

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, July 29, 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

24-367- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of July 22, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Tuesday Commissioner Shriver attended a Senior Citizen Council on Aging meeting at the senior citizens building.

-Commissioner Shriver spent an hour speaking with the County Auditor about county finances on Thursday.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance

1. Mowing will be rescheduled for Thursday each week.
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. 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.

5. Able's H/C was called to the Courthouse to look at the second-floor west side unit that was making weird noises. Speed module replaced. 7-25-24
6. Courthouse second floor East side A/C unit now making same noise as the West side unit and freezing up. 7-22-24 Unit had 1 ½ lbs. of freon added and filters replaced 7-23-24
7. AED Systems have been installed. 7-25-24
8. New (2 Cubic Yard) dumpster should be in place at the Dog Pound by next weekend.

Jeff Babcock. IT Administrator. Tracie Wagoner, BOE

On the morning of July 19, 2024, Morgan County IT became aware of a global computer system outage caused by a faulty update of the CrowdStrike Falcon Sensor. The only computer system on the Morgan County network that uses CrowdStrike Falcon is the Board of Elections (BOE). It should be noted that CrowdStrike's recommended fix was to reboot the affected machines multiple times (up to 15 times) and hope that the correctly updated file will download to the machine.

Upon checking the BOE server, it was found that the Hyper V server had crashed and was sitting at a blue screen. Several reboots were performed, but nothing happening. At that time, the Secretary of State's office had sent more detailed remediation actions to perform on down machines. Unfortunately, IT was not able to login to the local administrator (admin) account of the Hyper V server as the LAPS password was not recorded correctly or was not working.

Multiple attempts were made to contact the vendor to get the correct LAPS password. Unfortunately, they did not have anything that was helpful to the current situation. So, an offline password reset tool was used on the Hyper V server and the local admin account password was reset. This allowed access to the Hyper V server in safe mode so that the offending CrowdStrike file could be deleted. After that, the Hyper V server was rebooted normally.

Once IT had access to the Hyper V server (albeit logged in locally), they were able to launch the virtual server manager and noticed that the domain controller and the file server were both sitting at a blue screen. Multiple reboots of each was tried, but that did not fix the problem. The VR server seemed to be unaffected. IT was not able to get the domain controller or file server into safe mode, or boot them to another image, so it was decided to restore both of them from backup.

The restoration from backup was quick and both virtual servers booted right up afterwards. For good measure, the Hyper V server was rebooted as well, to see if domain admin access had been restored as well (all of the work done so far was performed by a local admin account). Unfortunately, after the reboot, IT received an error saying that there was a trust issue with the Hyper V server and the domain. The usual fix for trust issues involves removing the computer from the domain and adding it back in.

On Monday, 22 July 2024, the BOE Hyper V server was removed from the domain and added back in, but a different name was used (HyperV2 instead of HyperV1). As the Hyper V server rebooted

a time issue was discovered and corrected as well. Then, IT went to check the BOE workstations. Neither of them were connecting to the domain.

At this point, the systems person that used to work for our vendor contacted Morgan County IT and we began troubleshooting the problem together. It was discovered that there was no communications across the VLANs. The workstations could not see the domain controller. The VR server could not see the domain controller. Basically, all communications across the BOE VLANs is not working.

We checked the firewall, but everything appeared to be normal. The vendor thought that there might be an issue with the DNS settings on the domain controller. Troubleshooting continued throughout the evening between IT and the vendor via text messaging and it was decided to restore all servers from backup.

On Tuesday, 23 July 2024, the Hyper V server was renamed to its original name, but this did not restore the network connections between VLANs. Jason Mather came to Morgan County from the Secretary of State's office. Also, Mark Stout from Hocking County was contacted to assist. Mark walked us through several troubleshooting procedures on the phone, but was unable to make any progress. So, Mark decided to drive over to Morgan County to continue troubleshooting in person.

Once onsite, Mark checked the DNS settings on the domain controller and the access rules on the firewall. Those all looked fine. Finally, he found an issue with the way the Dell server's network interfaces were bridged together in Windows. Once he disabled the interface bridges, set each virtual interface to port 1 of their respective physical cards, and reset the interfaces in the Hyper V manager, communications between the VLANs was immediately restored.

It is unknown why the act of restoring a virtual server caused the interface bridges to fail. But given the small size of the Morgan County BOE, the bridges are not needed and will be left disabled.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The Morgan County Board of Elections' network was restored to full operating status on Tuesday, 23 July 2024 following the outage caused by Crowdstrike. The details of the actions taken to restore the network will be provided in a separate report. The Ohio Secretary of State's office sent the area's Cybersecurity Liaison and the IT Director from Hocking County to Morgan County to assist in the restoration. Additionally, a list of new systems integration vendors was provided to the Board of Elections and ServerSim was contacted about taking on Morgan County's server and network maintenance/backups. A meeting with ServerSim is scheduled for Tuesday, 30 July 2024.

The VOIP phone, a wifi router, and PC were configured for Noble County Transit, which is

being managed by Morgan County Public Transit. The equipment was sent with the program manager to the office in Caldwell for installation.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training was provided on Wednesday, 24 July 2024 for all persons interested in learning to use the new devices. The devices were installed in their respective buildings following the training. During the training, it was discovered that many people in attendance had CPR training in the past, but it had been several years/decades ago. The IT Director asked the Health Department about the CPR training they offered. The cost for the Health Department to perform the training was \$45 per person plus a \$100 instructor fee. The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council meeting on the morning of 24 July 2024. The topic of discussion was heat related injuries, how to prevent/treat them, and new OSHA regulations on siting employers that are not in compliance with the mitigation of heat related injuries.

The Commissioners asked the IT Director to contact the firm that provides HR training for CORSA to schedule the County's required training for 2024.

Steve Hook, Engineer

- The contract for County Road 3 paving has been signed, and a pre-call meeting is expected in the next couple of weeks. The road will be patched and sealed.
- Work on Glen Road involves grinding up the road and mixing cement into it. The road will be monitored through the winter to see how it holds up.

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services

- AED Device
- PRC-State Hearing Results
- COG Reminder August 5th-RSVP
- Credit Card Policy- Discussion about the new credit card policy and the need to send it out to all department heads once the vendor is selected.

-Kinship Program-Discussion about issues with a community action contract for a kinship navigator. The person in the position left, and no contacts were made, yet bills were still sent. The speaker expressed concerns about paying for services not rendered.

-Travel Requests

- Heidi Burns to COG Meeting on 8-5-24 @ Caldwell, Ohio.
- Heidi Burn to PCSAO Board Meeting on 8-724 @ Columbus, Ohio.

Misty Long, Pound Keeper

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

-Discussed a dog with an abscess that needs medical attention. The commissioners advise to have the Humane Agent look at it and ensure she is okay with taking the dog to a vet.

-Mentioned the possibility of rehiring or hiring someone new due to her current employee's frequent call-offs.

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

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Still preparing cash request for FY23 EMPG Q5-Q6 reimbursement. – There is an issue with payroll processing with paid time off being charged to EMA instead of being charged proportionally to EMA or 9-1-1. This is an issue as EMA is reimbursed through

EMPG grant. The Auditor and his Chief Deputy have been made aware of the situation. I cannot charge off any of the payroll to the grant currently.

- Received notice from MARCS office regarding agencies in the county who have not upgraded their MARCS radios. I forwarded the information to all involved. These radios will cease to function on 7/1/2025 if not upgraded.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 7/29/2024

- Sheriff has several job candidates that need testing along with current employees. We have the tests, need to get them administered.
- New NG9-1-1 equipment will be delivered this week. I will store it until deployment in December.
- Working on “roadshow” presentation for 9-1-1 to present to VFD’s, Township and Village officials.

Sam Miller, Director of Buckeye Hills; Emma Yeager, Specialist of Buckeye Hills

-Presented the ARC free applications submitted on behalf of the county, highlighting changes made to the application process and the importance of county support documentation.

-Explained the process of submitting, ranking, and scoring applications, emphasizing the need for applicants to provide proof of serving multiple counties and having committed funding.

-The commissioners inquired about the total funds available. It was estimated around \$5 million, noting the variability depending on state and federal allocations.

-The importance was discussed of having the correct point of contact for projects and ensuring they are aware of the applications being submitted.

24-368- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter executive session at 10:05am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

24-369- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session at 10:20am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

24-370-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to change the name of fund 016 from Morgan County Permissive tax to M.V.P.T.—Veteran’s Memorial Bridge Fee.

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

Received Apiary Report

*See Attachment A

Jake Woodward, M&M Fire Department

- Discussed the frequent movement of the squad in town and the reasons behind it, including the squad's location and its impact on response times.
 - Raised concerns about a supervisor's behavior towards crews and patients, emphasizing the need for respect regardless of the patient's status.
 - Discussed mutual aid agreements and the issues arising from the lack of such agreements with certain townships.
 - Mentioned a charity ride with 250 bikes on 555 and the need to be prepared for it.
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The commissioners and EMA/911 Director discussed the budget shortfall and the need for additional funding for emergency services. The conversation includes the calculation of costs, potential sources of funding, and the impact on taxpayers. The inefficiency of the current emergency services system was discussed, including issues with M&M dispatchers and the need for a centralized dispatch center. The state of Ohio mandates counties to provide NextGen 911 services, which the county is currently not compliant with. This necessitates changes to meet legal requirements. Issues with state funding and legislation affecting the county's ability to collect fees, particularly for 9-1-1 services.

Proposal to place a 1.5 mil levy on the ballot for funding operations, maintenance, and equipment costs for 9-1-1 services. State funding for next-gen 9-1-1 equipment, with \$130,000

worth of computer equipment expected to arrive soon. Discussion on the potential consequences if the levy fails, including the loss of state funding and the need to dispatch services to another county

24-371- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to place a 1.5 mil levy on the November 5th, 2024 ballot. *See Attachment B for full ballot language.

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

Amber Wilson, Senior Center Director

-Made the commissioners aware of National Senior Day Wednesday, August 21, 2024. They will be having an ice cream social at 2:00pm to celebrate the event.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

-All documentation has been uploaded for the Economic Development Administration to review for the SR60 water project approval to bid. It can take 4-6 weeks for the review to complete.

-Shannon Wells contacted ODOT on 7/23/24 for the next steps for the building purchase on 5th street. The ODOT finance department will be contacting her next.

-JobsOhio and OhioSE are looking for sponsorship opportunities in all 88 counties for events, dinners, legislative forums, ect. This funded the manufacturing dinner last November.

-Bobby White, Mobility Manager attended an event at he United Way in Zanesville. He accepted a check for \$5,500.00 to be used at Morgan County Public Transit for medical transportation for those in need.

-Shannon Wells attended a transit staff meeting on July 24, 2024.

-Shannon Wells met with Mike Workman and Cinda Erikson on July 24, 2024 from the Morgan Community Fund regarding a potential new community project.

-Shannon Wells and Tracy Simons met with Nyla Boggs on July 25, 2024 to complete a final tax return on the old SVB tax identification number for July 2023 through March 2024.

The Morgan Co. CVB will have a quarterly meeting today, July 29, 2024 at 4:4:30pm in the Development Office Conference Room.

24-272- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve entering into a contract with Good Ground for \$700.00 for the Home Sewage Treatment System Program for the soil report and design for one septic system.

The following addresses will be provided services:

2790 Rockhollow Lane Malta, Oh 43758

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-373- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Clarke Saunders to span over CR 63, located in the Township of Homer, Morgan County, Ohio

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

24-374-- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sima Technologies on behalf of AEP to span over CR 60, located in the Township on Windsor, Morgan County Ohio.

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

24-375- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer for fund 085 Revolving Loan Fund:

Please transfer \$2,676.00 from the Salary line item 085-0085-5102.00 into the Other Expense Line Item 085-0085-5309.00. Please add PO 2024-30194.

Please transfer \$351.20 from the PERS from the 00 PERS 085-0085-5367.00 into the Other Expense Line Item 085-0085-5309.00. Please add 2024-20194.

Please transfer \$82.27 from Medicare Line Item 085-0085-5368.00 into the Other Expense Line Item 085-0085-5309.00. Please add 2024-20194.

Please transfer \$120.00 from the Worker's Comp Line Item 085-0085-5369.00 into the Other Expense Line Item 085-0085-5309.00. Please add 2024-20194.

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

24-376- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a new revenue line item 100-2023-4003.00 on CHIP FY 2023 CDBG.

Request a new revenue line item 110-2023-4004.00 CHIP FY 2003 HOME.

Request a new expense line item 110-2023-5303.00 CHIP FY 2003 CDBG

Request a new expense line item 110-2023-5304.00 CHIP FY 2003 HOME

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

24-377 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000.00 in fund 014-0014-5306.00 contracts. This is needed to pay for the revaluation that is being done on Real Estate Properties for 2024 taxes.

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

24-378- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$202.88 from 200-0200-5301.00 into line item 001-0602-4002.00 for 2nd quarter 2024 Housing Trust Fund Admin. Fees.

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

24-379-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

24-380- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, July 29, 2024 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

So far this season, I have inspected 165 colonies amongst 43 apiaries in Morgan County. Based on my actual count of colonies, and the registration information available from apiaries that do

not consent to inspection, I estimate that there are at least 315 colonies of honeybees in the county right now. And, I have identified 8 inactive apiaries in the county to update the registry. I sent 2 samples to the USDA Bee Disease Research Lab for testing this year. Both samples were disease free. I have completed follow-up conversations with beekeepers about the results of their tests, as well as with beekeepers who sent in samples on their own at my suggestion. One of those samples returned a positive result for European Foulbrood, and I went to meet the Amish beekeeper to discuss the diagnosis and options. I referred this case to the state apiarist as the spread of disease was involved in a transaction with another beekeeper in Athens County.

In July, I completed my campaign to inform all registered beekeepers in Morgan County about the service available at FieldWatch.com to register their apiaries as sensitive crops to help protect them from pesticide applications. I called beekeepers, spoke to them during inspections, and distributed FieldWatch flyers to the Amish beekeepers.

In my personal opinion, many of the 30 beekeepers in Morgan County are proficiently working their honey bees, and have many years of experience doing so. However, not many of the beekeepers participate with any beekeeping association, except for residents close to Washington County, where Mid-Ohio Valley Beekeepers Association is active. Most of the newer

beekeepers report learning about beekeeping through a personal mentor, or local beekeeping friends, or family members who keep bees. I understand that former Morgan County Apiary Inspector Patricia Harris did make an effort to start a community gathering for Morgan County beekeepers to learn from each other, but it was not successful. I feel that the

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newer beekeepers in the county (4 or less years) could benefit greatly from having access to learn from a larger population of local beekeepers. To that end, I have done my best to share information about the beekeeping organizations that do meet, despite being outside of Morgan County.

In thinking creatively about how I could leverage my other skill sets to assist beekeepers in Morgan County, I have decided that I want to provide a list of plant species to beekeepers which will help them identify opportunities for growing food for their bees. I have not counted exactly, but almost all of the beekeepers in the county live on farms where honeybee forage sources for

nectar and pollen could be grown.

Attachment B:

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE
TEN-MILL LIMITATION — RC 5705.19

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, met in **regular** session on **July 29, 2024**, at the office of the Commissioners, with the following members present:

Cecil Mayle

Adam Shriver

Richard Welsh

Commissioner **Shriver** moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO, that,

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Board of County Commissioners that the amount of tax within the ten-mill limitation of levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide the necessary requirements for the purposes of **equipment, maintenance, and operation of 9-1-1 and Emergency Communications Center.**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provision of R.C. 5705.19, The Board of Commissioners, Morgan County, Ohio, hereby declare it necessary to levy a tax in excess of such limitation for the purposes of **equipment, maintenance, and operation of 9-1-1 and Emergency Communications Center** and to submit to the electors said tax levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such levy shall be at a rate not to exceed **One and five tenths (1.5) mills** for each one dollar of tax valuation which amounts to **fifty-two and one half (52.5) cents** for each hundred dollars of tax valuation for a period of **five (5) years** commencing with the tax year **2024** first due in calendar year **2025** for the purposes of **equipment, maintenance, and operation of 9-1-1 and Emergency Communications Center.**

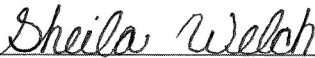
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio be and hereby are, directed to submit the issue of said tax levy to the electors of Morgan County, Ohio at the election to be held on **November 5, 2024**, said date being the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November as an **additional** levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Morgan County, is hereby directed to immediately obtain a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Morgan County Auditor prior to certifying this levy to the Morgan County Board of Elections.

Commissioner **Welsh** seconded the Resolution, and the roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Cecil Mayle</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Adam Shriver</u>	<u>Aye</u>
<u>Richard Welsh</u>	<u>Aye</u>

ADOPTED the 29th day of July 2024.



Clerk of Board of Morgan County Commissioners

Resolution # 24-371

