

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, October 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Cecil Mayle, President
Adam Shriver, Absent
Richard Welsh, Member

24-530- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

-Commissioner Shriver and Commissioner Mayle attended a CIC meeting.

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 still working the Warranty issue to replace hot water tank for the kitchen.

Apperson's replaced the flush meter plunger assembly in the women's public restroom on the first floor. 10-16-24

All the window blinds have been removed from the Recorder's office and the Treasurer's office to install window tint. 10-17-24

Described issues with a hot water tank, including a possible busted seam and the need for a new tank. The tank is not leaking significantly but seeps occasionally.

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telez, Deputy Engineer

Discussion about various road and construction projects in Center Township, including grinding on McConnell, Ave wall projects, and culvert completions.

By the end of the third week of November, most projects will be completed for the season. A meeting in Marietta on December 19th will determine the success of the Buckeye Hills project.

Discussion about candidates for the floodplain director position, including their qualifications and experience.

A frontrunner was identified due to their extensive experience and relevant qualifications.

A meeting will be held in Marietta on December 19th to discuss the Buckeye Hills project.

Interviews for the floodplain director position to be scheduled.

Misty Fisher, JFS

Submitted timesheet

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.

Completed MARC Radio test

Completed WEBEOC Drill

Completed and submitted CERPP (Chemical Emergency and Response Preparedness Plan) for annual review. This was a revised plan, not a no-change review.

Completed and submitted EMPG quarterly workplan.

Attended mandatory State EMA Director's conference.

Preparing FY22 EMPG Q8 cash request for State.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 10/21/2024

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

Weekly Readiness Call with ComTech 10/8 – rollout now delayed until February 2025 with training set for January 2025 and testing in December.

Met with Sundance and Sheriff's office on Thursday 10/10 regarding records management package integration.

Administered NDST to job applicant

Weekly Readiness Call with ComTech 10/15 – rollout may move back to January, or even December...

Southeast 911 Coordinators meeting in Logan

Signed MOU with Athens County for MARCS Radio talkgroups 58FDMA1 and 58FDMA2. This is primarily for Amesville FD for mutual aid with Chesterhill. MOU is revocable.

Mystie Long, Pound Keeper

Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

Discussed taking six to seven dogs to the vet and mentioned an adoption that fell through. It was also clarified that Ms. Long was trying to get dogs adopted, not put down.

Talked about retrieving keys from assistant pound keeper and the need to change the lock on the outside gate due to issues with the current lock and concerns about key access.

Sophia Wiseman, OSU Extension

Sophia Whisman- 4-H Extension Educator

The end of September Sophia attended Older Youth In Training, Junior Leader and 4-H Committee meetings. October 1st Sophia attended a volunteer management In-service in Columbus to help educators who manage volunteers in their counties, October 2nd Sophia traveled to Muskingum Co. to record TV to promote older youth programs, October 3rd Sophia held a program for the Morgan County Master Gardner's on birds of Prey in Ohio at the library. The program went well and Sophia plans to offer more program opportunities on Birds of Prey and other environmental topics. October 4th Sophia traveled to Columbus to attend a curriculum committee meeting with state 4-H it is a committee who meets to discuss with publications the future of 4-H project books.

October 13th-18th Sophia traveled with Pam Montgomery to attend NAE4-HYDP National Conference in Boise, Idaho. It is a conference where 4-H professionals all over the nations come together to discuss 4-H and different things that are being done nationwide. We share ideas and bring back things to implement in our areas.

Pam Montgomery-4-H/FCS Extension Educator and Area Leader

4-H Activities

Pam created a camp counselor and counselor in-training online application 2025. The applications are available until November 18th. She developed the agenda with assistance from co-workers for the 4-H Advisory Committee and the 4-H Horse Sub-Committee and attended the meeting on September 23rd. She developed an online registration for the upcoming CARTEENS program on November 4th. She attended the National 4-H Conference October 14-17, 2024, for professional development with 55 other Ohio 4-H Professionals including Sophia Whisman.

Family and Consumer Sciences Activities

Pam is enjoying working with the AmeriCORP workers and assisting at some of their programs. She is continuing to explore developing a household budget program. She held a Successful Co-Parenting on October 10 and has the final one for 2024 scheduled November 18th from 9:30 AM – 12 PM.

Area Leader Activities

Pam has ongoing one-on-one meetings with staff in all 4 counties she supervises and attends staff meetings and advisory council meetings.

Kristina Moore

SNAP-Ed Coordinator/Educator – Morgan County – OSU Extension - 2024

On September 24th, 2024, Moore was present for the office Ohio State Extension Office Staff Meeting. On September 25th Moore attended the SNAP-Ed Business Meeting. On September 30th Moore closed out the “No Cook’ Series at the Kate Love Simpson Library. On October 2nd Moore assisted with Morgan County United Ministries Stockport food distribution and started programming at Morgan West Elementary School with kindergarten and first grades. On October 3rd Moore began a “Soup Series” at the Senior Center. On October 7th Moore continued programming at Morgan West Elementary School with PreK, a second kindergarten class and second grade classes as well. On the 8th of October Moore began fall programming with Head Start in Malta. On the 9th of October Moore returned to Morgan West for programming with

kindergarten and both first grades. On October 11th Moore attended the monthly Family and Children First meeting and participated in SNAP-Ed's Diverse Ohio Work Group. Close out the reporting month, on the 14th of October Moore returned to Morgan West for programming with PreK, a second kindergarten class, and second grade classes.

Jordan Penrose- Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator

In September, Jordan Penrose gave his monthly TV interview on WHIZ News, discussing upcoming events and providing information about the drought conditions and opportunities to help minimize some of the impacts of the drought, as we will feel the effects into next year in southeastern Ohio. The farmer's market is still going on until the end of the month, with participation from both vendors and supporters showing up weekly. The farmers market will continue for the next two Thursdays, from 11 am to 1 pm.

From September 17th through the 19th Jordan was at Farm Science Review helping at the livestock education area with a wide range of questions. Jordan and the Master Gardener Volunteers had their monthly meeting at Blooming Woods Flower Farm, where they got to learn about the process of growing zinnia flowers. Jordan also helped put on, facilitate, and teach at the Artificial Insemination (A.I.) school in Jackson, which is a three-day program for people to come in and learn how to understand, handle, and properly A.I. cattle. He also gave a talk to the M&M Rotary Club about the noxious weed, poison hemlock. Jordan has also been involved with Soil and Water on providing information to the farmers about the drought in southeastern Ohio.

Jordan has participated in various meetings like the weekly corn call meeting to share updates about crops and drought conditions in Morgan County with his coworkers around the state. He also is a part of the beef and forage teams in which they share updates related to beef and forage. Jordan is also conducting different studies, one in the county on mechanical control of johnsongrass, which wrapped up collecting data for the year, and a couple of different studies at the Jackson Agriculture Research Station, with studies on hay growth and hay storage.

Shannon Wells, Development Office; Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor

Discussed the need to submit a grant application by the end of December for a regional transit system covering three counties. The grant opens on November 1st.

Highlighted that ODOT and federal authorities are pushing for regionalized transit systems instead of individual county systems. This would help in scoring higher on grant applications.

Suggested creating a written memorandum of understanding with Noble and Monroe counties to submit the grant application and negotiate terms for a regional transit system.

Proposed that each county should contribute financially, possibly through an administration fee, to build a fund for matching local funds required by ODOT.

Emphasized the importance of establishing a strong foundation for Morgan County to lead the regional transit system, especially with upcoming changes in leadership.

Discussed the possibility of charging administrative fees to other counties for managing the transit system, similar to current consulting fees.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Singree Construction has completed the Embree Park paving project.

A home inspection was completed at 1121 N. Kennebec Ave. on Thursday, October 17, 2024 for the Welcome Home program. Shannon Wells has forwarded the report to Mark Lahna to see if the project can be done under budget to meet Residential Rehab Standards (RRS) that Ohio Department of Development requires.

Shannon Wells attended the transit staff meeting on October 17, 2024 at 6pm.

A request has been sent to Inverve Marketing for further branding research and another survey for Morgan County Public Transit. Commissioner Shriver and Shannon Wells met with Buckeye Hills on October 16 and they expressed interest in getting more input from Monroe and Noble counties.

Shannon Wells met with Prosecutor Howdysshell on October 18, 2024 to discuss drafting an agreement for a regional transit authority for Morgan, Noble and Monroe counties.

Becky Thompson; Dog Warden

Submitted report

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Doug McGrath, Sheriff

Discussed the hiring of new employees and the budget constraints faced. They mentioned the reimbursement from JFS for one employee and the potential for partial wage reimbursement for another 13 weeks. They also talked about the need to avoid overtime due to budget limitations.

Highlighted the training requirements for new hires, including CPR certification and public safety telecommunication training. They mentioned the need for new hires to attend an eight-hour daily training for five days.

Discussed the potential hiring of two more employees and the need to consult with Adam regarding the budget. They also mentioned the goal of reaching 12 employees, including supervisors.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

The files on the computers at the County Garage were backed up and given to the Engineer's Clerk. Additionally, remote access was set up to the main computer at the County Garage, in the event that items need to be printed down at that location.

An issue was discovered with the Zebra label printers in use by County Court on their new Windows 11 computers. A workaround was discovered to get labels to print, but a permanent fix is not working. While minor, this is the first issue we have found with older peripheral equipment not working correctly on Windows 11. Troubleshooting is ongoing.

The fuel meter at Greuey's Fuel locked up this week. The meter would not accept any inputs, even from the manager key. Power was cycled to the meter and full functionality was restored. The transactions stored in the meter were downloaded afterward to insure that no data was lost.

Amber Wilson, Senior Citizen Director

The health department will visit on Friday and Monday to gather information on senior health concerns in the county. Attendees are encouraged to participate to help develop relevant programs.

Buckeye Hills is hosting an aging summit for Southeast Ohio on November 7th. The event costs \$25 and will cover upcoming rules and regulations.

Mention of a cover bridge tour, noting that even if the leaves are gone, participants can still enjoy the bridges.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-531- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Matthew Myers with Sigma Technologies to span over CR 51, located in Township of Deerfield, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-532- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to MMRWD to bore under CR 100, located in Township of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-533- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$,833,41 from line item 001-0301-4003.00 (receipts & reimbursements) to the line item #001-0301-5306.00 (contract services) which is reimbursement for monies spent for NCOA mailing 2024, and DATA ACT 2025 for Morgan County Board of Elections.

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

24-534 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following transfer of appropriations:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
Equipment Line Item #057-2425-5304.00	General Operating Line Item #057-2425-5303.00	\$7,0000.00

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

24-535- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve transfer \$5,000,00 from the 085-0085-5370.00 septic loan disbursement line item into the 085-0085-5309.00 other expense line item. Please add to PO 2024-30194.

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

24-536- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer funds from 063-0063-5102.00 to 063-0063-5309.00 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for other expenses.

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

24-537- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$750.00 into Sheriff's Impound Lot Utility Expenses 001-0601-5313.00.

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

24-538 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to move funds from 004-0004-5330.02 (repairs to 004-0004-5309.02 (misc. expenses). The amount request is \$30,000.00

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

24-539- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

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

24-540- Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Mayle to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, October 21, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Adam Shriver, Vice-President

Richard Welsh, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

