

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, April 13, 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 Pro Averys Law meeting. He also attended an Ag and Rural Fair and a Winsor Township meeting on Thursday as well.

26-173- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the minutes of April 6, 2026
Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea, Mr. Mayle yea Motion Carried

Patrick Kidd, Deputy Engineer

Project Updates and Budgeting

- Prices for upcoming projects are lower than expected, which is favorable.
- Projects are planned to proceed as scheduled.

OPWC Road Projects

- Last year's OPWC road projects may be delayed due to budget constraints.
- The current plan is to move forward with the initial stages.
- Prices for these projects were flat or lower compared to two years ago.
- All OPWC-approved projects must ultimately be paved.

Run Road Project

- The project will be extended from Unionville up to Seventy.
- The original plan was shorter, but favorable pricing made the extension possible.
- Both grant and loan funds will be used for the extension.
- The project will extend to the bridge near the sawmill.
- The remaining section will be addressed this year.

- A portion of Run Road that has never been paved will need to be addressed.

26-174- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to untable all bids.

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

26-175- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to accept all bids. See Attachment A

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

1. 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)
2. Scheduled ABM for a walk through for 4-15-26.
3. We need to contact Jason Pierce to get quote to install Emergency lights installed. 3-20-26
4. All mowing has been completed. 4-9-26
5. I Tech did a walk through and completed an estimate for all new security cameras. 3-31-26
6. Received the Quote for the light post assembly at the Grove Park from the Development office on 4-10-26
7. Returned the flags to full staff and replaced the old flags with new ones. 4-10-26
8. Ordered new Flags to have on hand to replace the Flags when they get torn and faded. 4-10-26
9. Flags have been put back up to full staff. 4-10-26

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The IT Director went to the Noble County Transit office in Caldwell to look at an Outlook issue on one of the computers and to run a cable from the camera system to an inner office. Microsoft Outlook on the computer in question was not connecting to the user's email account. Troubleshooting pointed to a corrupted installation of Outlook, but the County does not have the installation media for MS Office. As a workaround, the Outlook progressive web application was

set up on the computer to allow the user to access their email. Additionally, an HDMI cable was run from the outer office to the inner office to allow viewing of the building's security cameras.

The IT Director was finally able to access the Verizon Wireless website to upgrade/replace two failed phones at the Courthouse. Additionally, the Dog Warden needs a new iPad, but the IT Director will check with the Dog Warden to see if she could use a smartphone instead.

As a follow up to a question posed by the Sheriff's office, the IT Director asked the Ohio Supreme Court's Court IT Leaders group about the usage of generic AI accounts for training purposes, despite using them on computers that process criminal justice information system (CJIS) data. The consensus seemed to be that if no CJIS data was being input into the AI accounts in question, then it was acceptable to create generic accounts for training purposes.

Heidi Burns, JFS

1. Mandated Share

- a. Changes every year in July but capped at an increase or decrease of 5% each year
- b. New amount is \$41,984 (SFY27)
- c. Prior years
 - i. SFY26 \$41,313
 - ii. SFY25 \$39,346
 - iii. SFY24 \$39,441
 - iv. SFY23 \$40,358
- d. TANF portion is from 1994 and is always \$32,330 of that amount
- e. Food and Medicaid portion is from expenditures in that category, and takes into consideration the per capita tax duplicate of a county vs the state, the estimate of the population given by Ohio Development Services Agency, then it takes the percentage of families with an annual income of less than \$3,000 and uses that amount compared to the state amount, the average of the annual personal income published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis

Steve Redrup, EMA

EMA/ OHS Report to Commissioners

- Had a meeting with Ohio EMA representative reference to upcoming LEPC exercise in Morgan County
- Had a meeting with Noble County EMA Director and Deputy Director about their upcoming exercise.
- Continued to monitor river levels
- Vehicle maintenance, oil change
- Moved trailer back to the transit lot
- Worked on LEPC exercise
- Discussed the Brick Grant with the OEMA

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.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with Monroe County Commissioner, Mick Schumacher on April 9, 2026, regarding senior transportation in Monroe County.

A resolution is requested to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems for \$150,000.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson are meeting with Noble County Commissioners today April 13, 2026, at 11:30 for an update on transportation in Noble County.

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 meeting today April 13, 2026, at 1:00pm virtually with the USDA regarding a program to help fund the jail renovations.

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. He was to submit a new price by 10am today April 13, 2026, because the dog pound was removed as a third location. A copy of liability insurance and worker compensation has been provided.

Shannon Wells received a quote from ADR & Associates to repair the slip-on Front Street and is working with the mayor to move this project forward.

Shannon Wells met with Reid Consulting on April 7, 2026, for an update on the Morgan County ARC Power Broadband grant award.

The AEP LEAP grant is due this Friday, April 17, 2026.

26-176- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded Mr. Best to approve the following:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF COUNTY OF MORGAN FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

Whereas the County of Morgan seeks to repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas the County of Morgan intends to apply for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of a WPCLF loan agreement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the President of Morgan County Commissioners be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF loan, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems on behalf of the County of Morgan, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 13th Day of April 2026. See Attachment B

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

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

26-177- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to appoint Mr. Seth Dille to the MCDD board with term expiring December 31, 2029.

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

John Wilt, 911

Dispatch Confusion and Radio Talk Groups

- Recent incident: multiple units (Squad, Penn, M&M) were active; cancellations and communications were unclear.
- Confusion arose due to multiple events on the same talk group and inconsistent radio acknowledgments.
- Plan to change dispatch identifiers so “Morgan dispatch” is Station 100 to reduce confusion.
- EMS has a separate talk group; scanning settings in squads may be disabled, limiting situational awareness.
- Some squads do not radio arrival/updates; inconsistent practices vary by dispatcher.

Conclusion:

- Establish clearer SOPs, ensure proper talk group usage, and enable scanning to improve coordination.

Run Areas, GIS, and CAD Mapping

- Ongoing work to define granular run areas across townships and departments for CAD unit recommendations.
- Trustees should be involved; Homer Township includes Jacksonville, Amesville, local department, and M&M coverage.
- Proposed simplification of boundary lines to avoid street-splitting confusion; prioritize closest departments for structure fires.

- GIS work will feed CAD for accurate recommendations; current CAD is largely township-based.
- Cross-county considerations (e.g., Amesville in Athens County with parts in Morgan) require dispatch alignment.

Conclusion:

- Develop detailed maps and meet with township trustees and chiefs to finalize run areas for CAD.

Mutual Aid Agreements and Documentation

- EMA lacks mutual aid agreements on file; a county-wide mutual aid agreement exists.
- Some departments have expectations for dispatching without written SOPs.
- Intention to keep low band paging and implement standardized programming control.

Conclusion:

- Collect and centralize mutual aid agreements and formalize SOPs.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

26-178- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to allow the renaming of the following Revenue and Expense items for fund 001 General. These lines are not currently used and renaming them would align with upcoming revenue/expenses within the general fund.

Rename 001-0601-4006.00 Work Release to Record Request Revenue

Rename 001-0601-5320.00 Fees to Record Request Expense

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

26-179- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve renaming revenue/expense line items for Fund 001. See Attachment C

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

26-180- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to request the following supplemental appropriations for fund 110 CDBG:

CHIP FY 2023—Home	110-2023-5304-00	\$28,500.00
CHIP FY 2023—CDBG	110-2023-5303-00	\$ 8,000.00
B-C-191CA-2	110-2019-5302	\$16,927.00

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

26-181- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve all supplemental appropriations. See Attachment D

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

26-182- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the mandated share for April in the amount of \$3,442.75. See Attachment E

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

26-183- 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

26-184- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

26-185- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene at 4:00pm for a CIC meeting.

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

26-186- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting April 13, 2026, at 5:00pm.

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:

Attachment - A

**2026- Liquid Asphalt Materials Bidding Cost Comparison
Cost/Gallon**

MATERIAL	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2026	2026	Delivered	2026	2026
	ASPHALT	WRIGHT	PHILIPS	Estimated	ASPHALT	WRIGHT	PHILIPS	ASPHALT	Cost	Percentage
	MATERIAL	ASPHALT	OIL	Usage	MATERIAL	ASPHALT	OIL	MATERIAL	Increase	Change
				Gals.						
(New) RS2	\$2.410	No Bid	No Bid		\$2.410	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.370	-\$0.040	-1.688
RS 2P	\$2.760	No Bid	No Bid		\$2.760	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.720	-\$0.040	-1.471
MWS 90 SEALING	\$2.410	No Bid	No Bid		\$2.410	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.370	-\$0.040	-1.688
MWS 150 MIXING	\$2.660	No Bid	No Bid		\$2.660	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.620	-\$0.040	-1.527
MWS 300 MIXING	\$2.760	No Bid	No Bid		\$2.760	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.720	-\$0.040	-1.471
AE 150 G MIXING	\$2.660	No Bid	No Bid	15,000	\$2.660	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.620	-\$0.040	-1.527
MWS 150 SS	\$2.510	No Bid	No Bid	25,000	\$2.510	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.470	-\$0.040	-1.619
PERMICOAT 250	\$3.910	No Bid	No Bid		\$3.910	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.920	\$0.010	0.255
AE DP SOLVENTLESS PRIMER	\$1.910	No Bid	No Bid		\$1.910	No Bid	No Bid	\$1.920	\$0.010	0.521
PRIMER 20	\$3.610	No Bid	No Bid	400	\$3.610	No Bid	No Bid	\$3.620	\$0.010	0.276
Total Gallonage				40,400					\$ (0.03)	

\$ (600.00)
\$ (1,000.00)
\$ 4.00

I recommend we award the contract to Asphalt Materials, Inc.

2024- Asphaltic Concrete Bid Results
Cost/ton at the plant

Vendor					Shelly Mat.
Product	Marlotta	Haydenville	Byesville	Zanesville	Zanesville
404					
2005	\$ 28.50	\$ 27.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 29.50
2006	\$ 32.50	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 32.50	\$ 33.50
2007	\$ 41.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 39.50	\$ 45.00
2008	\$ 48.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 47.00
2009	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 60.00
2010	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.75
2011	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 62.00
2012	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 65.00
2013	\$ 64.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 64.00
2014	\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 64.00
2015	\$ 66.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 63.00
2016	\$ 65.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 68.50
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2019	\$ 66.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 68.00
2020	\$ 66.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 66.50
2021	\$ 66.50	\$ 63.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 63.50	\$ 67.00
2022	\$ 75.00	\$ 65.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 72.00
2023	\$ 95.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 81.50	\$ 90.00
2024	\$ 82.50	\$ 82.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 83.50	\$ 90.00
2026	\$ 82.50	\$ 82.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 83.50	\$ 92.00
\$/ton Increase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2.00
2-yr. % Incr.	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.22%
21-yr. % Incr.	189.47%	198.18%	179.66%	192.98%	211.86%
405					
2005	\$ 62.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 62.00	\$ 75.00
2006	\$ 66.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 66.00	\$ 80.00
2007	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	No Bid	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
2008	\$ 75.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00
2009	\$ 80.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 85.00	\$ 120.00
2010	\$ 90.00	No Bid	No bid	\$ 95.00	\$ 110.00
2011	\$ 95.00	No Bid	No bid	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00
2012	\$ 100.00	No bid	No bid	\$ 105.00	\$ 110.00
2013	\$ 105.00	No bid	No bid	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
2014	\$ 110.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 115.00	No Bid
2015	\$ 112.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 117.00	No Bid
2016	\$ 110.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 120.00	\$ 135.00
2017	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 120.00	No Bid
2018	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2019	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2020	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2021	\$ 115.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 125.00	No Bid
2022	\$ 125.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 135.00	No Bid
2023	\$ 140.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
2024	\$ 145.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160.00	No Bid
2026	\$ 160.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$ 166.00	\$ 172.00
\$/ton Increase	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5.00	\$ -
2-yr. % Incr.	3.45%			3.13%	
21-yr. % Incr.	141.94%			166.13%	129.33%

We will pick up material from the plant
that will give us the lowest overall costs

We may not be using any of this material

Attachment B:

Resolution No. 26-176

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Whereas, the County of Morgan intends to apply for Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

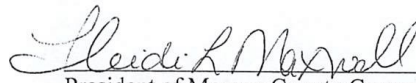
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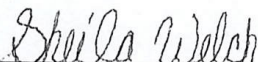
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio:

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SECTION 2. That is resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 13th Day of April 2026.


President of Morgan County Commissioners

Attest: 
Clerk

Updated 10/2003

Attachment C:

MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

James R. Fisher, Sheriff
sheriff@morgancountyohio.gov



April 13, 2026

Board of Morgan County Commissioners
155 East Main Street
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

Subject: Renaming Accounts- Revenue and Expense

Dear Commissioners,

Please allow the renaming of the following Revenue and Expense Line Items for Fund 001 General. These lines are not currently used and renaming them would align with upcoming revenue/expenses within the general fund.

Rename 001-0601-4006.00 Work Release to Record Request Revenue

Rename 001-0601-5320.00 Fees to Record Request Expense

Thank you for approving this adjustment to the Revenue and Expense Lines.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Weaver".

Pamela Weaver
Administrative Assistant
Morgan County Sheriff's Office

HRM 4/13/26
SCB 4/13/26
Cmm 4/13/26
☎ (740) 962-4044 ☎ (740) 962-4035

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Attachment D:



***Morgan County Commissioners
Development Office***

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

April 13, 2026

Dear Morgan County Commissioners,

My office is requesting the following supplemental appropriations for fund 110 CDBG.

CHIP FY 2023 – Home	110-2023-5304-00	\$ 28,500.00
CHIP FY 2023 – CDBG	110-2023-5303-00	\$ 8,000.00
B-C-19-1CA-2	110-2019-5302-00	\$16,927.00

Thank you,

Traci Baker

Traci Baker

APM 4/13/26
SCB 4/13/26
CMH 4/13/26

Attachment E:

MORGAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

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

April 6, 2026

Morgan County Board of Commissioners
155 East Main Street, Room 216
McConnelsville, 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

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