

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 9, 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

24-447- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of September 3, 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.

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Discussion about the statewide burn ban and how recent rain might lead people to mistakenly think it's safe to burn.

The hot water tank was re-plumbed and a new thermostat was installed, but it is still leaking internally. Temporary measures are being taken to manage the hot water supply.

Receptacles at the park were tested and found to be good. A popcorn machine likely overloaded the circuit, causing a temporary outage.

Discussion about the potential need for a new handicap ramp at the courthouse. The ramp would need to be almost 80 feet long.

The plaster work at the courthouse was started but never finished by the original contractors. The work has been completed.

Missy Fisher, JFS

Timesheet

Seve Hook, Engineer

Discussion on transferring funds to contracts due to severe weather conditions affecting roads. Specific areas were mentioned.

Confirmation of receiving \$65,000 for bridge inspection from the County Bridge Fund and the decision to proceed with it.

John Wilt, EMA/911

Noted the need to work on a cybersecurity annex and HAZMAT plan for the county's emergency operations plans.

Mentioned a misrouted 911 call from Reinersville that ended up in Columbus and another issue with a fire department not responding to a call.

Discussed the need to set up a campaign committee and bank account for 9-1-1 levy advertising.

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- Received State approval for County Emergency Operations plan. Need to work on cybersecurity annex.
- Continuing with updating the Hazardous Materials Plan for the County for the LEPC. This must be revised periodically and submitted to the State Emergency Response Commission by October.
- Attended groundbreaking for visitor center for Appalachian Hills.
- Received 80 copies of 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook for distribution to public safety agencies.
- Checking with State on Payment of FY 22 HMEP Yr 2 for exercise.

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

- Continuing to work with Interaction Insight, Sundance and ComTech on technical issues with integration.
- No architectural firms showed up for the open house on Tuesday, September 3rd.

- Working with GIS to memorialize the fire department running districts. This is required for CAD system and is going to require a lot of work with County Fire Departments to establish automatic mutual aid response agreements,
 - Still working with JD Johnson on solutions for dispatch radios and Station alerting.
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Misty Long, Pound Keeper

Mentioned cutting the grass last week and applying weed killer to prevent regrowth.

Informed the commissioners about terminating an employee named Kat and mentioned that she has already turned in her keys.

Discussed issues with coworker not providing necessary paperwork for a dog, which is needed to update records.

Shared an incident where an elderly dog was euthanized, and a coworker misinformed the owner about the dog's status, causing emotional distress.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

Discussed properties with back taxes, Discussion was held in regards to how the Land Bank could become involved.

Explained the issue of county-owned properties being taxed and the need to file forms for tax exemption.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells and Commissioner Mayle attended a groundbreaking event on September 4, 2024 for a new Appalachian Hills Visitors Center.

A survey has been developed for staff, riders and the general public to complete for the rebranding of Morgan County Public Transit. A new name and logo are being discussed since Morgan transit has expanded to serving three counties.

A meeting to review further alternatives to the flood mitigation study will be September 10, 2024 at 10am in the economic development conference room.

A meeting of the Morgan County land bank will be September 11, 2024 at 9am in the Economic Development Conference Room.

Shannon Wells has been working with the Economic Development Administration on the environmental review requirements for the waterline on SR60 North.

24-448- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to enter executive session with Heath Williams at 11:15am pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

24-449 - Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session with Heath Williams at 12:00pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director

Addressed comments about the fair in the past week.

Mentioned over 130 seniors in attendance.

The fair was a lot to coordinate, and there are plans to do things differently next year.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

Advanced Business Communications (ABC) returned to Morgan County Public Transit to switch the phones and computers over to the new wiring that was installed throughout the building. The cutover went smoothly with no issues. ABC will remove the old wiring from the building at a later date.

The PC that was installed in Noble County for Public Transit is experiencing heat related issues. The PC reboots randomly for no apparent reason. Troubleshooting with Dell is ongoing for this issue. The laptop that they are using is also having some problems. Microsoft Office is not recognizing the account that is set up on the laptop. The IT office will need to see the laptop in an effort to fix this issue.

The video conference setup in the Commissioners' office was tested to ensure that it

would be able to record an upcoming hearing. There are several recording options available on the computer, depending on the length of the hearing.

The IT Director is attempting to get a Safety Committee meeting setup for September 17, 2024 to discuss several safety issues around the County as well as a policy manual revision to incorporate Ohio's recreation marijuana use.

The HR training required by CORSA is scheduled for October 3, 2024. There were no strong opinions either way as to which elective training module to select, so it was decided to proceed with the module about managing employees during election season.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-450- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies of behalf of AEP to span over County Road 74, located in the Township of Deerfield.

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

24-451- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies to span over County Road 74, located in the Township of Deerfield.

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

24-452- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies of behalf of AEP to span over County Road 56, located in the Township of Deerfield.

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

24-453- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following:

\$28.38 from equipment line item 001-0301-5304

\$50.00 from repairs line item 001-0301-5305

\$1981.50 from poll worker salaries line item 001-0301-5103

To contract services lines item 001-0301-5306

For a total of \$2,059.88 to be transferred to contract services

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

24-454 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 to be put in Engineers K12 Road Materials expense fund 004-0004-5330.00.

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

24-455- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$3,000.00 from Sheriff Contract Services 001-0601-5306.00 into 011-0601-5305.00 Sheriff Repair.

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

24-456- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following funds from 063-0063-5102.00 Salaries to 063-0063-5312.00 Accreditation in the amount of \$8,200.00 contracts payments. Please adjust PO #24—30320.

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

24-457-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

24-458- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to recess the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm.

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

24-459- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to reconvene the commissioner meeting Tuesday September 10, 2024 at 4:00pm for a CIC meeting.

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

Commissioner Mayle and Commissioner Shriver attended a CIC meeting.

24-460- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Shriver to recess the commissioner meeting until September 10, 2024 at 5:00pm.

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

24-461- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene the commissioner meeting September 13, 2024 on September 11, 2024 at 10:00am.

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

24-462- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioner meeting September 11, 2024 at 11:00am.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

