MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, December 16, 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

24-626- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024.

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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

No Report

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 Awaiting equipment to be listed on GOV Deals.

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.

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

Trombold Equipment replaced the Grinder pump discharge pipes. 12-6-24

Able's H/C called to repair the air handler at the Courthouse 2nd floor West side the unit won't turn on. Call made to Able's 12-4-24 Scheduled for 12-5-24 (Replaced Contactor)

Advance H/C Scheduled for (12-9-24) to do the fall services on RTU's 1,2&3. They will be bringing filters and extra belts for all 3 units in case 1 breaks through the Winter. RTU 1 Belts are on Backorder and will be replaced once Advanced receives them. 12-9-24

All filters have been changed and belts checked and should be replaced. 12-4-24 Replaced supply fan belt on RTU 2 on 12-3-24

Terminix performed services on Riecker Building. 12-10-24

All Back Flow test for the Riecker Building, Courthouse and Sheriff's office have been completed and passed. 12-9-24

Replaced 3 Light Ballast throughout the building over the past week.

Steve Hook, Engineer; John Telez, Deputy Engineer

24-627- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following:

The work includes replacing approximately 540 feet of Morgan County's 30-foot-wide right of way on N. Riverview Road beginning at STA+51.26 and ending at STA 8+88+33 (see exhibit B for station locations along the centerline of the roadway) in the Village of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio. Work includes replacement of existing roadway with reinforced concrete pavement, installing three 18-inch reinforced concrete pipe culverts with flap gates, and approximately 350 feet of barrier wall along the riverside of the roadway in accordance with the plans outlined in Exhibit B. See Attachment A

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

Heidi Burns, JFS

Timesheet

Mandated Share

December 2024 \$3,278.83

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.
- Continue working with MCHD on their tabletop exercise scheduled for January 16th. Providing attendee information and will serve as the facilitator for the exercise.
- Working with Buckeye Hills on regional mitigation planning.
- Attended budget meeting for EMA/LEPC.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 12/16/2024

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

- Weekly Readiness Call with ComTech 12/3 and 12/10 Tentative training and deployment schedule: Admin training for Sheriff, Coordinator and lead dispatcher 1/14/25, Call-taker training 1/15/25 and 1/16/25. ATP testing 1/20/25, 1/24/25 and 1/31/25. Deployment/migration 2/4/25.
- Continue working with APCO for Intellicomm implementation, guidecard review, training, etc. Implementation call 12/3/24.
- SO now has 9 FT and 1 PT telecommunicators. New telecommunicators completed Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST) training. Next step is Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) training.
- Met with County fire chiefs on Thursday, December 5th. 5 of 6 Chiefs attended with the assistant Chief and a Captain attending for the 6th department. Had broad agenda ranging from apparatus numbering and radio procedures to eDispatches utilization. eDispatches is a notification application that 5 of 6 departments currently use. It is a good tertiary notification method and will interface with our CAD. Waiting on information from eDispatches on logistics and expense for 9-1-1 to contract with eDispatches, simplifying integration and saving expense for fire departments. Loaned 2 portable radios to Reinersville FD as they have no MARCS radios currently. Will be meeting with FDs again on January 12th.

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

-Attachment B

Sophia Wiseman, OSU Extension

December 2024 OSU Extension Monthly report for Morgan Co. Commissioners

Sophia Whisman- 4-H Extension Educator

November 21st Sophia held older youth interviews. This is for older youth in 4-H who are interested in joining one of the older youth opportunities we offer. I interviewed three this year. One to join the 4-H Committee and two for Junior Fair Board. We have 10 signed up for older youth in training and one for junior leaders. The rest of this month Sophia attended Senior Fair Board, Older Youth In Training/ Junior Leaders, and 4-H Committee meetings. December 3rd Sophia traveled with Pam Montgomery to Belmont County for an Area 19 & 20 4-H Professionals meeting. December 10th and 11th Sophia traveled to Columbus to attend the Extension Annual Conference, it is a conference for all of extension to get together for an update on extension, our whole office besides Amy went. December 14th Sophia attended Market Steer tag in to help aid in the process of tagging and documenting the animals for the market beef projects of 2025.

This month Sophia will continue prepping for the older youth groups kicking off and working on prepping QA and Skillathon study guides.

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

4-H Activities included completing camp counselor and counselor-in-training interviews for 2025, attending the 4-Horse sub-committee meeting and 4-H Advisory Committee meeting on November 25th, finalizing dates for her responsibilities on the 2025 4-H Calendar. Pam Montgomery also attended the 4-H Professionals networking meeting December 3rd for Area 19 & Area 20. She currently assisting others in the office in creating a financial notebook for each 4-H Club in the county.

Family and Consumer Sciences activities include finalizing programming calendar for 2025 and reviewing items for basic budgeting classes and parenting programs. Pam continues to supervise AmeriCORP public health workers and help them develop their program ideas.

Pam Montgomery continues to meet with staff one-on-one in Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, and Washington Counties, attend their staff meetings, and Extension Advisory meetings. She attends Area Leader meeting monthly. She attended the Extension bi-annual Conference December 10 and 11 and enjoyed networking with Extension Staff from across the state.

Kristina Moore- SNAP-Ed Coordinator/Educator

On November 18, 2024, Kristina Moore continued programming at Morgan West Elementary. November 20, 2024, Moore concluded programming with one Kindergarten and two first grade classes. On November 22, 2024, Moore assisted with Lutheran Social Services Thanksgiving food distribution serving 110 families. On November 26th Moore participated in the office staff meeting and on December 3, 2024, Moore began outreach for programming to start in January of 2025. Currently a Soup Series will be offered at the McConnelsville Kate Love Simpson Library and Meals in Mugs will be offered at the Senior Center, both to start in January 2025. Flyers with details will be available at each site in mid-December. Moore continues to work with Community Engagement Manager for Hocking Athens and Perry Community Action, Raya Abner and SE Ohio Food Banks to set up mini mobile food distributions throughout Morgan County with more to come in 2025. On December 3, 2024, Moore assisted with the Morgan United Ministries food distribution in Stockport and

Chesterhill with a total of 65 families served. On December 9th Moore completed programming with a second Morgan West Elementary kindergarten class and two second grade classes as well. Moore is wrapping up the year with additional community outreach working with the Morgan County Health Department and potentially local nursing homes, New Hope, and the Chesterhill Branch Library to name a few.

Jordan Penrose- Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator

In November, Jordan gave his monthly TV interview on WHIZ News, discussing upcoming events and providing information about different seeding options for pastures and hayfields and what to do now when planning to reseed. Jordan attended the SWCD Drought update meeting. He also helped teach at Weeds University in Licking County about sprayer nozzles. Jordan's article that was in the Farm and Dairy, Drought Damaged Pasture; What's Next, was also carried in the OSU Ohio Beef Cattle Letter.

In December, Jordan attended the 2024 Animal Science in-service in Wooster. He also attended the Corn Club banquet and shared what the group what was seen in the corn fields this year. On the 9th the Morgan County Cattlemen's group met, and Jordan shared with them about improving forages in pastures and hayfields, focusing on Renovation, Management, and Summer Annuals. Jordan also attended the Extension Biannual Conference in Columbus and learned about building and creating trust and partnerships, Building community leaders and partners through adult leadership education, and Youth Production Livestock field days. Also attended JCEP and NACAA meetings, and an awards ceremony at the conference. Jordan has also participated in various meetings like the bi-weekly corn call meeting, monthly beef team meeting, and monthly forage team meeting to share updates about crops, forages, livestock, and drought conditions in Morgan County with his coworkers around the state.

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

One proposal was received from DLZ for engineering services for the parking lot improvement project at transit. The proposal will b reviewed and submitted to ODOT for approval.

The luncheon with OhioSE/JobsOhio for commissioners and CIC is being held today at 12pm for an economic development update and to get to know OhioSE/JobsOhio session.

A meeting will be held December 19, 2024 at 10am at the Morgan County jail with the Department of Rehab and Corrections.

A second sheriff sale will be held on December 20, 2024 at 10am for various property.

Shannon Wells met with the Manager from Aspire Energy about the gas expansion in Morgan County.

24-628- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

A resolution of Morgan County supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquin Centennial (AMERICA 250-OH)

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly and Governor created AMERICA 250-OH in Ohio Revised Code Section 149.309 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Ohio's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; AND

WHEREAS, AMERICA 250-OH strives to engage ALL Ohioans and ALL 88 counties through a variety of programs, projects and events through 2026 by inspiring future leaders and celebrating Ohio's contributions to the nation over the past 250+ years; AND

WHEREAS, Morgan County has much to contribute to the nation's 250th anniversary including

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Morgan County hereby establishes a local AMERICA 250-Morgan County Committee made up of a diverse group of citizens to work with AMERICA 250-OH on any and all activities within Morgan County. The participants of the Morgan County Committee will be strictly voluntary roles and there will be no compensation for participation; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Commission agrees to designate one or more county liaisons within 30 days of the adoption of this Resolution who will serve as the point of contact for all local organizations, stakeholders, and communities within their county; AND

FURTHER RESOLVED, Morgan County allocates \$- O - (OPTIONAL - IF APPLICABLE) to the America 250-OH Morgan County Committee to supplement its work; AND

FURTER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Morgan County legislative delegation and AMERICA 250-OH Commission headquartered at 41 S. High St., Suite 250, Columbus, OH 43215.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Morgan, the State of Ohio, this 16th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST: Sheller Wolch

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/ COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

A web hosting plan was purchased for the new domain name, morgancountyohio.gov. The plan was purchased through HostGator and is identical to the existing plan that was purchased many years prior for the County's current domain, morgancounty-oh.gov. The web hosting plan also contains the County's email hosting. Unfortunately, the new plans provided by HostGator limit the amount of disk space available on their servers – a fact that was not explained in much detail on their site. As such, the new web hosting plan will not have enough space to provide e-mail for all County employees.

With the disk space limitations of the new web hosting plan in mind, the IT Director researched cost-effective plans for e-mail hosting. The best e-mail provider from a cost and features standpoint is Zoho Mail. They have plans starting at \$1 per month per user and scale upward at reasonable rates. The only potential issue is that Zoho Mail is an Indian-based company. The IT Director is checking with the Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Infrastructure Security Administration to see if there are any security concerns with using Zoho Mail for County business.

With the delay in the transition to the new domain name for the County's website and e-mail, the IT Director will hold off on sending an announcement to the Morgan County Herald explaining the change.

The Board of Elections' servers were unable to connect to the network on Friday morning. It turns out that the servers were not getting their updates applied and needed to reboot. Additionally, one of the servers' network profile had changed to "Public" and was no longer available to the domain. Once this was corrected, the servers were connecting normally. Unfortunately, there is still an issue with network connectivity for the servers that resulted from fixes applied during the Crowdstrike outage in July 2024. The IT Director will work with the Board of Elections' new vendor to remedy this problem.

The Commissioners' laptops were connected to the new printer in their office. Two of the laptops were behind on their Windows 11 Feature Updates, which were completed during the printer installation.

Work continues with the Engineer and Auditor's offices on the GIS software reinstall for the Auditor's real estate computer.

The Commissioners informed the IT Director that they wish to procure a cell phone for the Pound Keeper. The IT Director will contact Verizon to set this up.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

24-629- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to Osmose Utilities Services Inc. to span over CR 17, located in the Township of Penn, Section No. 3 Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-630 Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to American Electric Power-Joint Use/Chris Postle with construction within CR 13&4, located in the Township of Union, Section No. 8, Morgan County Ohio.

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

24-631- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to grant permission to American Electric Power-Joint Use/Chris Postle with construction within CR 16, located in the Township of Union, Section No.11&12, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

24-632- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to transfer the following: \$7,000.00 from 001-0207-51-02.00 (salary) to 001-0207-5321.00 (other fees).

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

24-633- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following General Ledger Account number changes for Real Estate 1st Half fund 304, these changes are to help with reports as well as better tracking of funds.

Rename Fund 304

From Undivided General Tax to 1st Half Real Estate

Revenue

304-0304-4001.00	1st Half Real Estate Tax Payments (Rename from 1st Half Real Estate)
304-0304-4002.00	Payments from Escrow (Rename from Transfers)
304-0304-4003.00	Rollback Receipts (Establish)
304-0304-4004.00	Surplus (Establish)

Expenses

304-0304-5301.00	Settlement (Rename Undivided General Tax)
304-0304-5302.00	Auditor Refunds (Establish)
304-0304-5302.01	Treasurer Refunds (Establish)
304-0304-5303.00	Rollback (Establish)
304-0304-5304.00	Surplus (Establish)

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

24-634-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following:

\$4,953.00 from contract services line item 001-0301-5306.00 employees salaries line item 001-0301-5102.00 to pay out 100 hours f comp time for Director Wagoner and Deputy Director Mayle to be paid out on the current payroll submitted 12/16/2024.

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

24-635- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following General Ledger Account number changes for 2nd Half Trailer Tax fund 611, these are to help with reports as well as better tracking of funds.

Revenue

611-0611-4001.00	2 nd Half Trailer Tax Payments (Rename)
611-0611-4002.00	Payments from Escrow (Rename)
611-0611.4003.00	Rollback Receipts (Establish)
611-0611-4004.00	Surplus (Establish)
Expense	
611-0611-5301.00	Settlement (Rename from Undivided General Tax
611-0611-5302.00	Auditor Refunds (Establish)
611-0611-5302.01	Treasurer Refunds (Establish)
611-0611-5303.00	Rollback Establish)
611-0611-5304.00	Surplus (Establish)
Deactivate	

611-0611-5319.00 **Unclaimed Money**

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

24-636- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following General Ledger Account number changes for 2nd Half fund 604, these are to help with reports as well as better tracking of funds.

Revenue

604-0604-4001.00	2 nd Half Real Estate Tax Payments (Rename)
604-0604-4002.00	Payments from Escrow (Rename)
604-0604.4003.00	Rollback Receipts (Establish)
604-0604-4004.00	Surplus (Establish)
Expense	
604-0604-5301.00	Settlement (Rename from Undivided General Tax)
604-0604-5302.00	Auditor Refunds (Establish)
604-0604-5302.01	Treasurer Refunds (Establish)
604-0604-5303.00	Rollback Establish)
604-0604-5304.00	Surplus (Establish)
Deactivate	
604-0604-4330.01	Estate Tax Transfer
604-0604-5319.00	Unclaimed Money

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

24-637- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following General Ledger Account number changes for Undivided Trailer Tax fund 311, these changes are to help with reports as well as better tracking of funds.

Revenue

311-0311-4001.00	1 st Half Real Trailer Tax Payments (Rename)
311-0311-4002.00	Payments from Escrow (Rename)
311-0311.4003.00	Rollback Receipts (Establish)
311-0311-4004.00	Surplus (Establish)
Expense	
311-0311-5301.00	Settlement (Rename)
311-0311-5302.00	Auditor Refunds (Establish)
311-0311-5302.01	Treasurer Refunds (Establish)
311-0311-5303.00	Rollback Establish)
311-0311-5304.00	Surplus (Establish)
Deactivate	
311-0311-5319.00	Unclaimed Money

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

24-638- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following monies into sheriff's other expenses 001-0601-5309.00

\$545.95 Sheriffs supplies 001-0601-5305.00

\$479.15 Sheriffis equipment & uniform 001-0601-5304.00

\$154.90 Sheriff's contracts services 001-0601-5306.00

\$2000.00 Sheriff's fees 001-0601-5320.00

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

24-639-Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to transfer the following to cover the pay-out for Mr. Fisher:

\$22,582.77 from misc. other expenses 001-1501-5309.00

To

Sheriff's Employee Salary line item 001-0601-5102.00

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

24-640- Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Welsh to approve the following supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$228.75 into sheriff's impound lot utilities 001-0601-5313.00.

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

24-641-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

24-642-Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to recess the commissioners meeting December 16, 2024 at 4:00pm

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

24-643 - Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to reconvene Wednesday December 18, 2024 at 1:00 for Land Bank meeting.

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

24-644- Motion by Mr. Welsh and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting from budget hearings Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 2:30pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President				
Adam Shriver, Vice-President				
Richard Welsh, Member	Sheila Welch, Clerk			

Attachment A:

ADDENDUM TO MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS VILLAGE OF MCCONNELSVILLE VILLAGE OF MALTA MASTER ROADWAY USE, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

EXHIBIT A

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We the undersigned approve this project plan Adoswould.

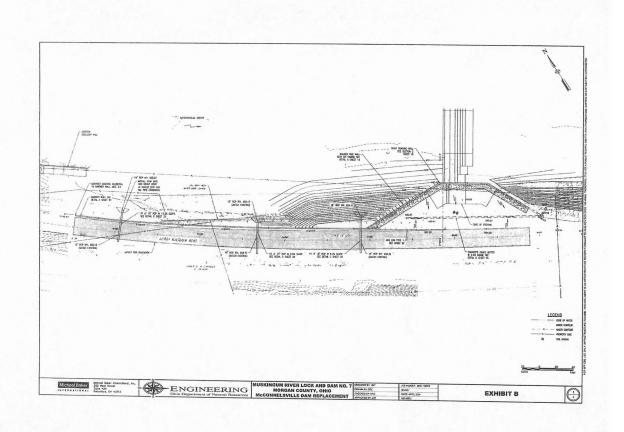
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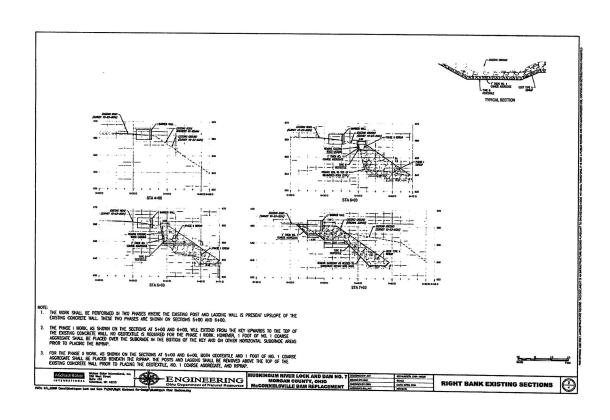
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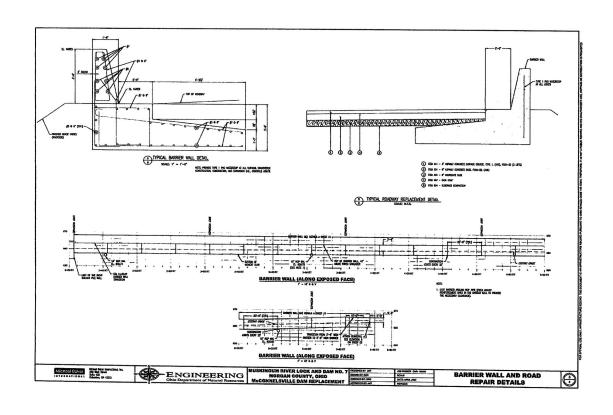
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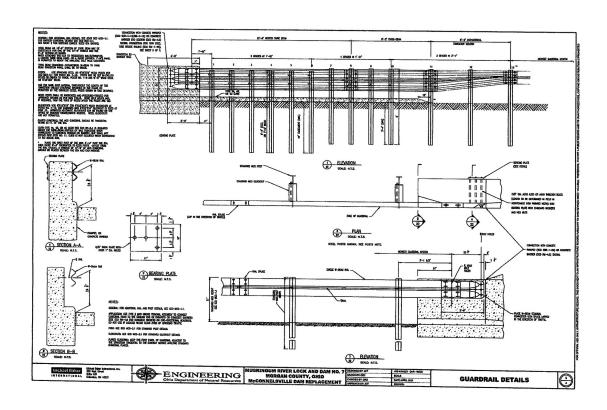
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Attachment B

Minutes for the week of December 9th thru the 16th

Very busy week this week we took in three owner surrendered dogs and are happy to report that all three have been placed in new homes.

We want to thank all our volunteers who have came to the pound and helped clean up the grounds, inside the pound.

They are being walked three times a day, fed three times a day and get snacks as well.

Becky, Sheila and myself Julie would like to personally thank the community for their support of the pound. We are going through some transitions and appreciate the public's support and patience while we get through this.

The pound and the area around the pound are clean. Julie is working with one of the art teachers at the high school to have them come out and paint the outside of the building to make it look more like a pound.

We are also working on getting the inside cleaned up and possibly painted to look more like a pound instead of a garage.

Shout out to all the volunteer's who showed up this week to walk and play with the dogs. They loved to go outside and run and play.