

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 6, 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:

On Wednesday, Commissioner Best attended a Nuisance Abatement meeting. He also attended Jessie Owens Sneak Peek at the Visitor's Center.

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

26-157- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the minutes of March 30, 2026

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

26-158- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following:

WHEREAS, McConnelsville Post 24 of the American Legion, are desirous of decoration graves, conducting Memorial Services and otherwise engaging in activities appropriate to the celebration of Memorial Day 2026 and WHEREAS, OHIO REVISED CODE, TITLE III, Section 307.66 provides that the Board of County Commissioners, annually upon the request of the officials thereof shall preproperate and advance to "each chartered camp, post, or garrison, or naval branch of any organization of veterans recognized and chartered by congress, in the county," a sum of money not to exceed five hundred dollars to aid in defraying the expenses

of Memorial Day, now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that request be and the same is hereby made of the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County that such appropriation be made to this Post for the purposes herein set forth. See Attachment A

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

Chevrolet Truck has been repaired and returned. Rear brakes and drums and wheel cylinders were replaced. 4-3-26

Scheduled ABM for a walk through for 4-15-26.

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)

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

I Tech did a walk through and completed an estimate for all new security cameras. 3-31-26

SOS Technologies did the services, checks and maintenance on all the Counties AEDs. 4-1-26

County Highway Garage sent a couple of Guys to the Grove Park and cleaned up all the brush and tree limbs and hauled them away. 4-3-26

Park Maintenance and Updates

- Mrs. Wells oversaw ordering a replacement lamp post for the park. It was confirmed that she ordered it.
- A county garage crew cleaned up sticks and brush piles at the park. They burned the debris in an existing burn pile.
- Mr. Peirce will be asked to look at a burnout light in the community room, as he has a small scissor lift to reach it.

Camera System Upgrade

- A new camera system is being considered, with a lease option available from one vendor (Vitec) that allows for monthly payments instead of a large upfront cost.
 - The vendor will run all wiring and drill through the building to install exterior camera mounts.
 - The new system will include a total of 41 cameras.
 - It will replace all existing cameras internally, add many more outside to cover blind spots, and replace cameras at the JFS location.
 - The plan includes installing ten-foot poles in the back parking lot for camera placement.
 - The system's hard drives will have a 60-day recording capacity.
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Missy Fisher, JFS

Timesheet

Mandated Share—found in Transfer & supplemental section

John Wilt, 911

- Radio system installation and console upgrades
 - Installation of radio equipment is expected to start soon; the vendor has equipment on hand.
 - Console upgrades are needed to enable paging on MARCS and low band; the tower is not the blocker.
 - Cables are already run from the current site to the courthouse; consoles need to be built and installed.
 - Moving equipment to the courthouse is expected to improve MARCS coverage due to higher elevation.
- Coverage considerations and tower/pager performance
 - The fairgrounds site is not ideal.
 - Proximity to a Verizon tower was noted; pager reliability is mixed across areas.
 - Ongoing talks with “Marks” are mentioned regarding coverage and infrastructure.

- Dispatch paging, CAD issues, and procedures
 - Some EMS/fire dispatches are missing location or show “unknown” nature; changes are underway to fix this.
 - Early notifications are reaching responders before pages; mixed impact—faster awareness but incomplete info.
 - A “double CAD” incident occurred when a new CAD was started; the sheriff wanted a CAD number for the deputy call on the VOA.
 - Plan to implement an SOP so CAD entries for deputy calls do not trigger squad alerts.
 - Current practices vary by person and rely on word of mouth; emphasis on written policies for accountability and transparency.
- Pager programming, distribution, and property marking
 - Pagers are available; programming instructions have been provided.
 - After programming, pagers will be laser-engraved as county property, then returned for distribution.
 - The timeline is expected to be short once programming is complete.
- Vendor timeline and project urgency
 - A promised date has been missed; no billing has been received for delayed work.
 - Plan to increase pressure on the vendor to prioritize the build-out.
 - Equipment is reportedly sitting in the vendor’s building; need to move forward.

Steve Redrup, EMA

EMA/ OHS Report to Commissioners

- Registered for training to complete the upcoming training
- Vehicle maintenance
- Researched EOC/EMA requirements
- Inquired about grant funding for EOCs
- Worked on the Morgan County LEPC exercise, our exercise is 5/14/26
- Noble and Athens Counties exercises are this coming Friday and Sunday
- Working on finishing up the HMP
- Continued work on updating the EOP

26-159- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to enter executive session with Mike Rieter and Shannon Wells at 10:00am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

26-160- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to exit executive session with Mike Rieter and Shannon Wells at 10:25am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

The Morgan County Economic Development office has announced applications for the Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) grant will start being received on April 15, 2026. Interested individuals will need to call the office for an appointment.

Buckeye Southeast Transit will be accepting quotes for van washing services until April 10, 2026. Information for quotes can be found at www.morgancounty-oh.gov.

Buckeye Southeast Transit is in the process of updating the operating policies and would like to submit the Driver Training and New Hire Policy for approval and adoption.

Shannon Wells will meet with Christine Schirra from Bricker Graydon today virtually at 2pm to discuss the work Burgess & Niple will be doing on the CIC property on SR60 North.

Shannon Wells and Eric Leach will have a touch base meeting today April 6, 2026, at 2:30pm virtually for an update on Morgan County Projects.

A quote was received to replace the lamppost at the Grove that was broken due to a vehicular accident. The total would be \$1,651.00, not including labor to install.

Stalwart Management Services is the low quote for lawncare services for the Morgan Transit facility and the Health Department at \$99.00 and \$108.00 weekly. A copy of liability insurance and worker compensation has been provided.

Shannon Wells contacted Wallace Pancher regarding the airport runway lighting project for a status update as they had submitted a request for payment to the county auditor's office.

26-161- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the new hire Transit policy effective April 6, 2026.

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

John Telesz, Engineer

Bids were opened for Asphalt and Bituminous materials.

26-162- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to table asphalt bids.

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

26-163- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best table for bituminous bids.

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

Sunny Clay, Pound Keeper

The operational team is seeking clarification regarding the management of dogs that display aggressive behavior and pose safety concerns. There appears to be uncertainty around long-term housing responsibilities for animals considered adoptable but exhibiting dangerous tendencies. This lack of clear guidance has created procedural and ethical challenges for staff, who continue to manage these cases without definitive direction. Documented incidents, including injuries to animals, highlight the need for a consistent and safe approach. The team agrees that the current situation is unsustainable and would benefit from a formal policy to ensure fairness and safety for both staff and the animals in their care.

Wendy Gorrell, MCDD

Meeting Notes

Board Appointment Planning

- A time was scheduled to formally appoint Mr. Dille to a board.
- Mrs. Gorrell wants to take pictures of the appointment for the newspaper to ensure transparency.

- The appointment is set for next Monday at 1:00 PM

Memorial Day Expenses and Marker Orders

- Memorial Day expenses are handled by a different office; the speaker's role is to facilitate printing related materials.
- Confirmation was given to proceed with ordering markers.

Adam Trippet, Veteran's Office

A legacy, ad-hoc system for managing flag distribution to veterans' organizations for Memorial Day is creating unnecessary operational friction and potential compliance risks. The Veteran's Office has become a de facto storage and distribution hub, a function that evolved without formal process and now operates on a fragile, three-part system involving Mr. Trippet, the county, and the service organizations. This informal arrangement—where the American Legion handles Memorial Day and the VFW handles Veterans Day—is further complicated by disparate funding requests and reporting practices among the different veteran groups. While the immediate operational goal of ordering and receiving flags for Memorial Day is on track, the underlying process is inefficient, not scalable, and exposes the system to single points of failure, particularly in how funding is requested and accounted for by the recipient organizations.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

Security camera installer iTech came to the Riecker Building to look at upgrading and expanding the security camera installation in and around the Riecker Building. While the existing

installation is effective, the technology is old and time-consuming to access. iTech provided a quote for the upgrade and installation of newer security cameras. In addition to purchasing the system outright, the County has the option to lease through iTech, like the leases on Xerox copiers. The Commissioners requested an itemized quote from iTech prior to deciding.

A law office that Common Pleas Court works with was hacked, and a malicious email was received from them. Unfortunately, the recipient clicked on the link and downloaded some malicious code. The computer was cleaned of infections and returned to normal operational status.

The IT Director discusses ADA compliance for the web with the Engineer's office. The County's website already has a high AIM score for ADA compliance, but there are some things that need to be updated to make the site easier for screen readers. The Engineer's Word press site has a mediocre score and will need to be updated.

Advanced Business Communications returned to the Sheriff's office to install new dispatch phones in the 911 center. The phone and DSS modules were installed and configured with no issues encountered.

The IT Director will start migrating the County's older @morgancounty-oh.gov email accounts to the existing @morgancountyohio.gov accounts in the coming weeks. Following the migration, older accounts will be locked out until they are archived and removed.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

26-164- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the mandated share for April in the amount of \$3,442.75.

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

26-165- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the mandated share. Attachment B

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

26-166- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to provide a supplemental appropriation of \$90,000 for the purpose of purchasing 100 MARCS pagers, as well as associated costs.

Amount	To
\$90,000	010-0010-5301.00 Local Fund Other Expenses

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

26-167- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to line item #001-0301-5306.01 (state funding) which is grant funds from SOS for Physical Security and Cyber Security implementation to the Morgan County Board of Elections.

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

26-168- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve all supplemental appropriations. See Attachment C

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

26-169- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to transfer \$500.00 to be moved from line 068-2026-5306.00 PHEP Contracts to 068-2026-5309.00 Other Expenses. This adjustment is requested to cover miscellaneous PHEP related expenses such as milage and supplies.

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

26-170- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve all transfers. See Attachment D

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

26-171- 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

26-172- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting April 6, 2026, at 4:00pm after attending the Land Bank meeting.

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

Approved by Commissioners on: August 3, 2026

Heidi Maxwell, President

Steve Best, Vice-President

Cecil Mayle, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:



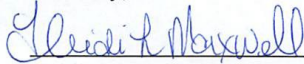
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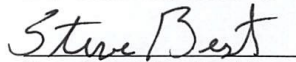
155 East Main St., Room 216
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740-962-3183
Fax: 740-962-2014

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Steve Best
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Sheila Welch, Clerk

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Sincerely,


Heidi Maxwell, President


Steve Best, Vice-President


Cecil Mayle, Member

Attachment B:

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

April 6, 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:

April 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

SCB 4/6/26

HPM 4/6/26
Cmm 4/6/26

Attachment C:

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 www.morgancountyboardofelections.com

Jerry Lou Matheney, Chairperson
James B. Wilson, Member

Director, Tracie Wagoner
Judy Ray, Member

Deputy Director, Valerie Mayle
Cindy Tuttle, Member



April 6th, 2026

Morgan County Commissioner's:

Please provide supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to line item #001-0301-5306.1 (State Funding) which is grant funds from the SOS for Physical Security and Cyber Security implementation to the Morgan County Board of Elections.

Thank you,

Tracie Wagoner

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

SCB 4/6/26
JRM 4/6/26
Cmm 4/6/26



MORGAN COUNTY 9-1-1

and
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

37 E. Main Street
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756
Phone: 740.651.8610

Email: 911@morgancountyohio.gov

Supplemental Appropriation Request

4/1/2026

911 Emergency Communications requests the following supplemental appropriation of \$90,000 for the purpose of purchasing 100 Unication MARCS pagers, as well as associated costs.

Amount

\$90,000

To

010-0010-5301.00 Local Fund Other Expenses

Respectfully,

John C. Wilt

Emergency Communications Director

HRM 4/6/26
SCB 4/6/26
CMM 4/6/26

Posted

4.6.2026

Law Enforcement - Fire - Emergency Medical

Attachment D:



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

April 3rd, 2026

The Morgan County Commissioners
155 E Main Street
McConnelsville Ohio 43756

We are requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$500.00 to be moved from line 068-2026-5306.00 PHEP Contracts to 068-2026-5309.00 PHEP Other Expenses. This adjustment is requested to cover miscellaneous PHEP-related expenses such as mileage and supplies.

Thank you,

Jeff Michaels

HRM 4/6/26
SCB 4/6/26
Cmm 4/6/26

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