

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, September 23, 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

24-478- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

Commissioner Shriver and Commissioner Mayle participated in a flood mitigation study and discussed it in Shannon's office on Thursday, the 19th.

Commissioner Shriver met with Heidi Burns at 2:30 PM on the same day to discuss her program. He also attended a safety meeting that took place on the 19th.

Al Eltringham, Alen Eltringham Riecker Maintenance

Expressed concerns about the Christmas decorations, emphasizing the need for an exit plan to avoid delays in taking down lights. There was also a discussion about who pays the electricity bill for certain receptacles.

An exit plan for Christmas decorations is necessary to avoid delays.

Mowing will be rescheduled for Thursday each week.

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 finished and back. 9-17-24

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

Automatic Overhead door at the Dog Pound was repaired by Westfall Buildings and Doors 9-18-24

Ordered all new (No Smoking/No Vaping) signs for Riecker Building and Courthouse. 9-18-24

Seve Hook, Engineer

Discussed the delay in processing an AEP bill sent on June 6th and mentioned the need to hold the bill.

The commissioners mentioned that someone asked about the rough condition of County Road 30 and noted it for future reference.

A complaint was discussed a complaint regarding water drainage issues and a culvert installed under a driveway. The issue dates back to motor paving done in 2006.

Mentioned that road work was completed past the church and on Tabor Ridge area, with positive feedback from the community.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Contract Community Action for Kinship Navigator Program for 10/1/24 through 9/30/25 for \$60,000.00.

Northwoods Case Aide Services Contract Renewal

Travel Request

- Kim Forman, Amy Moore, and Devan Vincent to CCMEP Roundtable on 9/24 @ Nelsonville, Ohio.

John Wilt, EMA/911

Attended a flood mitigation meeting with Adam and discussed the direction of the project. There were concerns about unnecessary Geo Studies and the remaining grant money.

The project is moving in the right direction, but there were initial setbacks.

Discussed a proposal for a new building at the fairgrounds, which could potentially integrate a 9-1-1 center. There are concerns about the location being in a floodplain.

Discussed about ongoing GIS issues and discrepancies in address information across different systems. Efforts are being made to align the data between the treasurer's, auditor's, and engineer's systems.

Highlighted issues with call routing and dispatch, including problems with the Cooper Lane towers and miscommunication during emergency calls.

Mentioned the drought page on Facebook and discussions about public water infrastructure investment. There is a need for better infrastructure to handle drought conditions.

Discussed contract negotiations with MN and the possibility of issuing an RFP. Reporting requirements and compliance penalties are being considered.

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
- 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.
- Waiting on Payment of FY 22 HMEP Yr 2 for exercise from State.
- Attended flood mitigation meeting.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 9/23/2024

- Continuing to work with Interaction Insight, Sundance and ComTech on technical issues with integration.
- We received no responses for the RFP for architectural services. Will be sending requests to 2 or 3 firms after discussion with Shannon Wells.
- Comtech Monthly call – rollout pushed back to January.
- Need to move rack and equipment to basement at Sheriff's office soon.
- Sundance CAD work ongoing – should go live by November.

- Signed agreement with APCO for Intellicomm EMD. Will implement in early January.
- Working on GIS / Brightspeed MSAG issues.
- Working with Auditor and Engineer on addressing issues- Auditor information conflicting with Engineer's authoritative addressing.
- Contractor administered NDST (National Dispatcher Selection Test) to 6 incumbent call-takers from SO and myself. Will be administering test to 3 or 4 M&M personnel and 2-3 job applicants in next week. The incumbents and M&M personnel testing is to establish a baseline to determine cut-off criteria.
- Have a continuing issue with COOPER LN towers issues with Washington County border.

Misty Long, Pound Keeper; Hannah Matson, Pound Keeper Assistant, Becky Thompson; Dog Warden

Discussed the success of the parade and the challenges faced in engaging the public with the pound, including the guessing game and dog walking activities.

Ms. Long addressed her rationale behind the post about not taking surrenders, which was to stop the public from bringing in stray pets. The post caused unexpected negative reactions.

The commissioners told Ms. Long that Jeff Babcock has been assigned as the Public Information Officer to manage and disseminate information from all county offices, including social media posts.

Ms. Matson raises concerns about the dog warden's performance, citing specific incidents where the dog warden allegedly failed to perform her duties, including ignoring calls and mishandling cases.

The commissioners emphasized the need for cooperation and mutual respect. They discussed the importance of getting along with one another to solve problems rather than creating them.

All parties need to commit to working together and finding solutions. If conflicts persist, they will be addressed accordingly.

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

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Shannon Wells, Development Office

Singree Construction has started excavation work at Chesterhill park. Paving should start later this week. Singree is working to get a bid bond for the Embree Park project. The state has approved the project.

Quotes were received for a septic installation at 2790 Rock Hollow Lane Malta, Ohio. Two quotes were received. Wilkins Excavating at \$10,900.00 and Shriver's Septic and Excavating at \$17,000.00

24-479- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following.

-See Attachment A

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

Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells attended a meeting with the Ohio EMA and MS Consultants to review alternatives to the flood mitigation study on September 19, 2024.

Shannon Wells responded to ODOT on corrective actions documented during the technical assistance review conducted in April 2024. One of the items needed was an updated facility maintenance plan to follow for preventative maintenance on building items.

John Sampson attended a transportation event today in Monroe for senior citizens. He will also attend a Noble transportation awareness day on September 25, 2024 and in Monroe for the general public on October 2, 2024.

John Sampson and Karen Hinkle interviewed for a Monroe County program coordinator last week and plan to do a second day of interviews this week.

Shannon Wells researched properties to purchase and renovate to benefit low-income families for the Welcome Home program for the Morgan County Land Bank.

Steve Fate; Jeff Fleming, Medical Mutual

Discussed a two-year insurance renewal and mentioned being approached by the Board of DD regarding switching insurance providers. There were no known complaints from employees about the current insurance.

Presented data on claims from August 2023 to July 2024, noting a significant increase in claims paid compared to the previous year.

A new program called Smart Shopper is being introduced, which provides incentives for employees to choose lower-cost options. This program is expected to be beneficial for those with higher deductible plans.

There was a discussion about ongoing contract negotiations with hospitals, which could impact employees. The importance of applying pressure through media and letters was emphasized.

Cheryl Brink, Treasurer; Melissa Hivnor

The discussion focused on the need for new window treatments due to excessive heat and noise in the office. Current blinds are ineffective, and there's a need for a solution that blocks heat and improves the building's appearance.

The commissioners agreed to contact Mrs. Wells for an appropriate quote for window treatments from an outside vendor.

They discussed the discomfort caused by heat and noise in the office, with blinds being closed constantly and some being broken. The noise from outside disrupts phone calls and meetings.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director

The discussion covered funding for Community Action, including past donations and future plans. The levy and how it might affect future funding, with suggestions to handle funding on a year-by-year basis was also talked about.

The effectiveness of the congregate meals program was questioned by Ms. Wilson due to low participation. There was a discussion about the menu and whether it was worth continuing the program given the low turnout.

There was a discussion about planning a holiday dinner, including menu options and contributions from various community members. The idea of having a special meal for the holiday was considered.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

Troubleshooting continues with Dell on the failed computer from Noble County Public Transit. Dell appears to be doing everything they can to not take the computer back and send a new one.

A new phone extension was set up for the new employee at the Courthouse. Unfortunately, the only open extension was the old public phone for the Clerk of Courts' office. Advanced Business Communications was contacted to reprogram the extension and set up a direct dial number. The extension has been reprogrammed, but not tested.

So far, Amazon Business Prime has been working good. The Auditor's office was able to get replacement toner cartridges for their check printing printer at a significant discount.

A separate webpage for the Dog Pound was created. Posts relating to the County Pound's policies, facilities, and HR-related items will be posted on the website as the official record and mirrored on the Facebook page.

Megan Rucker, Concerned Citizen

Ms. Rucker is organizing a new event called Winter Wonderland in the Village, similar to the previous Christmas in the Village. The event will feature a train, Santa, a hot chocolate station, Christmas music, and activities for kids at local businesses.

She is working with local businesses and community members to organize the event. They are coordinating with the people responsible for Christmas lights and trees to ensure smooth execution. There is also a plan to include a community movie event in the promotions.

The event planning is progressing well, with support from community members and businesses, and plans for a fundraiser to support the even

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-479- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from FRMA acct. 007-0007-5302-00 to 004-0004-4010-00 to equal \$75,091.45. Also transfer from 007-0007-5301-00 to 004-0004-4010-00 to equal \$35,664.02. See Attachment B

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

24-480- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer funds from:

062-0062-5365.00 \$ 409.56

081-2024-5365.00 \$3,565.84

083-2024-5365.00 \$ 58.31

084-2024-5365.00 \$ 291.54

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

24-481- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 to put in Engineers k13 large equipment fund.

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

24-482 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer funds from:

063-0063-5102.00 to 063-0063-5309.05 in the amount of \$5,000.00 for vaccine payments.

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

24-483- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from account A-9-C-1 001-0903—5101-00 in the amount of \$6,965.00

Please transfer to account A-9—C-5 001-0903-5305.00

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

24-484-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

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

24-485- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, September 23, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:



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Cecil Mayle
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Richard Welsh

Authorizing Resolution

Resolution # *24-479*

This resolution is to approve entering into a contract with Wilkins Excavating for \$ 10,900.00 for the Home Sewage Treatment System Program Contract 23-4 for the replacement of one septic system. This resolution will be contingent upon funding.

The following addresses will be provided services:

2790 Rock Hollow Lane Malta, OH 43758 (Replacement)



Adam Shriver



Richard Welsh



Cecil Mayle

See Attachment B

#007 Funds to transferred to the #004 Account

Totals by PW #	Federal	State	SB-299	Total	Notes	
PW #670	2/3/2021 \$ 38,435.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,435.77	75% of A/E cost of \$49,990 plus 75% of "Old Grade Rd. repairs	
4424	2/25/2022 \$ -	\$ 6,248.75	\$ 6,248.75	\$ 12,497.50	25% of the A/E cost on \$49,990	
	3/30/2022 \$ -	\$ 157.21	\$ 157.21	\$ 314.42	25% of the "Old Grade Rd" portion of the PW #670	
Totals	\$ 38,435.77	\$ 6,405.96	\$ 6,405.96	\$ 51,247.69		
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PW #701	12/14/2021 \$ 17,882.82	\$ 2,980.47	\$ 2,980.47	\$ 23,843.76	Clayton's portion of "Management costs for PW #899	
4424						
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PW #899	3/18/2024 \$ 4,700.52	\$ 783.41	\$ 783.42	\$ 6,267.35	Last of Force Account time for PW #899	
4360	12/20/2022 \$ 4,164.68	\$ 694.12	\$ 694.11	\$ 5,552.91	Steve & Penny's portion of "Management costs	
	12/14/2021 \$ 17,882.82	\$ 2,980.47	\$ 2,980.47	\$ 23,843.76	Clayton's portion of "Management costs for PW #899	
Totals	\$ 26,748.02	\$ 4,458.00	\$ 4,458.00	\$ 35,664.02		
				Grand Total	\$ 110,755.47	To be transferred to the #004 Account