

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 7, 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 September expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

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**24-497-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of September 30, 2024.

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

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The commissioners did the following over the past week:

**24-498-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to reconvene at Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 9:00am for a Land Reutilization Corporation meeting.

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

Commissioner Shriver and Commissioner Mayle attended a Land Reutilization Corporation meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:00am in the Development Office.

Commissioner Shriver and Commissioner Mayle attended mandatory CORSA training was held on Thursday, October 3rd at 10:00am in the Rieker building.

On Friday, October 4th, Commissioner Shriver attended the Buckeye Hills Executive Council meeting in Marietta from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

After the CORSA training on Thursday, Commissioner Shriver and Commissioner Mayle met with the auditor's office to discuss the budget for about an hour.

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***Al Eltringham, Alen Eltringham Riecker Maintenance***

Mowing is scheduled 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

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.

Courthouse Clock has been rewired and is completely operational. 10-2-24

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***Dwayne Jago. Concerned Citizens***

**Income Tax Services for Senior Citizens**

Raised concerns about the lack of staff at ARB, which is causing senior citizens in Morgan County to be transported to Beverly for income tax services. The commissioners acknowledged the issue and mentioned that the Senior Citizens Director, who might have more information, would be in later that day.

**Potential Solutions and Contacts**

Mr. Jago suggested contacting local representatives like Jay Edwards or Troy Balderson for assistance. The commissioners expressed uncertainty about who to contact and what questions to ask but agreed to follow up after discussing with Senior Citizens Director.

**Volunteer Involvement**

[Speaker 1] mentioned that volunteers have been helping with the tax services but are now unable to manage due to age and lack of additional support.

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***Seve Hook, Engineer; John Telez, Deputy Engineer***

**Equipment and Weather Delays**

Mentioned that equipment problems and hurricane-related rain caused a delay of about a week. They plan to start work the next day.

**H&H Studies and Variance Issues**

Discussed the positive results of H&H studies, meaning no need for residents to move. An individual needs a variance for their house in the floodway, which they haven't filed yet.

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Discussed scheduling a planning commission meeting before the end of the year, possibly on October 16th or 23rd.

### **ODNR Package and Floodplain Administration**

Mentioned that the ODNR package was delayed in the mail for three weeks. They are waiting for the first H&H review before proceeding.

### **Bridge Report**

Stated that they expect a report from the consultant about the bridge in a week or two.

### **Tax Map Department Funding**

Discussed the need to fund the tax map department positions from the general fund instead of the gas tax fund.

### **Floodplain Investment**

Mentioned that the \$120,000 investment in the floodplain project will be financially challenging.

### **Construction Updates**

Provided updates on construction progress, including pouring walls and closing openings.

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### ***Heidi Burns, JFS***

Submitted timesheet

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### ***Misty Long, Pound Keeper***

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

[https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog\\_warden\\_reports.html](https://www.morgancounty-oh.gov/dog_warden_reports.html)

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### ***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.

Received Payment for FY 22 HMEP Yr 2 for exercise from State in amount of \$3600, will need to request this amount be reallocated to 009 Contracts.

### **9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 10/7/2024**

Continuing to work with Interaction Insight, Sundance and ComTech on technical issues with integration.

Will get with Shannon ASAP to initiate letters to architects re: Old Transit building

Electrical work completed in Sheriff's office. Rack installed  
Sundance CAD work ongoing – should go live by November. Meeting with Sundance and Sheriff's office on Thursday regarding records management package integration.

Continuing to work on GIS / Brightspeed MSAG issues. We have several addressing anomalies that need taken care of. ALL addresses in county need to be able to be responded to – and must lie within actual road segments. Getting some push back from the Engineer's office on this. Also working with Auditor and Engineer on addressing issues- Auditor/Treasurer information conflicting with Engineer's authoritative addressing.

Have asked JD Johnson for quote for 4 station radio console that would be able to easily relocate to new facility. This console would have full capabilities for LE, Fire, EMS communications. Also working on departmental notification system that would utilize CAD to automate dispatch of fire and EMS.

#### **Reallocation of Funds**

Mr. Wilt needs to talk to the auditor's office to reallocate funds back to their contracts due to out-of-pocket expenses.

#### **Maintenance Contract Dates**

Mr. Wilt is coordinating with contractors to delay ordering until the end of October, anticipating a January go-live date.

#### **Statewide 9-1-1 Project**

The state is setting up two computer centers for redundancy, causing delays in project timelines.

#### **Old Transit Building**

Electrical work and outlet installations are completed. Letters to architects will be initiated soon.

#### **GIS and Address Issues**

Address anomalies in the county need to be resolved to ensure accurate 911 responses.

#### **Discrepancies in Address Data**

Discrepancies between the engineer's GIS site and the auditor's property information need to be resolved.

#### **Google Address Changes**

Mr. Wilt has managed to get some address changes made in Google to align with county data.

### **Radio Console Quote**

A quote for a four-station radio console has been requested for future use.

### **Automated Dispatch System**

Working on a system to automate dispatch of fire and EMS, including thermal printers in firehouses.

### **Obligation of Funds**

Discussion about the obligation of funds and potential paths forward based on various guidelines.

### **Fire Department Equipment**

Discussion about the distribution of equipment to the fire department.

### **Dispatcher Testing**

Discussed the testing of a new dispatcher which is scheduled for this week.

### **Communication Issues**

Discussed issues with communication between the Sheriff's Department and the fire department.

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### ***Traci Baker, Development Office***

**24-499-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to award Embree Park Project to Singree Construction in the amount of \$57,499.63.

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

### **Parking Lot Size**

Mentioned that the parking lot is smaller than originally designed.

### **Playground Discussion**

Inquired about meetings regarding the DD playground at Pennsville and mentioned hearing about potential changes in location.

### **Annual Funding Request**

The commissioners reminded Ms. Baker to request the annual funding that is appropriated every year.

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### ***Becky Thompson; Dog Warden***

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

**24-500-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and Mr. Welsh approve the following:

Therefore, be it Resolved, We the undersigned, as duly elected County Commissions of Morgan County, Ohio, encourage the eligible students of our local school district to participate in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests sponsored by the VFW and Auxiliary.

We feel both of these programs help foster Americanism locally, state-wide and nationally. Our youth will soon be the leaders in all levels of society. These programs help students hone their understanding of all that is needed to perform the duties of our citizens. See A

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

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***John Wilt, EMA;911***

**Funding Allocation**

Discussion on how to allocate and obligate ARPA funds, including the creation of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to ensure funds are used for a 9-1-1 call center and related equipment.

**Interagency Agreement**

Consideration of an interagency agreement or MOU to meet Treasury requirements for fund allocation, including the need to obligate funds by December 2024.

**9-1-1 Call Center**

Discussion on the logistics and funding for setting up a 9-1-1 call center, including potential locations and necessary equipment.

**Building Purchase**

Debate on purchasing a building for the 9-1-1 call center and the potential resale value if plans change.

**Architect Contract**

Proposal to get an architect under contract to assess the feasibility of modifying buildings for the 9-1-1 call center.

### **Sheriff's Office Modifications**

Discussion on modifying the sheriff's office to accommodate the 9-1-1 call center, including potential costs and logistical challenges.

### **Internet and Notification Systems**

Discussion on the need for high-speed internet and a notification system for the firehouse, including potential solutions like Starlink.

### **Fire District Formation**

Discussion on the potential formation of a fire district to address issues faced by local fire departments.

### **Election Impact**

Consideration of how the upcoming election might impact decisions related to the 9-1-1 call center and other projects.

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### ***Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director***

#### **Service Fee and Receipt**

Ms. Wilson and the commissioners discuss a service fee of \$40 quarterly and whether they want the receipt.

#### **Tax Service and Volunteers**

The tax service provided by volunteers, specifically mentioning Mary Wynn who has been coordinating it for 25 years was discussed by the commissioners and Ms. Wilson. They express concern about losing the service and discuss finding a new point of contact.

#### **AARP Involvement**

The involvement of AARP in providing the tax service and the need to contact them to find a new coordinator was discussed.

#### **Mary Wynn's Role**

Ms. Wilson explained Mary Wynn's role in coordinating the tax service, including setting up equipment and troubleshooting issues.

#### **Potential Solutions**

Ms. Wilson and the commissioners discussed potential solutions such as finding a new volunteer or coordinating with AARP to continue the service

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*Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator*

The IT Director continued working on the replacement of the existing Windows 10 remote access workstations. Windows 10 reaches its end of life on October 2025 and will no longer receive security updates after that date. In light of this deadline and separate from the replacement of the remote access workstations, the Commissioners' Clerk's PC will need to be replaced in 2024 or 2025. The IT Director will continue to discuss this approaching deadline for the replacement of Windows 10 computers with all offices in the County.

Advanced Business Communications returned to Public Transit to install a new phone extension for their new dispatcher.

The Engineer's office wants to move their surveys to their own web server. The surveys are currently being hosted on One Drive. IIS was set up on the Engineer's new Dell server and the GIS officer started copying the surveys onto the new server.

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**Transfers, Then & Now's, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications**

**24-501-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies to span over CR 74, located in Township of Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

**24-502-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to span over CR 66, located in Township of Windsor, Sec. No. 1116 Morgan County, Ohio.

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

**24-503-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the supplemental appropriation of \$3,600.00 received from HMEP Grant reimbursement for the purpose of ongoing contracted expenses. These funds were previously deposited in 009-0009-4001.00 account.

<b>Amount</b>	<b>To</b>
\$3,600.00	009-0009-5306.00 Contracts

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



**24-504** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following in line budget transfers:

\$0.76 from supplies 005-0005-5303.00 to other expenses 005-0005-5309.00

\$420.00 from public employees' retirement 005-0005-5307.00 to PERS 005-0005-5367.01

\$1,276.00 from capital improvement 005-0005-5321.00 to payments to SPOT 005-0005-5310.00

\$2,421.95 from capital improvement 005-0005-5321.00 to other expenses 005-0005-5309.00

\$826.03 from capital improvement 005-0005-5321.00 to PERS 005-0005-5367.01.

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

**24-505-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve transfer of funds from: 063-0063-5102.00 to 063-0063-5309.04 in the amount of \$300.00 for burial permit fees.

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

**24-506-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve transfer of funds from: 063-0063-5102.00 to 063-0063-5309.00 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for other expenses.

Please adjust PO#2024-30348.

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

**24-507-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve transfer of funds from: 063-0063-5102.00 to 063-0063-5307.00 in the amount of \$400.00 for travel.

Please adjust the PO#2024-30315.

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

**24-508** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following supplemental request for the jail expenses for 2024:

Supplementally appropriate \$200,000.00 to joint jail001-1501-1501.00

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

**24-509-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following supplemental request. This is to pay Montgomery County Coroner for work completed.

Supplementally appropriate \$533.00 to 001-0206-5306.00 corner contract services.

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

**24-510-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$4,000.00 from Sheriff's equip/uniforms 01-0601-5304.00 into 001-0601-5305.00 sheriff's repair and \$2,000.00 from sheriff's supplies 001-0601-5303.00 into sheriff's gasoline 001-0601-5303.01.

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

**24-511-**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**

**24-512-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, October 7, 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:


Therefore Be It Resolved

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                      10-7-24 (date)  
Mr. Adam Shriver

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Mr. Richard Welsh

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Mr. Cecil Mayle

