

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, September 3, 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

*Commissioners are in receipt of August expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

24-439- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of August 26, 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.

Steve Hook, Engineer

Engineer Hook mentioned issues with mail delays. This has caused problems with timely payments and communications.

Projects are ongoing, with some scheduled to start soon. Funding remains a challenge.

Engineer Hook talked about the executive committee and the at-large member position, mentioning Bill Shaw from Hocking County and Fred Bennett from Belmont County. Bill Shaw will take the at-large member slot at the end of the year.

Al Eltringham, Alen Eltringham Riecker Maintenance

Issues were mentioned with screws in playground equipment and the need to inspect the park.

There was also a discussion about the park's closing time and the need for signs.

Discussed recent break-ins at the fairgrounds and the need for better security measures, including cameras and patrols.

Talked about dealing with yellowjackets in the park and how to eliminate them.

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.

Apperson's replaced Thermostat and all line going into and out of the Kitchens Hot Water tank and it's still leaking? Internally?

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

Heidi in Cambridge today and next Monday (Sept 9th will be Columbus entire week)

FCFC meeting reminder for Friday, September 13, 2024—Heidi will be at this.

Travel Requests

- Heidi Burns to ECODA meeting in Cambridge on 9/3/24.

- Heidi Burns/Kari Schaad/Alycia Tallman to PCSAO Conference in Columbus on 9/8/24 —9/11/24.
- Heidi Burns to JFSDA Meeting in Lewis Center on 9/12/24 &9/13/24.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

The commissioners discussed with Mrs. Thompson a game that was brought in earlier in the year and caused some issues. The current pound keeper was catching up on paperwork and noticed it was missing. Mrs. Thompson suggested talking to the previous pound keeper for more information.

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Randy Williams, Auditor

Auditor Williams discussed the need for a county-wide fire ban with the commissioners, mentioning that other districts like M&M have implemented similar bans. They consulted with John Wilt and other fire chiefs, who agreed on the necessity of the ban. The enforcement responsibility would fall on the fire chiefs. All fire chiefs agreed on the need for a county-wide fire ban, and enforcement will be managed by the fire chiefs.

The commissioners and Auditor Williams importance of public awareness and responsible behavior to prevent fires. They recounted specific incidents and the challenges faced in locating and extinguishing fires.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

The Engineer has approved the bid for Chesterhill park improvements but not awarding until a bid bond is received. Embree Park improvements bids is on hold until the state confirms we can proceed due to bid threshold.

Shannon Wells met with ODOT regarding in county building purchase at 37S. 5TH Street.

A meeting is scheduled is scheduled with interested parties at 1pm today, September 3 at 37 S. 5th Street to discuss a building renovation project.

Monroe County public transit has posted for additional drivers and a dispatcher to help with the demand in the county.

The final reports have been submitted to ODOT for the last fiscal year for Monroe and Morgan Transit ending June 30, 2024.

Shannon Wells and Commissioner Shriver met with the broadband consult Jay Bennett on August 30, 2024 to discuss next steps with the ARC power grant.

A groundbreaking event is scheduled for September 4, 2024 at 11am for the new Appalachian Hills Visitors Center.

John Wilt, EMA; 911

Discussion about the deteriorating condition of the radio tower building, the need for a new generator, and the involvement of the stakeholders to assist in the maintenance and upgrade process.

Plans are being made to coordinate with the stakeholders to set up a time for someone to inspect and possibly take over maintenance of the marcs radios.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council meeting in Zanesville on August 28, 2024. The topic of discussion was recreational use of marijuana in the workplace. The presentation had many good points that are relevant for Morgan County. For starters, it was recommended that our policy manual be rewritten to treat marijuana like alcohol, to avoid any misinterpretation of the policy and marijuana’s place in the policy. Another suggestion was that the County designate which jobs are “safety critical” and that those jobs be treated with a higher level of scrutiny. The presenter had a lot of data from the first few weeks of recreational use sales in Ohio as well. The Morgan County Safety Committee will have to meet to discuss this information.

While downloading the fuel transaction data at Greuey’s this month, the key once again said the memory was full. A quick reformat of the key once again fixed the problem. This problem might be caused by a corrupted driver database. The IT Director will contact Matt Beyer about a permanent fix for this issue.

The County's Spectrum account and voice reps came to Morgan County to conduct a review of the County's Spectrum accounts. A couple of accounts were identified as needing canceled. The IT Director will work with the affected offices to identify or cancel these accounts.

The IT Director attended the Board of Elections' tabletop exercise for the 2024 General Election. The purpose of the exercise was to go over contingency plans during an election and ensure that all the procedures are up-to-date.

The IT Director has signed up for a webinar with Amazon to become the County's "Amazon Business Champion." This initiative was started by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio to create Amazon Business accounts for all Counties in Ohio.

Doug McGrath, Shariff

Discussed the necessity of purchasing a radio for \$5,000 due to a shortage and uncertainty about its inclusion in an agreement.

Discussed the coroner situation, mentioning the current coroner contract and his relocation to Adams County, which has stretched his availability. They discussed the need for a more reliable coroner and considered Dr. Brad Wilson from Perry County.

They plan to contact Dr. Brad Wilson to see if he is still interested in the position.

It was suggested reaching out to Dr. Brad Wilson to discuss his interest and expectations for the coroner position.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-440- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP to span over CR 54, located in Township of Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-441- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to American Eclectic Power Ohio Power to span over CR 44, located in Township of Meigsville, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-442- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Brightspeed bore under CR 22, located in Township of Homer, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-443- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request the following monies:

\$1000.00 from k22 004-0004-5369.00 to county Medicare 004-0004-5368.00

\$1500.00 from k22 004-0004-5369.00 to county Pers 004-0004-5367.00

\$2000.00 from k22 004-0004-5369.00 to k3 supplies 004-0004-5303.00

\$17,700.00 from k22 004-0004-5369.00 to k2 salaries 004-0004-5102.00

\$2500.00 from Medicare 004-0004-5368.01 to k24 other expense 004-0004-5309.00

\$49,527.49 from 004-0004-5306.00 to k12 road materials 004-0004-5330.00

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

24-444 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to supplementally appropriate additional funds into expense line item 016-0016-5301.00 Morgan County Motor Vehicle Tax (Veterans Memorial Bridge) in the amount of \$42,989.36

Please adjust PO 2024-30441

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

24-445-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

24-446- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting Tuesday, September 3, 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

