

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, August 26, 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

24-426- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of August 19, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-No report for the week.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The outage or issue with Brightspeed phone lines from last week appears to be fixed. The problem was that calls could not be made to or from the Brightspeed telephone network. The problem affected several States and was eventually corrected by Brightspeed network engineers. The IT Director traveled to Public Transit's Noble County office in Caldwell to help set up a multi-function printer and a camera system at their satellite office.

Spectrum came to the Morgan County Health Department to port the phone lines from Brightspeed to Spectrum. Several of the Health Department's phone lines have been down since 3 June 2024. Despite several repair requests being sent to Brightspeed, the lines were never fixed. Eventually, the decision was made to port the numbers to Brightspeed. This was completed quickly and full phone functionality has been restored to the Health Department.

Al Eltringham, Reicker Maintenance; Brayn Sharkey, Courthouse Maintenance

Mowing will be rescheduled for Thursday each week.

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)

Preparing the old Cub Cadet mower and Snow blower to be declared excess to put on Gov Deals. 8-1-24

Jason Pierce looked at the motor switches for the Courthouse Clock. Both motor 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 for second floor and the Court Room. 5-28-24

Maintenance Van is down and needs to be taken to shop to be looked at. Engine is sounding bad. 8-1-24 Van dropped off at the Transit Garage 8-6-24 Exhaust gasket blown out and new has been ordered 8-7-24

Advance H/C repaired RTU 3 condenser coil and found that K-11 compressor 1 has a shorted out thermostat winding. The compressor will need to be replaced, Advanced will be sending a quote within a week. 8-6-24.

Kone Elevator Company did the Pressure Release test and replaced the up button on the first floor and did the service on the elevator. 8-19-24

Held job interview for workforce to hire a replacement for James at the Courthouse, his name is Christian Cambell and he will start on 8-26-24.

Kitchen Hot Water leaking again and keeps kicking off the thermostat reset. Called Apperson to look at it. Nathan determined that the new copper pressure fitting is leaking and needs to be replaced with galvanize fittings and the thermostat is bad, parts have been ordered 8-20-24

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telez, Deputy Engineer

Discussed the need for approval to file for OPWC applications.

Discussed updates on upcoming paving projects, including specific roads and timelines.

Missy Fisher, JFS

Timesheet

Trista Wilson; Kenny White, Soil & Water

24-427- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following proclamation. See Attachment A

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

Discussion about the disconnect between what local farmers are experiencing and what higher authorities are perceiving regarding the drought situation.

The Director of Agriculture is scheduled to visit the fair on Friday to discuss the drought with local soil and water representatives and commissioners.

Mistie Long, Pound Keeper

Decided to let an employee go due to poor performance, including her absence, lateness, and lack of responsibility.

Discussed with the commissioners talked about the challenges of managing the dog shelter, including taking in new dogs, dealing with sick and aggressive dogs, and being at full capacity.

Discussed the grass cutting contract and the need for proper maintenance around the shelter, including weed eating around slippery areas. The commissioners decided will call the contractor to ensure all weed eating is done properly.

John Wilt, EMA; 911

Discussed the ongoing wait for a response from the Prosecutor's Office regarding the 3130 Poplar Ridge Tower application, which has been pending since last September. Movement is expected after having discussions with key personnel.

Mentioned ongoing work on the HAZMAT plan with Interaction Insight, Sundance, and ComTech.

Discussed the need for county fire departments to establish automatic mutual aid response agreements for CAD to assign runs accurately.

Mentioned the receipt of one-time strategic community investment funds and the request to establish a new line item in the 9-1-1 wireless fund.

Discussed the importance of accurate mapping and fire district assignments for effective emergency response.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Bid Openings at 11:00am

Bid received for the Chesterhill Park Improvements from Singree Construction Services. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$75,000 and the bid was \$ 82,342.00. The engineer's estimate for the Embree Park Improvements project was \$48,000.00.

24-428- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to table the Chesterhill Park Improvements from Singree Construction Services for further review in the amount of \$82,342.00.

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

24-429- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to table the Embree Park Improvements from Singree Construction Services for further review in the amount of \$57,937.00.

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

Shannon Wells and Tourism Director, Tracy Simons attended the Small Communities Seminar on August 20, 2024 at Buckeye Hills in Marietta.

Morgan Transit received three new modified mini-vans on August 22, 2024. Commissioner Shriver signed for delivery. These vehicles were considered expansion vans, adding three additional vehicles to the fleet.

Shannon Wells met with Misty Crosby and Samuel Jurgena from the Mayor's Partnership for Progress regarding Mata adding a second water treatment plant. The purpose of the meeting was to share information regarding water service countywide.

Shannon Wells met with Mike Workman and Cinda Erickson from the Morgan Community Foundation on August 22, 2024 regarding the Animal Companion Fund.

Shannon Wells met with OhioSE and Miba Sinter on August 26, 2024 to discuss employment needs.

Randy Williams, Auditor

Discussed the application process for a new credit card program, stressing that the credit is given to the county as a whole and departments can decide how to allocate it. It was discussed between Auditor Williams and the commissioners whether elected officials should have their names on the cards.

Auditor Williams mentioned the county's credit rating and its importance when refinancing bonds. The rating was better than expected despite past financial struggles.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

The commissioners discussed various animal control issues with Mrs. Thompson, including dealing with stray dogs and cats. There was a specific incident involving a dog that required cutting a tie-out.

It was also mentioned discussed the issue of cat overpopulation and the lack of laws or ordinances to control it. The commissioners considered the possibility of villages adopting ordinances to manage the problem.

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Jeff McInturf, Surveyor

24-430- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to rescind Resolution 24-059 vacating a portion of Township Road 23 (Salt Works Hill Road) because the Easements that were required by Gary Hummet have not been provided.

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

3Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-431- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve that Fund 415 CCA 2.0 Grants Budget is incorrect. It should have had an amended budget at the beginning of 2024 once

the state confirmed the true budget, that was missed. The following accounts will need to be adjusted with supplemental appropriations to account for this:

- 415-0415-5102.00 salaries increase by \$47,691.00
- 415-0415-5103.00 program expenses increase by \$8,507.00
- 415-0415-5104.00 equipment decrease by \$700.00
- 415-0415-5309.00 general operating expense increase by \$3,698.00
- 415-0415-5367.00 PERS county portion increase by \$6,715.00
- 415-0415-5368.00 Medicare increase by \$696.00
- 415-0415-5369.00 workmans comp increase \$1,275.00

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

24-432- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer funds from:

- 062-0062-5365.00 \$ 342.65
- 081-2024-5365.00 \$2,813.93
- 083-2024-5365.00 \$ 38.87
- 084-2024-5365.00 \$ 204.08

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

24-433- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate additional funds into expense line 001-0701-5102.00 salary apiary inspection in the amount of \$3,200.00.

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

24-434- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following lines in the 911 wireless 100 fund:

- Revenue: 100-0100-4002.00
- Expenditures 100-0100-5302.00

To be named One Time Strategic Community Investment (OTSCI)

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

24-435 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,771.00 as follows:

- \$6,677.00 employee salaries 001-0602-5102.00
- \$ 935.00 PERS 001-0602-5367.00
- \$159.00 Medicare 001-0602-5368.00

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

24-436- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer funds from:

063-0063-5102.00 to 063-0063-5309.05 in the amount of 1,500.00 for vaccine payments.

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

24-437-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

24-438- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, August 26, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:



***Morgan County
Commissioners***

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**MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO
LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION**

Resolution # 24-427

Whereas, Morgan County, Ohio has been and is immediately threatened by severe drought, and;

as agriculture is one of the prime industries in Morgan County, the effects of the severe drought are currently and will continue to affect the economic health and well-being of the County and the residents thereof.

Now, therefore, we, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners, declare that a state of economic emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Ohio Revised Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the economic welfare and well-being of the people of Morgan County.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Section 902.02 of the Ohio Revised Code.

All public offices and employees of Morgan County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives - state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operation plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 26th day of August 2024.

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice President

Richard Welsh, Member

