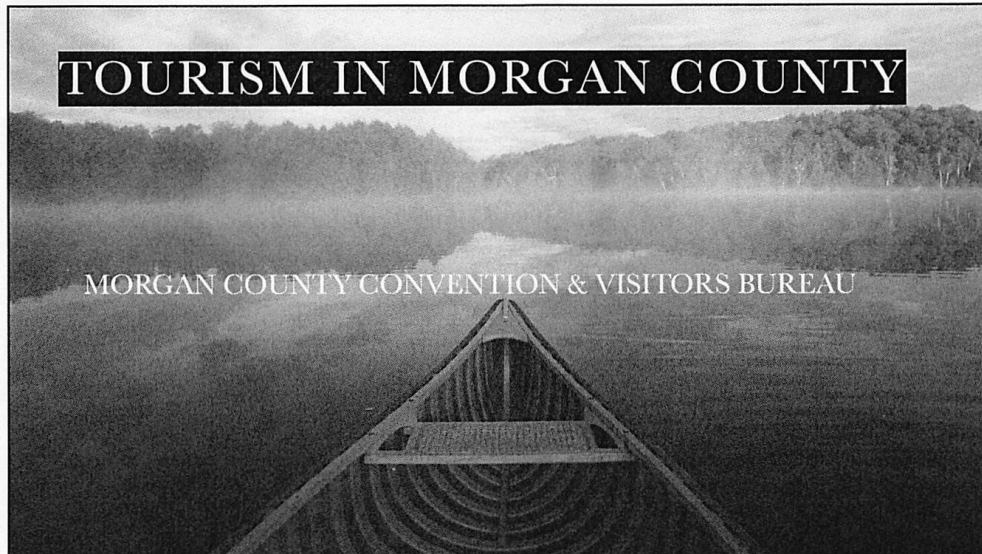
Steve Best spoke with Terry McGrath regarding America 250. Terry is wanting to reorganize a group and there may be some money Heidi Maxwell has found for the group.

Storage was brought up by Shannon Wells. Tourism needs storage for visitor guides etc.

Next meeting TBD

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn by Steve Best, seconded by Clint Foreman. Meeting Adjourned 5:40 PM



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The Morgan County Convention & Visitors Bureau is a 501(C)(6) nonprofit organization.
The CVB operates by a board of five members.

2026 BOARD

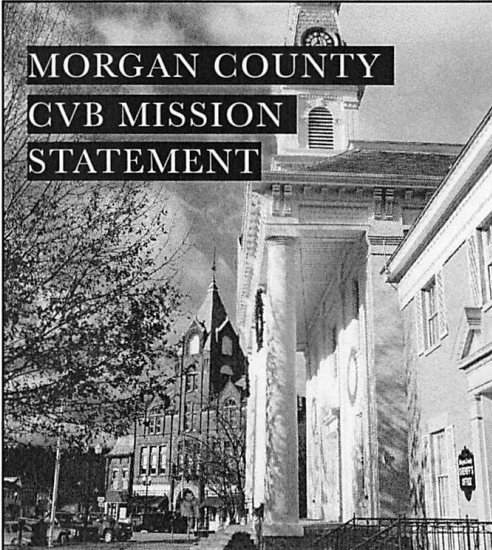
1. Clint Foreman, Village of McConnelsville Councilman and 2025 Board President
2. Steve Best, County Commissioner and 2025 Board Vice President
3. Shannon Wells, Director of Economic Development and 2025 Board Treasurer
4. Tyrell Curtis, Burr Oak Lodge Manager. Left the board, replaced by Erica Lindimore.
5. Brianna Mayle has left the board. Open board position for food service.

STAFF

Tracy Simons, Executive Director

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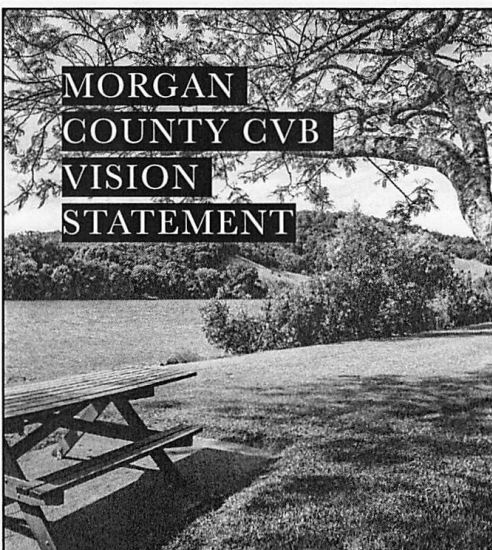


MORGAN COUNTY CVB MISSION STATEMENT

The Morgan County Convention and Visitors Bureau is dedicated to promoting the natural beauty, rich heritage, and Appalachian charm of Morgan County, Ohio.

The CVB provides valuable resources, shares local history, and supports lodging owners to enhance each visitor's experience and strengthen the local economy.

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MORGAN COUNTY CVB VISION STATEMENT

Morgan County is a destination of choice with a growing reputation as a go-to location for outdoor recreation, small-town charm, and Appalachian culture.

We proudly promote a community where visitors are welcomed as family, inspired by the landscape's beauty, and immersed in experiences that create lasting memories in the heart of Ohio's "Front Porch to the Great Outdoors".

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WHAT DOES A CVB DO?

A CVB acts as a **destination marketing organization (DMO)**, serving as the key entity responsible for promoting tourism and ensuring Morgan County thrives as a travel destination.

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HOW WE ACCOMPLISH THIS

1. Marketing and Promotion

Brand Development: Creating and maintaining a compelling brand identity for the destination, like taglines, logos, and visuals (e.g., *"The Front Porch to the Great Outdoors"* for Morgan County).

Advertising Campaigns: Using digital, print, and social media to reach target demographics, often highlighting attractions, events, and experiences.

Content Creation: Producing travel guides, videos, and itineraries that showcase the destination's offerings.

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2. Collaboration with Stakeholders

Supporting local businesses, lodging partners, restaurants, and attractions to create a unified tourism ecosystem.

Facilitating public-private partnerships to invest in infrastructure or enhance visitor experiences.

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3. Visitor Services

Operating visitor center and website to provide tourists with Morgan County information.

Organizing incentive programs like MorganCounty's covered bridge trail rewards to engage visitors.

In 2025 the visitor center had 857 visitors, most looking for tourism information.

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4. Market Research and Data Analysis

Analyzing visitor demographics, preferences, and trends to refine marketing strategies and understand the economic impact of tourism.

Gathering feedback to identify gaps or areas for improvement in the tourism experience.

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5. Advocacy and Education

Acting as a voice for the tourism industry within local government to ensure support for initiatives like infrastructure development and cultural preservation.

Educating residents and businesses about the economic and social benefits of tourism.

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By executing these activities, a CVB not only attracts visitors but also fosters economic growth, enhances the community's quality of life, and establishes the destination as a vibrant, sought-after location for both leisure and business travel.

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MARKETING

- Guide Distribution
- Website
- Publications
- Memberships

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Visitor Guide

The visitor guide is the main tool used in marketing a destination. Our current guide was printed in 2022, and we had a reprint of 15,000 copies in 2024. We recently sent out the last of those guides for distribution for the first half of 2026.

The board approved a new visitor guide for 2026. I met with the designer on 2/12, and we should have an advertising sales sheet soon. We are trying to have the new guide completed by July.

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Visitor Guides

1. Inspire Travel & Showcase the Destination.
2. Provide a tangible & trusted resource.
3. Support local businesses.
4. Enhance visitor experience & increase spending.
5. Reinforce destination branding
6. Reach a broad audience.
7. Complement digital marketing.
8. Encourage repeat visits.

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Visitor Guide Distribution

2022	4,200-6,000
2023	0
2024	16,500 were distributed in various locations throughout Ohio, PA Turnpike, Maryland, & Chesapeake.
2025	14,700 were distributed in various locations throughout Ohio, PA Turnpike, Maryland, & Chesapeake. This number is down from 2024 due to low number of guides in inventory.
2026	5,000 were sent out for the first half of 2026.

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Visitor Guide Distribution

1. Henley Graphics: Distributes guide at Travel Information Centers (TIC) in Ohio. In 2025 we were in 7 TIC's and in 2026 we will be in 7. 4,000 guides 2025 and 5,000 for 2026
2. Pennsylvania on Display and Getaways on Display: Allows us to distribute guides outside of Ohio on the turnpike and in travel plazas. We are in 2 plazas along the turnpike and 3 high traffic service plazas between Philadelphia and Baltimore. 3,000 guides in 2025
3. Ohio Travel Pavilion: Distributes our guides at 10 shows in Ohio (including the state fair) West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. 4,000 in 2025 and 5,000 in 2026
4. Day Trip: Local distributor that distributes our guides in 30 locations in Hocking, Athens, Fairfield, and Vinton counties. 2,500 in 2025
5. Burr Oak Lodge: 1,200 in 2025
7. Local Distribution: We distribute guides locally through small businesses, lodging partners, and restaurants.

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Website

In 2025, our website continued to be a strong marketing tool for Morgan County.

Over the last 90 days, the site generated 8,700 page views and 6,800 sessions, with 6,300 first-time visitors, demonstrating continued growth and reach.

We also received 78 total website inquiries in 2025, with the majority requesting visitor guides and travel information.

The most visited pages included the homepage (2,200 views), Short-Term Rentals (742 views), and the Event Calendar (345 views). Visitors are engaging with key planning resources such as the Visitor's Guide and Accommodations pages, reinforcing the website's role as a central hub for promoting our local businesses, events, and outdoor experiences.

The Events Calendar has been doing well. We've been working to encourage the public to submit their events. Once an event is submitted, it is approved, and once approved, it populates to the calendar.

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Publications

The board voted not to advertise with Great Lakes Publishing in 2026.

For 2026 we will be advertising in Compass Ohio Magazine. This includes digital advertising as well.

We also advertise locally, in the Morgan County Herald's business directory, fair book, and deer hunting guide.

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Memberships

We maintain memberships with various organizations within the industry.

Ohio Association of CVB's (OACVB) - Provide networking, education and government affairs resources.

Appalachian Ohio - Works with Ohio's 32 Appalachian counties to promote tourism and provides tourism impact studies.

Ohio Travel Association - Provides information on Ohio's travel industry and current travel research.

Ohio's Hill Country - Promote heritage activities throughout the region and provide Networking opportunities for those interested in the preservation and appropriate development of the historical, cultural, recreational, and economic resources of the region.

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Sharing arts, history, recreation, foods & amenities of Appalachian Ohio's winding roads.

Ohio's Winding Road connects people with local food, artisan goods and authentic experiences through their markets.

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In January of 2024 we partnered with Ohio's Winding Road, a nonprofit organization, at the visitor's center. This allowed us to sell Morgan County merchandise, support their mission, and support several of our small businesses that sell their product through the marketplace.

Due to funding issues, the marketplace through OWR may be closing. We have already begun discussing plans to continue with retail in the visitor center. This will involve obtaining a vendor's license as well as remitting sales tax.

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1. Lodging Certification – We created a certification process for our lodging partners as required by the Code of Regulations.
2. The board voted to hire a PT Visitor's Service Assistant for 20 hours/wk. This will be a seasonal position, April through October, and will include Saturdays.
3. Through a grant given to ORCA, we were able to have a new Covered Bridge Trail designed and printed.
4. Through the same grant, we were able to have a new Appalachian Hills and Jesse Owen's State Park map designed and printed.
5. I'm currently working with the Morgan County Engineer on a new county map that will include points of interest as well as tourism information.
6. As a result of the photo gallery, we created a 2026 Morgan County Calendar. We will be creating a 2027 calendar and hope to have it before Christmas.
7. We worked with the McConnellsville an Aspiring Community (Heritage Ohio) to get the organization up and running. I was committed to 1 year which ended in January 2026. The CVB will be using the lodging tax received by the Village of McConnellsville to help fund the program.

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Goals for 2026 as budget permits

1. Hire a new PT seasonal Visitor Services Assistant.
2. Continue with retail and selling MOCO items including online sales if possible.
3. Create a new visitor guide that better represents MOCO.
4. Continue partnership with ODNR and directing traffic from parks to villages within MOCO.
5. Work with the engineer's office to complete the county map.
6. Offer a grant writing class through the extension office in Noble County with Gwynn Stewart.
7. Continue to work with partners to enhance visitor experiences.

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Attachment B:



Morgan County Health Department
4275 N St Rt 376 NW
McConnelsville, OH 43756
Phone: 740-962-4572
Fax: 740-962-3271

03/02/2026

To the Morgan County Commissioners,

We would like to make a motion to change the name of Fund 068 from **BIO-TERRORISM/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** to **Public Health Emergency Preparedness**, as requested by our Board of Health.

This request is for a name change only. There will be no changes to the fund's purpose, use, or allocation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAM 3/2/26
SCB 3/2/26
CMM 3/2/26

