

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 15, 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

24-513- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of October 7, 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 attended meeting with Prosecutor Howdyshell to go over EMS contract Wednesday at 10:00am. They also attended a Soil & Water dinner on Friday at 5:00pm.

24-514- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to enter into a contract with Haus Builders Group, LLC for a phase one project at the Health Department to use in the year 2025 in the amount of \$30,162.95 to be paid using ARPA funds.

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

24-515- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter into a contract with Haus Builders Group, LLC for a phase two project at the Health Department to use in the year 2025 in the amount of \$30,137.48 to be paid using ARPA funds.

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

Al 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.

Apperson's has ordered another hot water tank for the kitchen and the Warranty is approved.

Called Apperson's to check toilet in the women's public restroom on the first floor, it will flush and continues to flush for 30-45 seconds. Changed batteries but didn't help. 10-8-24

Able's Heating and Cooling did Services on all Units at the Courthouse, one unit is down. The unit on the second-floor West side is down for Burnt wires. 10-10-24

SOS Technologies did the Services on all AED Units 10-10-24

The pipe that's been sticking out of ground on the lot at the corner of 8th street and Liberty has been removed. The County Garage torched it off 2 feet below ground level. 10-10-24

Hot Water Tank

Update on the ordered hot water tank and its current status, including issues with water pressure and seepage.

Courthouse Units

Issues with burnt wires in the courthouse's second-floor west side unit and the need for pictures and further inspection.

Heidi Burns, JFS

Mandated Share for October 2024 of \$3,278.83

Agency closed Thursday, October 24, for mandatory training

Travel/Meeting requests

- Heidi Burns & Ginger Bowen to Columbus for CSEA Conference on 10/31/24
- Heidi Burns & Ginger Bowen to Wooster for Leadership Mtg on 10/23/24

The commissioners as well as Shannon Wells attended a scheduled zoon meeting to summarize the brownfield project findings.

Becky Thompson; Dog Warden

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Singree Construction has completed the paving project in Chesterhill for the walking path and the basketball court.

The Embree paving project should be completed this week.

A zoom meeting will be held at 2pm today with Inverve Marketing to discuss branding for Morgan County Public Transit.

Shannon Wells submitted the paperwork October 9, 2024 to Ohio Dept. of Rehab & Correction for the jail project.

Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with Monroe County Commissioners on October 7, 2024 regarding the next grant for public transit. A meeting was also held the same day with Ben Schafer realty to discuss more space in Noble County.

A transit staff meeting will be held October 16, 2024 6pm in the transit breakroom.

Buckeye Hills has scheduled a zoom to discuss public transit for Morgan, Monroe, and Noble for October 16, 2024 at 1:30pm.

Burton Planning Services has sent the draft Active Support Transportation Plan and is looking for comment this week.

Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells met with OSU College of Veterinary Medicine on October 7, 2024 to discuss veterinary needs for Morgan County.

A home inspection will be performed by Dean Smith at 1121 N. Kennebec Ave. on Thursday, October 17, 2024 for the Welcome Home Program.

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

Shannon Wells and John Sampson met with the Riverside Landing Administrator, Lakyn Clark to discuss office space for mobility management. Riverside has an office they are willing to donate that can be used for an in-kind match for the mobility management grant.

Shannon Wells and Brad Peoples, OhioSE met with Kim Smith from Smith Brothers Creamery on October 9, 2024 to discuss business needs.

The reflective window film is being installed October 17 and 18 on the recorder and treasurer's office windows.

Mystie Long, Pound Keeper

Submitted report

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Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The IT Director and the Commissioners discussed the potential need for fiber Internet at the Riecker Building. The Auditor's office recently noticed some slowness when navigating between the pages of their ISSG and SSI websites. While not slow enough to cause any serious issues at this time, it is a sign that the current Internet connection is not able to keep up with the amount of users and traffic at the Riecker Building.

Because of the above noted slowness, the IT Director conducted several speed tests at the Riecker Building (on shared coaxial Internet) and at the Courthouse (on dedicated fiber Internet). The bandwidth in both locations was adequate and was actually slightly higher than advertised by Spectrum. The problem at the Riecker Building was the download latency. The download latency at the Riecker Building was greater than 50 milliseconds (~75 msec). This will cause slowness in web-based applications that require a lot of back and forth with the local user's machine. By contrast, all the latency checks at the Courthouse were less than 10 msec.

The cost of fiber Internet at the Riecker Building will at least double the current Internet bill, so discussions are ongoing about when to switch to fiber Internet.

The IT Director started the registration process for a new domain name for the County: morgancountyohio.gov. This is a little easier to say over the phone and falls inline with what many counties in Ohio are registering for their own .gov domain names. The County also needs to get a new hosting plan due to billing issues with the

current plan. Rolling to a new domain name would be the ideal time to start a new hosting plan through HostGator.

New computers continue to arrive for various offices throughout the County. These computers are being installed as soon as they arrive, beating the deadline for replacing older Windows 10 based machines.

Problems were discovered with several old computers that were earmarked as replacement firewall machines. Some of the computers had no RAM installed (or it was removed) and several of the old machines will not boot. While this is a problem, there may yet be enough good machines to replace all the current firewall computers. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director

Discussed various activities at the Senior Center including open enrollment help, a luncheon, and a Fall Leaf and Covered Bridge Tour.

The Senior Center building will be used for Heritage Day. Permission has already been granted.

24-516-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter executive session with Misty Long at 3:25pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

24-517 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive 1 session with Misty Long at 4:30pm pursuant to ORC. 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-518- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies to span over CR 6, located in Township of Meigsville, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-519- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer to bore under CR 87, located in Township of Windsor, Sec. No. 00, FR, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-520- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer funds from FEMA acct#007-0007-5301.00 in the amount of \$119,027.59 to be placed into the FEMA 004-0004-4010.00 See Attachment A

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

24-521 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following transfers: Transfer \$10,550.00 from 014-0014-5306.00 contracts to 015-0015-4001.00 Soil Conservation County.

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

24-522- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve transfer of funds from: 06-0006-5309.01 (PA-H34 other) to 006-0006-5345.00 (PA-30220 COMEP TANF) \$25,000.00

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

24-523- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve A supplemental appropriation in the (050) PCSA Account of \$250,000.00. I am requesting this in the 050-0050-5301.00 SCPA line item.

PO 30221 (Foster Care) increase \$250,000.00

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

24-524- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer \$4000.00 from sheriffs equip/uniforms 001-0601-5304.00 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

24-525 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$1,000.00 from 001-0207-5307.00 to 001-0207-5303.00 (supplies)

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

24-526- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer \$5,730.00 from 415-0415-5303.00 (program exp.) to 415-0415-5304.00 (equip.)

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

24-527- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to request a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$119,027.59 to be put in engineers k12 road materials line, 004-0004-5330.00.

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

24-528-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

24-529- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Mayle to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, October 15, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

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Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:

PW #180	\$ 90.41	\$ 15.06	\$ 15.06	\$ 120.53	Force Account not Cat Z Charged to Construction
PW #180	\$ 61.15	\$ 10.19	\$ 10.21	\$ 81.55	Contract Bid Advertisement Cost
PW #180	\$ 443.44	\$ 73.91	\$ 73.90	\$ 591.25	Additional \$57 Stone required
PW #180	\$ 78,127.95	\$ 13,021.33	\$ 13,021.32	\$ 104,170.60	Payment to R.C. Construction
	\$ 78,722.95	\$ 13,120.49	\$ 13,120.49	\$ 104,963.93	
PW #484	-	\$ 5,303.84	\$ 5,303.84	\$ 10,607.68	25 % of actual cost
PW #191	-	\$ 1,501.68	\$ 1,501.67	\$ 3,003.35	25 % of actual cost
PW #198	\$ 339.47	\$ 56.58	\$ 56.58	\$ 452.63	100% Management costs charged to construction
Grand Total				\$ 119,027.59	

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