

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, June 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Cecil Mayle, President
Adam Shriver, Vice-President
Richard Welsh, Member

24-303- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of June 10, 2024.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-304- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to affirm the commissioner's intent to place a renewal levy of one mill, for the total of 1 mill, levy on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County library for 5 years commencing in 2025 tax year, first collected in 2026.

* For ballot language in entirety See Attachment A

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

John Wilt, EMA;911

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Received notice that Governor signed a declaration of disaster for the April Flooding. Ohio EMA and FEMA completed assessments and FEMA says the level of damage statewide does not meet criteria for a Federal Presidential declaration. The requested declaration was for PA (Public Assistance) only, this is roads and public infrastructure. Engineer Hook was the only entity in Morgan County that at applied for assistance.
- **With the extreme heat that is predicted for the next week, the EMA will continue to disseminate information regarding safe practices. Following the recommendations of the NWS and CDC our messaging will encourage persons who are distressed to seek medical attention. If there are power failures due to excessive usage, we plan to ask Morgan Local Schools to avail use of facilities as cooling centers. These will not**

be overnight facilities as temperatures are predicted to be within tenable limits at night. Riecker building may be advertised as a place to cool down as well as public libraries...

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 6/17/2024

- Have had multiple meetings with several vendors regarding mapping, recording, CAD, and EMD for new system. We will be keeping DDTI as our mapping vendor, although they have been bought out by Michael Baker, Inc. While this should not impact us as they also are the State GIS contractor, I will be checking to see what, if any impact this will have. Our current recording contractor is Equature and is part of a package with ComTech. This will end with the pilot. I have two vendors who have provided proposals for Eventide and am waiting for a quote from Equature. We have two CAD proposals and are waiting to visit sites that use the CADs to make a decision. The EMD, or protocol software, will ensure that we meet the State requirement for EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatching). We have two vendors who will be providing demos and proposals.
- Have been working diligently to resolve MSAG (Master Street Address Guide) deficiencies. These are addressing errors that prevent NG9-1-1 from properly mapping addresses. This is fairly intensive work but is vital for proper operation of the system.
- Will be meeting with the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee (PRC) on Thursday, June 20th, 7:00 pm. Will be discussing the new center plans, funding options, contractors, staffing, transition to new system, GIS issues, etc.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

1. Mowing scheduled for Wednesday each week until MCBDD Camp is completed in Mid-July. All mowing completed (6-6-24)
2. Scott from G&M Construction was at the Courthouse and repairing the falling plaster in the offices on the second-floor east side, 4 offices in total. 4-4-24, As of 4-19-24 still not finished
3. G&M still owes us (1) window screen on the second floor in the hallway, Scott stopped and measured the one window and called the company that made the screens and gave them the measurement to make 1 more screen 4-23- 24.
4. Westfall Buildings and Doors trying to get more keys for the garage door openers.
5. Called Apperson's about water leaks in the basement of the Riecker Building they found another cast iron drain pipe coming from the kitchen that has a split about 8' and the new hot water tank is leaking around one of the fittings and needs replaced. 5-17-24 awaiting parts 5-24-24

6. Jason Pierce looked at the motor switches for the Courthouse Clock. Both moter switches need replaced and rewired. He is also writing a quote to replace all 4 breaker boxes at the Courthouse and LED lighting to replace old T-12 bulbs. 5-28-24.
7. Advanced H/C ordered new contactor VAV 10 in JFS front office. 5-21-24
8. Water leak at County Court was fixed by Apperson's Plumbing and Heating, the water lines were capped off since the sink wasn't used. 6-12-24
9. New U.S. STATE and POW/MIA Flags were replaced at the Courthouse

-The commissioners discussed a job needed finished in the Recorder's Office and the Courthouse through G&M Construction.

Rebecca Safko, Heidi Burns, JFS

-Contract amendment with Morgan County Transit for 24-25 year.

-Back to school program, 596 families with 1,069 kids

-Meeting w/Rebecca Safko

*The reason for this meeting is threefold. Ms. Safko She would live to talk about the normal formula allocations. Also, she would like to discuss a person being in your office full-time for unemployment. Lastly, the recent rainfall and the disaster declaration. Beginning with the allocations...basically, the way things had been done pre-COVID is each year they get the money as an area. Within the area, they have the ability to allocate however they choose to best meet the needs our citizens. But, being cognizant of each county, they realized that the state gave them the adult and the youth allocation based on poverty and unemployment. Dislocated looks at a variety of six things.

Last year the commissioners have enrolled a lot of people in the youth program and are doing great in getting it out to the residents.

Individuals look at unemployment, mass layoffs, agricultural, and other factors in that. So, what you're looking at is a basic, the way auctioneer is the way that that we talked about normally doing it. However, your losses would look less in option A. Using option A, counties actual

expenditures and which counties were spending the most. Due to the counties spending more last year, the counties received more than what just unemployment and poverty rate.

Option A carries some heavy losses because you're looking at just statistics in your area, your county that is based on having expenditures for this year. Option B is doing the same thing that was done last year where we looked at the expenditures through April and it was realized that it's only ten months did each one of the four expend in each one of the three funding sources. So a portion of that, Over in option B, the middle part between the two, for example, in your county through April, you had spent 30% of the total funds.

In adult allocated to our area, in dislocated 28 and in youth 23. I took those percentages for all four and allocated the amount of money that the state said that they would give us. That's why in option B, everybody is taking a 14% decrease. Now, we did not get a 14% decrease in adult.

The last one, you'll only see one percentage, and you'll only see the adult and the dislocated worker allocations changing between options in option C. In option C, added together both the adult and the dislocated worker because those funds kick in. Each done interchangeably with the correct codes. In looking at that you.

Morgan County has already been making referrals to the GRIT program. We'll fully case manage those for the people that would normally be eligible in WIOA or the TANF arm of the youth funding. So, again, for the GRIT population, they have to be an Appalachian resident, and they have to sit through the future plans assessment, which gives them a good idea of their interests and attitudes and how they would fit into careers.

Consider the three options here. So as you can see in the adult population option A would only give you \$63,000 whereas option B would take it to \$128,000 and option C would take it to \$124,000. And it's not a huge difference in option.

Although discussion was had later, no action has been taken at this time.

-Travel

- Heidi Burns & Kari Schaad to Lewis Center for PCSAO

Individuals did have some people that are upset about the back-to-school program because we don't do home school. The reason why we don't do home school is because if you are enrolled in

a home school program, you are exempt from absence status.

Sophia Wiseman, OSU Extension

-See Attachment B

Mystie Long, Pound Keeper

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html

-The commissioner discussed the future of the yard waste dump site. It cost money every time they need to get it pushed back. They are considering placing a sign at the site state, “n commercial dumping, residents only.” The commissioner discussed this idea with the Engineer.

Amanda Preston, Apiary Inspector

See Attachment C

Shannon Wells. Development Office

-An old grant that although Mrs. Wells wrote in it 2021, it did not begin until 2022. The grant was for \$50,000 from the USDA to do housing projects. This is an old report that she is getting submitted. Mrs. Wells showed the commissioners at this point in time \$16,000 has been spent. It's a low-income home repair fund from the USDA. They've got what's called a housing preservation grant.

The commissioners also signed Revolving Loan Fund Administration agreement from the State of Ohio Department of Development. It is signed every couple of years. It talks about our Revolving Loan fund that we have and that we're going to follow all their rules and responsibilities, but we have to report on it. This one is for 2024 to 2026.

Last week we received a notice. Cecil and Mrs. Wells got the email that United Way awarded \$5,500 to Transit.

Mrs. Wells met Noble County drivers last week and the new office assistant we are hiring. They all came over. We met them, let's see, four drivers and the office assistant. The office assistant. As a young guy that just graduated from Washington State Community College.

Steve Hook, Engineer

-There was a bid opening for motor paving. Its call motor paving County Road 86, Poplar Ridge Road. The bid was opened at 11:00am, 17th day of June. The project will start in 45 days. There will be notice given to proceed. The project may happen quicker, just depending on the circumstances.

One bid received:

Shelly Company's bid: \$236,270.93

24-305-- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to table the County Road 86 motor paving bids.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

Steve Hook, Engineer

24-306- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to untable motor paving bids for CR 86.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-307 Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the bids submitted by Shelly Company for the CR86 paving job in the amount of \$236,270.93.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

Engineer Hook Now would like approval to submit, A bid for OPWC, the High Public Works Commission, for issue one, round 38, which will be paving in the village of Stockport, village of McConnelsville.

24-308- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to allow Engineer Hook to put the project he just described in various locations Issue 1—Round #38 HMA PAVING Center Twp. Rd. #939 (Finkle Hill Rd.) Bloom Twp. Rd. #1147 (Austin Drive) McConnelsville Village (McConn Ave.), Stockport Village (North Street) project.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

- That will be published in the paper beginning next week for three weeks. A bid opening July 15th. 11 o'clock.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

During the Commissioners' meeting on June 17, 2024, the Commissioners began testing an artificial intelligence (AI) voice recorder that would provide a transcript and summary of a meeting. The process of testing this recording device and the associated transcription service will be ongoing for several weeks or months. The IT Director will attempt to make the AI transcription service fail to understand the IT verbal report during the first couple weeks of testing and proceed based on how well the AI transcribes the reports.

The Common Pleas Court web server is having trouble downloading a web certificate from Let's Encrypt using the Certify the Web application. The problem appears to be caused by additional security features that are currently implemented in the newer firewalls used at the Courthouse. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

The new LEADS router was installed at the Sheriff's office. A small equipment rack was installed under the desk in the dispatch area of the Sheriff's office to accommodate the new router.

Brightspeed has not yet fixed the fax line at the Health Department. The trouble ticket was put in on June 3, 2024. At the time, Brightspeed said they would not be able to fix the problem until June 14, 2024. The IT office will monitor the progress of the repairs.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director

The SNAP-Ed, the new lady, come up today, and she's working on programs to start with the seniors. I figured it'd be sooner than later, but she said, like, August. Council meeting next Tuesday at 9.30, and the RACC meeting is on June 26th.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-309- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Charter to bore under County Road 21 located in Township of York, Section No. N/G, Morgan County, Ohio.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-311- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Chris Postle Ohio to bore under County Road W Bone County Road 101, located in Township of Bloom, Morgan County, Ohio.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-312- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer Health Department funds from:

062-0062-5365.00	\$ 105.10
081-2004-5365.00	\$8,343.98
083-2004-5365.00	\$ 233.23
084-2004-5365.00	\$ 847.88

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-313-- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer Health Department funds from 068-2024-5102.00 to 063-0063-4007.00 in the amount of \$1,729.17 for reimbursement of salaries, Medicare, and PERS paid before the 2024 PHEP Grant was set up.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-314- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a supplemental appropriation for the Health Department Contracts 001-0102-5306.00 in the amount of \$15,000.00 to allow us to continue paying outstanding contacts.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-315- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$5,000.00 from Sheriff's Other Expenses 001-0601-5309.00 into 001-0601-5305.00 Sheriff's Repair.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-316- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer Health Department funds from 063-0063-5102.00 salaries \$10,000.00 063-0063-5309.00 other expenses and please adjust PO #24-30348.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-317-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

24-318- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2024 4:00 AT 4:00pm.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Welsh yea Motion Carried

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:

Morgan County Board of Elections
155 E. Main St. Room 157
McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUN 17 2024

Kate Love Simpson – Morgan County Library

BY: _____

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Kate Love Simpson – Morgan County Library (the "Library"), a county district library system of Morgan County, Ohio met in regular session on April 11, 2024 at 4:30p.m., in the meeting room of the Kate Love Simpson Library with the following members present: Lynn Mercer, Lorri Murphy, Jeff Babcock, Amy Kirkbride, Mary Morrison and Tori Parsons.

Ms. Parsons introduced **Resolution #4-2024** and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MORGAN COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE KATE LOVE SIMPSON LIBRARY, MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO AND THE AMOUNT TO BE GENERATED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF COLLECTION OF A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 1 MILL TAX FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE KATE LOVE SIMPSON MORGAN COUNTY LIBRARY.

(R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.23)
Renewal of an Existing 1 Mill Tax Levy

WHEREAS, the Library is currently levying a five-year tax levy at a rate not exceeding one (1.0) mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to one mill or \$35 for each one hundred thousand dollars of valuation, for operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library approved by the voters of the library district of the Library on November 5, 2019 and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2020 for collection in years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of the entirety of the library district of the Library, at the General Election to be held November 5, 2024, the question of a renewal of an existing 1 mill tax for the operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library, which tax shall be for a 5 year term and shall be levied on the entirety of the territory of the library district of the Library located in Morgan County; and

WHEREAS, such tax levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the current tax year, beginning 2025, first due in calendar year 2026, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

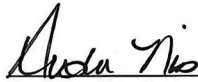
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library, Morgan County, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary for a renewal of all existing tax for the operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library.

CERTIFICATE

JUN 17 2024

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library, Morgan County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board on April 11, 2024, and that a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Morgan Auditor on April 12, 2024.



Andrea Norris
Fiscal Officer
Kate Love Simpson Library

Resolution: #4-2024

Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue

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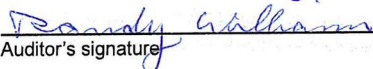
Use this form when a taxing authority certifies a millage rate and requests the revenue produced by that rate.

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McConnelsville, Ohio 43756

JUN 17 2024

The county auditor of Morgan County, Ohio, does hereby certify the following:

1. On April 12, 2024, the taxing authority of the Kate Love Simpson - Morgan County Library (political subdivision name) certified a copy of its resolution or ordinance adopted April 11, 2024, requesting the county auditor to certify the current taxable value of the subdivision and the amount of revenue that would be produced by (1.000) mills, to levy a tax outside the 10-mill limitation for Operation & Maintenance purposes pursuant to Revised Code § 5705.19, to be placed on the ballot at the November 5, 2024, election. The levy type is Renewal.
2. The property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage, assuming the taxable value of the subdivision remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be \$ 339,000.00.
3. The total taxable value of the subdivision used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$ 446,063,800.00.
4. The millage for the requested levy is (1.000) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 35.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.


Auditor's signature

April 24, 2024
Date


Instructions

1. "Total taxable value" includes the taxable value of all real property in the subdivision as indicated on the tax list most recently certified for collection and estimates of the taxable value of public utility personal property for the first year the levy will be collected as set forth on the worksheets prescribed in conjunction with this form. If the subdivision is located in more than one county, the home county auditor (where the greatest taxable value of the subdivision is located) shall obtain the assistance of the other county auditors to establish the total tax valuation of the subdivision.
2. For purposes of this certification, "subdivision" includes any agency, board, commission or other authority authorized to request a taxing authority to submit a tax levy on its behalf. See R.C. 5705.01(A) & (C).
3. "Levy type" includes the following: (1) additional, (2) renewal, (3) renewal with an increase, (4) renewal with a decrease, (5) replacement, (6) replacement with an increase and (7) replacement with a decrease levies.
4. In completing Lines 1 and 4 of this form, mills should be identified in whole numbers, i.e., 5 mills, rather than as a fraction of a dollar, i.e., \$0.005. This expression is consistent with the prior practice of identifying mills in whole numbers per \$1 of valuation.
5. "The county auditor's appraised value" means the true value in money of real property. R.C. 5705.01(P).
6. For any levy or portion of a levy, an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission. R.C. 5705.03(B).
7. Please file this certificate with the subdivision as soon as possible, so the taxing authority can pass a resolution to proceed not later than 90 days before the election.

CERTIFICATE

JUN 17 2024

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library, Morgan County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board on May 16, 2024, and that a certified copy thereof was filed in the office of the Morgan County Commissioners on June 3, 2024.



Andrea Norris, Fiscal Officer
Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library

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At the June 3, 2024 commissioner meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Shriver and Seconded by Mr. Welsh of the commissioner's intent for the renewal of a one mill levy on the November 5, 2024 General Election ballot for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library for 5 years commencing in 2025 tax year, first collected in 2026.

Res. 24-277

Respectfully,

Cecil Mayle, President

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Adam Shriver, Vice President

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Richard Welsh, Member

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Mr. Babcock introduced the following Resolution #5-2024 and moved its passage:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE KATE LOVE SIMPSON MORGAN COUNTY LIBRARY THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 1 MILL TAX FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE KATE LOVE SIMPSON MORGAN COUNTY LIBRARY.

(R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.23)
Renewal of an Existing 1 Mill Tax Levy

WHEREAS, the Board is a board of library trustees appointed pursuant to Section 3375.22, Ohio Revised Code, and is a board of library trustees described in Section 3375.32, Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires the Morgan County Commissioners to renew a 1 mill tax levied under Section 5705.23, Ohio Revised Code, for operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library; and

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Auditor has certified that the above-referenced tax will generate \$339,000.00 during the first year of collection, based on the current assessed valuation of the library district of the Library of \$446,063,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library, Morgan County, Ohio, two-thirds of all the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby declared that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the Library and that it is necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of such limitation for the operation and maintenance of the Library. Accordingly, the Morgan County Commissioners of the

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library district of the Library, as established under R.C. Chapter 3375, at the general election to be held November 5, 2024, the question of a renewal of an existing 1 mill tax for operation and maintenance of the Library, which tax shall be levied on the entirety of the territory of the library district of the Library located in Morgan County, Ohio.

Section 2. This Board hereby requests the Morgan County Commissioners of the Library Taxing Authority to adopt a resolution under Section 5705.23, Ohio Revised Code, and other applicable provisions of law, to submit to the electors of the library district of the Library at the general election to be held therein on November 5, 2024 the question of a renewal of an existing one mill tax for the operation and maintenance of the Library.

Section 3. Such tax levy shall be for 5 years at a rate not exceeding one mill for each one dollar of taxable value, which amounts to (\$35.00) for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's valuation. The county auditor estimates that such tax levy will collect (\$339,000.00) annually during its term.

Section 4. Such tax levy shall be placed upon the tax list and duplicate for the current tax year, beginning 2025, first due in calendar year 2026, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

Section 5. The Board finds, determines and declares that the levy of the tax, if approved by the electors, is necessary to the proper furnishing and rendering of free public library services in the library district of the Library for the residents of such library district.

Section 6. The Fiscal Officer of the Board, acting on behalf of the Board, is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Morgan County Auditor, Randy Williams, of the Library Taxing Authority.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.11, Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Murphy seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: Lynn Mercer, Lorri Murphy, Jeff Babcock, Mary Goode, Amy Kirkbride, Mary Morrison, Tori Parsons


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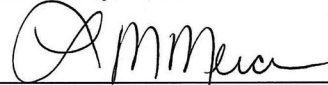
The resolution was adopted.

JUN 17 2024

Passed: May 16, 2024

BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library
Morgan County, OHIO

Attest: 
Andrea Norris
Fiscal Officer


Lynn Mercer
Board President



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Resolution# 24-304

Respectfully,

Cecil Mayle, President

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Adam Shriver, Vice President

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Richard Welsh, Member

R. Welsh

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PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
MORGAN COUNTY

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library that the county auditor estimates will collect \$339,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

*Attachment B

June 2024 OSU Extension Monthly report for Morgan Co. Commissioners

Sophia Whisman- 4-H Extension Educator

May 1st Sophia held a Storytime at the library on the lifecycle of frogs, May 2nd Sophia held QA test-out, 2 kids tested out and passed, On May 3rd Sophia volunteered for a Real Money Real World simulation in Muskingum County, On May 6th Sophia attended a 4-H clubs meeting and held a program on how to identify local wildlife, May 7th Sophia attended a office staff meeting, This month Sophia attended a sale committee, Junior Fair Board and Senior Fair Board meetings and an Older Youth In training meeting. On May 25th Sophia held the first and second out of the three Quality Assurance sessions offered. May 29th-30th Sophia attended Camp Counselor Camp with Pam Montgomery to provide training on wildlife educational programs she can offer to camp and to also provide supervision overnight.

June 3rd Sophia held the last Quality Assurance training available for 2024. On June 8th Sophia attended Market Animal Livestock Tag-in for feeder calves, Dairy Beef Feeders and Sheep and goats. June 10th Sophia traveled to Camp Ohio due to an emergency staffing situation for Muskingum County 4-H Camp. June 14th Sophia held our last STEM day for cloverbuds. 22 registered.

Pam Montgomery-4-H/FCS Extension Educator and Area Leader

4-H

May 3rd Pam was on Live at noon. In May she attended 4-H Horse Committee, 4-H Committee, Camp Counselor/CIT and Senior Fair Board meetings. She attended a statewide update zoom with associate state 4-H leader Hannah Epley. On May 29th and 30th she attended Camp Counselor Camp to offer more training to the Camp Counselors before camping this year. In June Pam attended Camp Counselor/CIT training. Pam helped on June 14th at the Cloverbud STEM Day.

FCS

In May Pam offered Active Parenting Teen Classes (4 total). On May 17th she held Real Money Real World for Washington County on May 28th she taught Successful Co-Parenting. In June Pam offered Active Parenting for teen classes (2 so far).

Area Leader

May 7th Pam had lunch with the office to welcome new staff member Jordan Penrose who would be our new ANR educator she Visited Washington, Muskingum, Perry. On May 10th she had one on one's with all she supervised in Morgan County, on May 13th she had one on ones with all she supervises in Perry Co., on May 14th she had one on ones with all she supervises in Muskingum CO. In June pam visited Muskingum, Washington, Perry On June 5th Pam visited the ANR retreat for Ag Educators. On June 6th Pam had her one on ones with all she supervises in Washington Co, on June 10th she had a one on one with a Perry Co Staff member. On June 11th Pam traveled to Muskingum Co. due to a emergency staffing issue to be present at Muskingum Counties 4-H Camp at Camp ohio. She was onsite there overnight into the 12th and left around 11:30 am. She went back on the 13th to help check out for the camp and pack and unload.

Kristina Moore- SNAP-Ed Coordinator/Educator

May 1st Kristina provided recipes and assisted with the Morgan United Ministries Food Distribution in Stockport and Chesterhill. Kristina Met with Amanda Murphy at the Health Department to discuss a new room being created for educational instruction, including nutrition classes and a focus on hypertension and diabetes and other chronic illnesses.

May 2nd Kristina attended training and met with Ashley Cain about her Community service Project and Community Garden. May 7th Attended Office Staff meeting. Met with Sarah McDougal about Adult Programming at the library. Adult nutrition classes will start in August. May 8th Kristina supplied recipes and Chop Chop Magazine and assisted with Morgan County United Ministries food distribution in Malta. May 9th Kristina attended training for Dietary Guidelines. Kristina met with Teresa Coleman at Mary's House to discuss programming for expectant mothers, mothers, and children. May 10th Kristina attended a Family and Children First Council meeting. May 13th Kristina had Nutrition Certification classes and had a monthly Southeastern Ohio Regional SNAP-Ed meeting. May 15th Kristina attended a Policy, Systems, and Environmental Physical Activity Toolkit training. May 16th Kristina attended Navigating for Success training. May 20th Community Garden Meeting. May 22nd Burr Oak Board of Developmental Disabilities Retreat – Introduction to MyPlate, examples of foods in each food group, and apple nachos. May 23rd Kristina attended training on Chronic Disease and Physical Activity. May 28th Kristina met with Amber Wilson at the Senior Center and set up a meeting with the local seniors to discuss programming.

June 4th Kristina began Head start PreK programming. This lesson focused on the color yellow and our five senses, a book about yellow, yellow bananas and how good they are for you, and kid yoga. June 5th Kristina provided recipes and assisted with the Morgan United Ministries Food Distribution in Stockport and Chesterhill. Kristina worked on her nutrition certification. June 6th Kristina had Navigating for Success training. June 7th Kristina shopped for Community Garden supplies. Kristina attended an Adobe Express training. June 8th Kristina and her husband Scott and about eight (8) other volunteers put in the community garden. Carrots, pumpkins, potatoes, zucchini, peppers of all colors, tomatoes (cherry to big boys), and one apple tree and two cherry

trees. June 10th Kristina attended her monthly Southeastern Ohio Regional SNAP-Ed meeting. June 11th Kristina had her Head Start PreK programming. Topics covered were colors of Fabulous Fruits with a focus on blue for blueberries. Students counted and ate blueberries. The book *More Blueberries* was read, and Alphabet exercises were done. Kristina met with Mrs. Shuster at the McConnel Manor, and programming will begin there with a breakfast series starting the first Tuesday in July and there after every other Tuesday. June 12th Kristina supplied recipes and Chop Chop Magazine and assisted with Morgan County United Ministries food distribution in Malta. June 14th Kristina will have programming at the Board of DD Summer Camp. Hydration will be the teaching topic; fruit bingo will be the activity and parachute fruit will be the physical activity.

On a side note – Youth programming begins with Storytime at the library on June 26th.

Jordan Penrose- Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator

Jordan Penrose started as the Agriculture & Natural Resources educator on May 6th. He got started by creating the Morgan County Agriculture & Natural Resources Blog, for people to keep up to date on things Agriculture & Natural Resources related. Jordan also provided his monthly TV interview on WHIZ news by introducing himself and going over what he has done so far and a couple of different things that is planned, like the farmers market, and planning to do the annual ag and livestock field day. Jordan also got the farmers market opened for the season and started it off with 12 vendors, the farmer's market is every Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm until the end of October.

In June, Jordan attended the Farm Bureau Policy Luncheon, and the annual Agriculture & Natural Resources retreat that was held at Burr Oak State Park, on June 4th, 5th, and 6th. Jordan also made some farm visits with the Soil and Water to plan the annual Ag and Livestock Field Day, which will be held on July 29th at Goshen Run Farms from 6-9 pm and Got Invasive Species on your farm, which will be held at Bobby McInturf Farm from 6-8 pm. Jordan also set up pest traps around the county on 4 different farms as part of the LEP Monitoring Network, done by the Agronomic Crops Team. Jordan is tracking for corn earworm and western bean cutworm in corn fields.

Attachment C:

I have been able to speak or meet with more than 80% of the beekeepers in Morgan County who were registered by 4/10/2024. Beekeepers in Morgan County seem to value building a relationship with their inspector. Every beekeeper with more than 3 colonies asked to be present during inspection. Nearly 20% of the beekeepers in Morgan County want a state-issued certificate to be able to sell queen honeybees or nucleus hives of honeybees.

So far this season I have inspected 84 colonies amongst 17 apiaries in Morgan County. I have follow-up visits planned for 5 apiaries. I have sent 1 sample to the USDA Bee Disease Research Lab for testing.

Overall this spring, beekeepers in Morgan County have benefited greatly from the early arrival of the warm season, good weather, and generous nectar flows from blooming flowers. With abundant nectar flows and good weather often comes swarms. Some beekeepers have lost colonies due to swarms, but many have gained colonies due to swarm catches and well-timed splits.

I haven't observed any clear signs of disease in any apiaries. However, I have, due to suspicion of disease, requested 3 beekeepers to send samples from their plastic foundation, and I have sent one wax foundation brood sample, for testing to confirm. All of these instances of suspicion have the same presentation: no varroa present, prepupal (may appear melted) to late prepupal phase (uncapped), no deformation or scaling, no roping, and worker bees were removing the dead brood. Brad Deering, State Apiarist, was present during one of these observations and we supposed that it could be viral. After some consideration as to other possible causes, the weather came to mind and I looked at the history. In the past two weeks there were two consecutive mornings with low temperatures between 43°F and 48°F. This might have chilled the brood, even though most folks think that late-stage larvae isn't so sensitive to chilling. In

considering this theory, and if my memory serves me well, then I remember observing this condition in the top of the hive bodies. In any event, I look forward to receiving the test results from the USDA lab.

Last month, I received a request from the Morgan County Health Department regarding the upcoming use of pesticide applications as part of their participation in a grant to control mosquitos. They expressed their concern for the honeybees of Morgan County and asked how exposure to the toxic pesticides could be avoided. I explained that while pesticide applicators should know how and when to properly use the designated chemicals, the where is not as simple in Ohio.

I called Ken Reed at the Ohio Department of Agriculture and suggested that the contact information for FieldWatch.com be added to the annual apiary registration form. FieldWatch offers a service where beekeepers can register the location of their apiary, or other sensitive crop, and pesticide applicators can also login to see the interactive Google map showing where the apiaries are. I am hopeful that this will be implemented because beekeepers in Morgan County are also concerned about protecting their bees. However, in the interim, I have volunteered to call the beekeepers of Morgan County and ask them to register their apiary locations, if they wish.

Lastly, I've requested updated apiary registrations from the ODA since new registrations are due by June 1st.