

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, November 12, 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

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**24-557-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the minutes of November 4, 2024.

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

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The commissioners did the following over the past week:

Commissioner Mayle attended a Land Bank Meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He also attended Community Action Training as well.

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***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**Floodplain and Dirt Piling**

Discussion about the village piling dirt in a floodplain area, concerns about permits, and potential contamination from dirt moved from a bulk plant site. No conclusion reached; further investigation suggested.

**Bid for CR14 West Mountville Slip Project**

Review of bids for the CR14 West Mountville Slip Project Repair project, with Alan Stone Company recommended as the lowest bidder.

**21-558-** Motion by Mr. Mayle and seconded by Mr. Welsh to award the project to Allen Stone Company in the amount of \$635,230.20

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

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***Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance***

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 received the new hot water tank for the kitchen and will be installed 11-12-24

Able's Heating and Cooling scheduled element replacement for the unit at the Courthouse Westside 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 11-12-24

Parts have been ordered for the John Deere tractor for the Safety Recall (Brake Rod Bell Crank)  
10-28-24

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***Heidi Burns, JFS***

Mandated Share November 2024: \$3,278.83

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

**Budget and Funding**

The discussion focused on the decrease in funding, specifically the match of 29, and the strategy of rolling over unused funds into a supplemental for the next year. Concerns were raised about future funding and the impact on the budget.

The funding is expected to decrease, and the strategy is to roll over unused funds to cover future expenses.

**ARPA Money Transfer**

The conversation covered the need to transfer ARPA funds to 9-1-1 before December, ensuring that the funds are allocated and transferred to avoid reporting requirements.

The ARPA funds need to be transferred to 9-1-1 to avoid reporting requirements, with a deadline of December 16th.

## **Staffing and Training**

The discussion included staffing levels, training schedules, and the need to adjust deployment dates to accommodate training. There are currently nine full-time dispatchers, and training is scheduled for December and February.

Training schedules need adjustment, and staffing levels are currently sufficient.

-Mr. Shriver arrived late.

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## ***Shannon Wells, Development Office***

Shannon Wells attended the Village of McConnelsville council meeting on November 5, 2024 and discussed property and village owns on Parmiter Road and the qualification of the land for the brownfield grant to assess for contamination. Village council agreed to discuss transitioning the property to the land bank with their solicitor for program eligibility.

Shannon Wells also discussed a pedestrian and bicycle grant open by ODOT the Village is eligible to apply for. The complete active transportation plan will allow the village to apply for a project documented in the plan at 100% reimbursement. The council agreed to have the recreation committee work to select a project to move forward with.

On Friday, Governor DeWine announced the list of Ohio Workforce Mobility Program's SFY2025 awards Morgan Noble County Workforce Connectivity—Currently, the Morgan County transit serves both Morgan and Noble counties with about 25% of all trips being employment related. Two vehicles will be funded at 80% with this grant which will improve access and reliability to job centers in the region.

Shannon Wells submitted paperwork to ODOT to get permission to advertise for engineering services for capital projects at transit facility. Projects to include parking lot expansion, roof replacements on pole buildings and exterior security lighting.

Shannon Wells has started work on the transit grant for FY2026 for Morgan, Noble and Monroe counties. The grant is due December 31, 2024.

Shannon Wells met with Randy Cochrane, Director of Community Relations from Genesis Healthcare on November 6, 2024. Genesis has agreed to provide a \$10,000 contribution to the mobility management program for advertisement and brochure distribution.

Traci Baker will attend a conference in Lewis Center, Ohio November 13 and 14 for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Commissioner Mayle and Shannon Wells attended a meeting of the land bank on November 6, 2024.

Shannon Wells and Tracy Simons attended a board meeting of Appalachian Ohio in Zanesville at Brayn Place on November 7, 2024.

**24-559-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to authorize the Morgan County Auditor's Office to transfer \$20,556.00 into Grant Administration 099-0099-4002-00 for the purposes of economic development.

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

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**24-560-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to appoint Chasity Mayle to the Ohio Eastern Ohio Development Alliance Board commencing January 2025 and ending December 2026.

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

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***Becky Thompson; Dog Warden***

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)

The center turn lane on SR60 North opened on October 25, 2024.

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

**Chair Donation**

There was a brief discussion about donating chairs to the Sheriff's Office with clarification that no formal action was needed as they were simply being given away.

No action required for the chairs as they are being donated to another county office.

## **Project Timeline**

A project involving deputies and chairs was mentioned, with an expectation that it will start next year.

**24-560-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to place the following items to auction:

- Acer computer monitor
- View Sonic computer monitor
- 2 DJH computer towers

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

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### ***Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator***

There was a meeting at Public Transit with FirstNet/AT&T and Sonim (the FirstNet hardware provider) this week. The topic of discussion was how to configure the FirstNet phones so that they are more useful for the Transit drivers. It was discovered that there were some simple setting changes that could be made to address many of the drivers' concerns about the FirstNet phones. The IT Director took the lead on adding all of the Transit phones into the Sonim Dashboard. This will allow for bulk configuration changes to all the phones and for update monitoring.

Computers for monitoring security cameras were set up at the Courthouse. The micro form factor computers were mounted on shelves above the televisions that were already mounted to the walls in the Probation and Bailiff's offices. This will allow the Courthouse security personnel to monitor the cameras for any potential problems.

While removing the former Pound Keeper from the County's fuel pump, it appeared that the screen of the pump meter had been damaged. The IT Director will check with Transit or other offices that use the fuel pump frequently to see if this is a recent development or if the damage had been gradually building up over the past several months.

The Commissioners informed the IT Director that the Senior Citizens Center had excess computer equipment to be recycled in their office.

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

**24-561-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Jabob Bowman to bore under County Road 52, located in the Township of Marion, Morgan County Ohio.

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

**24-562-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to request a transfer the following: \$426.90 from supplies line item 001-0301-5303 to PEO Salaries line item 001-0301-5103 This is for the extra poll workers supplied to Malta Youth Building and Stockport Youth Building for Election Day as well as support for election night.

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

**24-563-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer from the following fund:

Fund	From	To	Amt.
DETAC Fund	060-0060-5309 other expenses	060-0060-5369 worker's comp.	\$5.13

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

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**24-563-**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**

**24-564-** Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting Monday, November 12, 2024 at 4:00pm.

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

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**Cecil Mayle, President**

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**Adam Shriver, Vice-President**

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**Richard Welsh, Member**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**



