

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, July 22, 2024

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

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

24-360- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of July 15, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

- Tuesday evening Commissioner Shriver attended the Village of McConnelsville’s Council meeting to discuss the yard waste facility.
 - Commissioner Shriver attended a Community Health Coalition meeting at the Health Department on Wednesday afternoon. He also participated in a Zoom call with Sunday Creek Horizons, CIC, and the Village of McConnelsville regarding the sewer project on State Route 607.
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Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

1. Mowing will be rescheduled for Thursday each week since MCBDD Camp is completed.
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. Contacted Jason Hill (Best Lock) to cut new keys for the garage and re-key Auditors new office. Completed 7-18-24.
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. Waiting to be scheduled.

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. Replaced several light Ballast throughout the building 7-15-24 (From power outage?)
8. Able's H/C was called to the Courthouse to look at the second-floor west side unit that was making weird noises. Found fan speed module bad. 7-15-24.
9. Courthouse second floor East side A/C unit now making same noise as the West side unit. 7-18-24.

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telez, Deputy Engineer

-Deputy Engineer Telez discussed with the commissioners an individual who is currently rehabbing their home in the floodplain. Deputy Engineer Telez to them they needed a permit, they got upset and haven't returned with a permit application. The individual was unaware that for substantial improvement is basically 50% of the present value of the residence. The residence was purchased at auction, it doesn't take long to reach \$10,000 of improvement.

-The Engineer's Office started on the hydraulic and hydrology studies at the south end of the county at Buckeye Lane, 340 Buckeye Lane. The H&H study had no change in the height of the river with the house being there. So, throughout this study, the Engineer's Office is going to submit the study to the state. They will also work on Directive action plans.

-The Deputy Engineer presented a cost analysis for the Map Office. The analysis showed the Map Office cost, the floodplain (floodplain individuals cost), Surveyor salary, GIS Tech salary, a third of the secretary (giving mapping assistance), and floodplain the floodplain manager. Total being around \$320,000. The history of which offices have assisted in funding these positions.

Misty Long, Pound Keeper

-Discussed a dog that was adopted but is now being mean to the family and kids.

-Ms. Long asks about looking into grants. The commissioners noted that the grants they looked at were not suitable, but they will continue searching.

-The commissioners mention arranging for a dumpster at the animal shelter to manage trash better.

- The commissioners discuss with Ms. Long the policy regarding taking work vehicles home. Ms.

Long explained a specific instance where a vehicle was taken home for convenience It was reinforced that work vehicles should not be taken home unless necessary.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

John Wilt, EMA; 911

Budget Planning and Levy Projections

Preliminary Numbers for Levy -Discussed preliminary numbers for a levy, including personnel and facility costs, and projected costs for 2025.

Personnel Costs -Mr. Wilt detailed current and projected personnel costs, including fringe benefits for six and twelve positions.

Levy Projections -Mr. Wilt provided projections for one, one-and-a-half, and two mil levies, including the impact on property taxes.

Funding Positions -Discussed funding six positions through the general fund and the possibility of using a levy to fund all twelve positions.

State Funding -State funding received in July and its potential impact on the budget.

Sheriff's Budget -Mr. Wilt and the commissioners discussed the Sheriff's budget and the need for additional staff to take over dispatcher duties.

Budget Hearings -Discussed upcoming budget hearings and the need to coordinate with Jimmy and Doug on budget allocations.

Bill Submissions -Provided an update on bill submissions and the need for finalization.

Funding and Planning for a New 9-1-1 Center--Funding Allocation -Discussion on the allocation of \$800,000 for the office, with \$200,000 potentially diverted from the Sheriff's Office. The cost of employees and fringe benefits were also considered.

Employee Costs--The cost of employees was discussed, with figures around \$57,000 to \$59,000 per employee including fringe benefits.

Patrol Money Usage--Shariff McGrath has used patrol money to fund dispatches, but this money

may not be available next year if more deputies are hired.

Levy Salability--Discussion on the salability of the levy and the importance of not overselling or underselling it.

Meeting with Chiefs

The importance of meeting with fire chiefs and other stakeholders to explain the plan and gain support was discussed.

Architect Involvement-The need to involve an architect to assess the building and design the 9-1-1 center was discussed.

Building Suitability--Concerns about the suitability of the building for a 9-1-1 center, including ceiling height and potential for two floors, were raised.

State Funding--Uncertainty about state funding for 9-1-1 services and the need to revise the distribution formula was discussed.

Communication with Fire Departments Strategies for communicating budget and levy information to fire departments and trustees.

Dispatching and Paging System Discussion on improving the paging system for fire departments and the sheriff's office, including potential upgrades and addressing current issues.

24-361- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the credit card policy that was proposed by the County Auditor, reviewed by the County Prosecutor, and for it to go into effect immediately.

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

Amber Wilson, Senior Center Director

-Discussed with the commissioners a veteran's looking for assistance for a ramp.

-Discussed a VFW-sponsored event and its attendance.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The Morgan County Board of Elections (BOE) suffered an outage related to the failed update of the CrowdStrike Falcon Sensor; the same failed update that affected computer systems across the globe. Fortunately, the BOE is the only office that uses the CrowdStrike Falcon Sensor on Morgan County's networks. Remediation actions were put in to place where they were able, but two virtual servers had to be restored from backup. At the time of this meeting, the BOE is still offline due to issues that arose from the domain controller restoration. Troubleshooting efforts are ongoing.

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training will be held on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 for multiple offices across Morgan County government buildings. The training schedule was sent to all office heads and all members of the Morgan County Safety Committee. The AEDs will be delivered to the County at the time of the training. They will be hung in their respective buildings by facilities at a later date.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-362- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP to span over CR 3 & 54, located in the Township of Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio

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

24-363-- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to establish lines:

Revenue:

604-0604-4001.00 2nd Half Real Estate Receipts

611-0611-4001.00 2nd Half Trailer Receipts

Expense:

604-0604-5301.00 2nd Half Real Estate

611-0611-5301.00 2nd Half Trailer

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

24-364- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,000.00 to be put into the equipment line item 028-0028-5304.00.

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

24-365- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

24-366- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, July 22, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

