

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, March 23, 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 Maxwell attended a CCAO meeting retreat Thursday and Friday.
Commissioner Best attended a Health Department meeting on Thursday.
Commissioner Mayle attended a Community Action meeting Tuesday.

26-138- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the minutes of March 16, 2026

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

Chevrolet Truck has a broken brake line for the rear brakes, truck is at Bates garage to get an estimate for repairs. 3-16-26

Right side overhead door at the garage won't go up, checked breakers for power. We will need to contact Westfall Doors and Buildings and schedule a date and time for repairs.

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)

John Deere Zero Turn mower has been serviced and Recall completed and returned. 3-18-26

Thrombold Equipment completed scheduled service on the Sewage pump and delivered 5 buckets of Enzyme chemical. 3-17-26

Advanced Heating and Cooling was able to get the HVAC BCU and Laptop up and operational, and looked at RTU 3, ordered a new Contactor and switch. 3-20-26

Called American Light to get quote for Emergency lights for the building. 3-20-26

We need to contact Jason Pierce to get quote to install Emergency lights installed. 3-20-26

Keith Nelson, Concerned Citizen

☐ Proposal to Designate State Route 555 as “Freedom Road”

- Pursuit of a memorial designation for approximately 62 miles of SR 555 from Little Hopkin to Putnam, crossing four counties and four Ohio House districts; coordination required with multiple representatives (Moore’s office contacted; outreach planned to reps in Muskingum, Perry, and Washington counties).
- County commissioners are being asked for resolutions of support; requirements vary by county and state guidance is vague. Morgan County Commissioners agreed to prepare and email a resolution of support on county letterhead; a draft was provided.
- Designation is commemorative (brown memorial signs) and will not change addresses, county road names, or existing designations. Existing partial designations (e.g., “Morgan’s Trail”) will remain; the “Triple Nickel” nickname is unaffected.
- Chesterhill Village Council visit scheduled for early April; Chesterhill is the only municipality directly on 555.
- Historical alignment with local Underground Railroad sites (Chesterhill, Deavertown, Ringgold, and nearby Pennsville); references include Frederick Douglass’s visit and local conductors’ cave hiding places.
- Tourism coordination suggested with Tracy Simmons to integrate storytelling and visitor information. Presenter began effort in January post-retirement for long-term heritage recognition.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Timesheet

Steve Redrup, EMA

☐ 911 Dispatch, Governance, and Paging

- Power outage caused ~1 minute of 911 downtime due to lack of battery backup at the Pennsville dispatch site; generator delay of 6–8 seconds. Chief Greer installed a battery backup the same day to prevent recurrence. Minor roof leak noted during storm; broader building issues (roof, sewer) acknowledged.
- County now a single PSAP under the current board; former committee dissolved. 911 final plan prepared for signatures; must be codified and sent to the state. OTSCI extension required from the original grant signatory; awaiting submission instructions from OTSCI (follow-up email sent).
- Paging issues: some users receiving only pre-alerts; suspected interference from dual receivers (Pennsville and Chester Hill). Some departments (e.g., Reinersville) report restoration; others still affected. Plan to verify receiver configurations, contact Greg, and standardize setup.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells will attend the small operator summit today, March 23, 2026 at Salt Fork Lodge. The new Mayor of Stockport, Stephanie Burt and Shannon Wells met on March 19, 2026 to discuss projects in the Village. Shannon Wells will attend a special council meeting on March 25, 2026. There will be a pre-construction meeting at the transit garage 900 S. Riverside Dr. on Wednesday, March 25 at 2pm.

Students from Morgan High School will be touring offices on March 27 for Career Day and will be stopping at the Morgan County Economic Development office.

Shannon Wells met with Deb Martin from Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP). RCAP has funding to assist with planning and is looking for a project in Morgan County. It was discussed to update the county

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

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

John Wilt, 911

911 Plan and Governance Structure

- The county commissioners now serve as the governing board for the 911 service, simplifying reporting.
- Previously, a committee included representatives from the county commissioners, the sheriff, a township trustee, and a municipality representative.
- The state requires a plan covering services under "one twenty eight," including Next Gen 911, and how police, fire, and EMS calls are handled.

Funding and Costs of the 911 System (PSAP)

- The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is located at the Morgan County Sheriff's office and uses preexisting equipment.
- Annual costs in the plan are from the original document as requested, even though this is an addendum.
- The county did not implement the property levy for each phone as described in "one twenty-eight, three five".
- Funding comes from a county-wide levy and state contributions.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizens Director

The current congregate meal delivery process is operationally broken and creating friction between the service provider and the receiving site. The provider's model involves on-site, buffet-style serving which consumes their staff resources, conflicts with the site's scheduling, and fails to meet the core need for simple, pre-packaged meal drop-offs. This inefficiency is compounded by quality complaints about the food itself and a rigid headcount system that penalizes spontaneous participation. The core tension is a mismatch of service models: the site

requires a simple catering drop-off to support its own activities, while the provider is executing a full-service, on-site cafeteria model that introduces unnecessary complexity and dependency.

26-130- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to accept the following ABM Contract:
See Attachment A

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

26-140- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to accept the 2026 Washington/Morgan jail contract to house prisoners for the year.

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

There was a major power outage in Morgan County on 18 March 2026 and the County had some issues as a result. The primary concern was that the building control unit (BCU) for the Riecker Building's HVAC system would not come back online. Advanced Heating and Cooling had to come to the Riecker Building to perform reset procedures to restore communications with the BCU. The IT Director spent the remainder of the week fixing all the smaller issues related to this outage.

The IT Director received a message from Meta/Facebook saying that the Morgan County Dog Pound's page would no longer be recommended to people because it "was not following the rules." Initially, this was believed to be a scam, but was independently verified. It is possible that an automated service on Facebook flagged the Morgan County Dog Pound page as not following the rules, so the IT Director requested that Facebook re-evaluate the page. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

26-139- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the request to change the names of the following line items:

Fund 227 is named Ohio Elections Commission Fund

Expense Line 277-0277-5301.00 Election Commission Fund

Revenue Line 277-0277-4001.00 Ohio Elections Commission Fund

To the following:

Fund 277 name to Ohio Elections Integrity Commission

Expense Line 277-0277-5301.00 Ohio Elections Integrity Commission Fund

Revenue Line 277-0277-4001.00 Ohio Election Integrity Commission Fund

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

26-141- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the name change of line items. See Attachment B

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

26-142- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to request the approval of the following supplemental appropriation.

Please add \$10,482.38 to 009-0009-5306.00

This is for the reimbursement of money from the Partner in Watershed Grant.

Please let me know if any additional information or documentation is needed to process this request.

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

26-143- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$90.00 to line item 277-0277-5301.00 (Elections Integrity Commission Expenses) which is the filing fee funds required to be sent to the Ohio Elections Integrity Commission for fiscal quarter 01/01/2026-03/01/2026.

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

26-144- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to request the following supplemental appropriation for fund 107 Washington Morgan Grant Program Income.

107-0107-5301.00 \$39,500.00

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

26-145- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the supplemental appropriations. See Attachment C

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

26-146- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer \$30,211.00 from the 110-2023-5302.00 Lead Line Item into the 110-2021-5303.00 B-C-21-1CA-1 Line Item.

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

26-147- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the transfer. See Attachment D

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

26-148- 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

26-149- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to recess the commissioners meeting on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 4:00pm.

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

26-150- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to reconvene the commissioners meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 5:15pm for a meeting at the Herald Office.

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

26-151- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting March 25, 2026 at 6:15pm after attending a meeting at the Herald Office.

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
Commissioners***

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

Heidi Maxwell
Steve Best
Cecil Mayle
Sheila Welch, Clerk

March 16, 2026

26-130- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best authorizing the selection of energy services company (ESCO) and authorizing the Morgan County Commissioners to negotiate and execute an IGA Agreement /Energy Savings Performance contract:

Whereas, Morgan County issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for and Energy Savings Performance Contracting in February 2026 to procure energy savings performance contracting services pursuant to applicant Ohio Revised Code 307.041;
and

Whereas, proposals were evaluated in accordance Section VI of the solicitation; and

Whereas, ABM Building Solutions, LLC was determined to be the most advantageous/best value respondent; and

Whereas, the Morgan County Commissioners desires to authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement to perform an Investment Grade Audit and/or implement energy conversation measures with guaranteed savings;

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Morgan County, Ohio that:

1. Selection. ABM Building Solutions, LLC, is hereby selected as the Energy Services Company for the Energy Savings Performance Contract Project.
2. Authorization to contract. The commissioners is authorized and directed to negotiate and execute an IGA Agreement/ESPC with ABM Building Solutions, LLC, in a form approved by Prosecutor Welch.

I, the undersigned, Chief Clerk of the County Commissioners of Morgan County, OH, hereby certify that the Forgoing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Commissioners on the 16th day of March, 2026.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of March, 2026.

Heidi Maxwell, President

Steve Best, Vice President

Cecil Mayle, Member

Attachment B:

MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

155 E. Main St. Rm. 157

McConnelsville, OH 43756

Phone: (740) 962-3116 Fax: (740) 962-3099 Email: morgan@OhioSoS.gov <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/morgan>

Jerry Lou Matheney, Chairperson

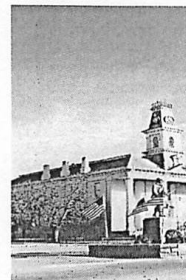
Director, Tracie Wagoner

Deputy Director, Valerie Mayle

James B. Wilson, Member

Judy Ray, Member

Cindy Tuttle, Member



March 23, 2026

Attn: Morgan Co. Commissioners,

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Thank you,

Tracie Wagoner

Tracie Wagoner, Director

Valerie Mayle, Deputy Director

Morgan Co. Board of Elections

SCB 3/23/26

HRM 3/23/26

2/23/26

Completed 3-23-2026
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Attachment C:



60 South Fourth Street
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740.962.3900
Fax: 740.962.3901

**Morgan County Emergency Management Agency
and
Office of Homeland Security**

Email: EMA@morgancounty-oh.gov
Website: www.morganema.com

March 23, 2026

Morgan County Commissioners
155 E. Main Street
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Dear Madam and Sirs:

I am writing to respectfully request the approval of the following supplemental appropriation.

Please add \$10,482.38 to 009-0009-5306.00

This is for the reimbursement of money from the Partner in Watershed Grant.

Please Let me know if any additional information or documentation is needed to process this request. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Redrup
Morgan County Emergency Management Director

HRM 3/23/26
SCB 3/28/26
3-23-2026
Preparedness—Response—Recovery—Mitigation
3/23/26

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Jerry Lou Matheney, Chairperson Director, Tracie Wagoner Deputy Director, Valerie Mayle
James B. Wilson, Member Judy Ray, Member Cindy Tuttle, Member



March 17, 2026

Attn: Morgan Co. Commissioners,

Please provide supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$90.00 to line item #277-0277-5301.00 (Elections Integrity Commission Expenses) which is the filing fee funds required to be sent to the Ohio Elections Integrity Commission for fiscal quarter 01/01/2026 – 03/01/2026.

Thank you,
Tracie Wagoner

Tracie Wagoner, Director
Valerie Mayle, Deputy Director
Morgan Co. Board of Elections

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***Morgan County Commissioners
Development Office***

155 East Main St., Room 135
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740-962-1322
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March 23, 2026

Dear Morgan County Commissioners,

My office is requesting the following supplemental appropriations for
fund 107 Washington Morgan Grant Program Income.

107-0107-5301-00 \$ 39,500.00

Thank you,

Traci Baker

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Attachment D:



***Morgan County Commissioners
Development Office***

155 East Main St., Room 135
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Fax: 740-962-1341

March 23, 2026

Dear Morgan County Commissioners:

Please do the following transfers:

Transfer \$30,211 from the 110-2023-5302-00 Lead Line Item into the
110-2021-5303-00 B-C-21-1CA-1 Line Item.

Thank you,

Traci Baker

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