

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, January 7, 2025.
The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Cecil Mayle, President
Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President
Steve Best Member

*Commissioners are in receipt of December expense, revenue and statement of cash report from the Morgan County Auditor.

25-001- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of December 30, 2024.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

2025 Appointments & Hires

25-002- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to appoint Mr. Mayle as President of the Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-003 Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to appoint Mrs. Maxwell as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners for the calendar year of 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-004- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following:

Whereas Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting of any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and alternate; and
Whereas, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory for of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

Whereas, is designating the Official Representative and Alternative only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved; that Cecil Mayle, County Commissioner is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Morgan County.

Be it Further Resolved, that Heidi Maxwell is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Morgan County.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-005- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following boards for the calendar year 2025:

Heidi Maxwell: Buckeye Hills Development District Board

Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Executive Committee

Area on Aging

Council on Aging

Steve Best: Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Board

District Advisory Council

Family and Children First Council

EMA Mitigation Planning

Board of Tourism

Board of Revision

Cecil Mayle: Buckeye Joint County Insurance Council

Southeastern Ohio Joint Jail Board

United Way

Worker's Compensation Committee

Washington-Morgan County Community Action Board

LEPC

All three Commissioners serve on the following boards:

EMA Terrorism Committee

Southeast Ohio Solid Waste Committee

Workforce Investment Board, Council of Government

Morgan County Planning Commission

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-006 Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the 2025 holidays:

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday January 20, 2025
President's Day	Monday February 17, 2025
Memorial Day	Monday May 26, 2025
Juneteenth Day	Thursday June 19, 2025
Independence Day	Friday July 4, 2025
Labor Day	Monday September 1, 2025
Columbus Day	Monday October 13, 2025
Veteran's Day	Tuesday November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday November 27, 2025
Friday after Thanksgiving	Friday November 28, 2025
Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24, 2025
Christmas Day	Thursday December 25, 2025

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-007- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to not accept Jimmy Carter Day as a holiday.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-008- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reemploy Mrs. Becky Thompson as Dog Warden for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-009- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reemploy Mrs. Julie Gridley as Pound Keeper for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-010- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reemploy Mrs. Sheila Welch as Commissioner's Clerk for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-011- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reemploy Mrs. Shannon Wells Prevailing Wage Officer for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-012- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reemploy Mr. Alan Eltringham and Mr. Alan Eltringham Jr. as Riecker Maintenance for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-013- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reemploy Mr. Bryan Sharkey as Courthouse Maintenance for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-014- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve .70 cents per mile reimbursement rate for Morgan County employees using personal vehicles for Morgan County business for the calendar year of 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-015- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to establish office hours for regular session commissioners' meetings for Monday 8:30am to 4:00pm, unless a holiday falls on Monday in which case the commissioners meeting would fall on Tuesday, and they will meet on Thursday 8:30am to 12:00pm as needed.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-016- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to allow Engineer Telez to perform duties over county roads in the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-017- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reemploy Mrs. Amanda Preston as Morgan County Apiary Inspector for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-018- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reemploy Mr. John Wilt as EMA Director for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-019- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to limit public comments to 10 minutes for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-020- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reemploy Mr. John Wilt as 911 Coordinator for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-021- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reemploy Mr. David Parrett as coroner for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-022- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to appoint Commissioner Mayle and Commissioner Maxwell to the Land Bank Board for the calendar year 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

25-023- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following contract.

See Attachment A

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-024- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to purchase a 2025 White Chevrolet Silverado in the amount of \$56,185.00.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Shannon Wells, Development Office

The generator project for the transit location at 900 S. Riverside Dr. McConnellsville will advertise this week and next and will bid on February 3, 2025.

The request for proposals for jail engineering will advertise in January and be due February 6, 2025.

On Monday, January 13, 2025 at 1pm, Shannon Wells and Brad Peoples, OhioSE will meet with Jamie Lang at EZG Manufacturing.

The transit grant was completed on December 31, 2025 for Morgan, Noble and Monroe counties. Over \$4.7 million was submitted in projects.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

With the new elected officials now in office, IT worked on setting up the various offices for their needs. The Commissioners' phones and laptops were reorganized. The IT Director will either get new button labels for their phones or re-label the existing papers in the phones. The Sheriff's office needed phones swapped around, which required tracing out the existing lines on the 66 blocks in the basement of the Sheriff's office building. Finally, a new desk and computer were setup in the Prosecutor's office and several boxes of old electronics and computer hardware was removed.

Transfers, Then & Nows, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-025- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to grant American Electric Power-Joint Use/Chris Postle to span over CR E. Buck Run Rd. (C.R. located in Township of Malta, Section No. 12&29, Morgan County, Ohio.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-026- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to grant American Electric Power-Joint Use/Chris Postle to span over CR S. Best Rd.& S. Elliot (CR67 & CR4) located in the Township of Penn Section # 13, Morgan County, Ohio

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-027- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc to span over CR McCoy Bridge, located in the Township of Windsor, Section #1040, 1042, 1043,1044,1046, Morgan County, Ohio.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

24-028-- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve a blanket travel request for any and all travel related to this office in 2025.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-029-Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve payment of bills. *See attached*

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-030 Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting on January 6, 2025 at 4:00pm.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-031- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reconvene the commissioners meeting on January 8, 2025 at 10:00am until 11:30am for a Land Bank meeting.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-032- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting on January 8, 2025 at 11:30am.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-033- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to reconvene the commissioners meeting on January 8, 2025 at 11:30am for a LEPC meeting.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-034- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to recess the commissioners meeting on January 8, 2025 on January 8, 2025 12:30pm.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-035- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reconvene the commissioners meeting on January 9, 2025 at 7:00pm for the Farm Bureau meeting.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

25-036- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting on January 9, 2025 at 9:00pm.

Mr. Mayle yea, Mrs. Maxwell yea, Mr. Best yea Motion Carried

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steve Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

**VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE/MORGAN COUNTY EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) CONTRACT FOR YORK TOWNSHIP**

This Agreement made by and between the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, State of Ohio, acting through its Mayor, Village Administrator and Fire Chief, hereinafter referred to as the "Village," and the County of Morgan, State of Ohio, acting through its Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "County" (Collectively, the "Parties"). *Witnesseth:*

WHEREAS, the Village has Emergency Medical Services (EMS) physically situated in close proximity to York Township, Morgan County, and is therefore able and desires to provide York Township with Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, York Township lacks sufficient Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and therefore the County desires the Village to provide York Township with Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, to that end, it has been resolved by the Village Council to enter into this Agreement between the Village and the County for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for York Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 735.053 and as otherwise allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, to that end, it has been resolved by the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners to enter into this Agreement between the Village and the County for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to York Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.05 and as otherwise allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the covenants and agreements herein set forth, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Parties hereby incorporate the above statements into this Agreement.
2. The Village agrees to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the County's York

Township and York Township's residents for a period of two (2) years beginning the 1st day of January, 2025, and ending the 31st day of December, 2026, or upon the mutual reevaluation by the Village and the County.

3. The Village and the County agree that said Emergency Medical Services (EMS) shall be provided under the direction and supervision of the Village's Fire Chief, hereinafter referred to as the "Village Fire Chief," who shall be in charge of the overall operation of providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to York Township and who shall be appointed by and be under the direction of the Village Mayor and Council. The Village Fire Chief shall be responsible to see that all personnel are trained in accordance with State regulations applicable to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) when obtaining their EMS certification, including any refresher training required to maintain present status. Cost of EMS certification training, refresher training, including special training, which shall include only the costs of instructor's fees, manual, workbooks, and special equipment needed for said training, and registration fees for said training, shall be paid by the Village in accordance with its personnel rules. The Village further agrees to provide and maintain such equipment as may be deemed necessary for the Village's proper operation of said Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the cost of which shall be covered by the Village, within the County's per run payment for said service.

4. The County promises and agrees to pay to the Village for said Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provided for the duration of this Agreement the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$125.00) per Emergency Medical Services Run ("EMS Run") within York Township, Morgan County, Ohio. The Village will provide the County an invoice every six (6) months, listing the EMS Runs made by date, time and address, together with the total amount due for the EMS Runs made within that six-month period. The County shall make payment to the

Village within thirty (30) days of each invoice.

5. The Village and the County agree to be bound by the jurisdictional boundaries as set forth in the "York Township" tax map, which is currently on file at the Morgan County Engineer's Office, as amended from time to time, the current version of which is attached hereto and labeled as Exhibit "A" and which is fully incorporated by reference.

6. The Parties agree to open negotiations to change, amend, and/or supplement this Agreement every two (2) years, in advance of the date of this Agreement's expiration.

7. The Parties agree to pass all appropriate resolutions and/or ordinances to do all things necessary and proper to authorize and/or ratify this Agreement and to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2024.

VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE:

[Signature]
By: Chris Mohler, Mayor

[Signature]
By: Lacey Tumbler, Village Administrator

[Signature]
By: Darrell Wallace, Fire Chief

MORGAN COUNTY:

[Signature]
By: Cecil Mayle, Commissioner

[Signature]
By: Heidi Maxwell, Commissioner

[Signature]
By: Steven C. Best, Commissioner

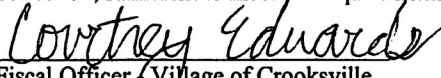
Pursuant to the Village of Crooksville Resolution No. 129-2024, adopted this 16th day of December, 2024.

Pursuant to Morgan County Resolution No. 05-023, adopted this 17th day of January, 2025.

The undersigned, Auditor of Morgan County, Ohio hereby certifies that funds are available, or in the process of collection, sufficient to meet the requirements of this Agreement for the County.

[Signature]
Auditor - Morgan County

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, Ohio hereby certifies that funds are available, or in the process of collection, sufficient to meet the requirements of this Agreement for the Village.


Fiscal Officer Village of Crooksville

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney


Village Solicitor

Signer ID: 056CJ1GPH9...

Village of Crooksville, Ohio

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF CROOKSVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MORGAN COUNTY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO YORK TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Village of Crooksville has Emergency Medical Services (EMS) physically situated in close proximity to York Township, Morgan County, and is therefore able and desires to provide York Township with Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, York Township lacks sufficient Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and therefore Morgan County desires the Village of Crooksville to provide York Township with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of York Township; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code under Section 735.053 allows for the Village of Crooksville to enter into an agreement to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to York Township; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Crooksville did previously enter into an agreement to provide EMS Services to York Township, which agreement was entered for a period of two (2) years and is now up for renewal, and the Village of Crooksville and Morgan County have agreed to enter into another such agreement for a period of two (2) years, at a mutually agreed adjusted price increase; and

WHEREAS, upon the foregoing, the Village Council desires the Village of Crooksville, acting through its Mayor, Village Administrator and Fire Chief, to enter into a new agreement with Morgan County to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to York Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 735.053 and as otherwise allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Crooksville, Perry County, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 735.053, the Village of Crooksville, acting through its Mayor, Village Administrator and Fire Chief, is hereby authorized and instructed to enter into a new agreement with Morgan County to provide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to York Township, upon the terms and conditions set forth in said agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution is declared an emergency measure necessary for immediate effectiveness on its passage in order to allow for timely effect pursuant to commencement date called for under the agreement and in order to provide funds necessary to the fiscally responsible and efficient administration of the Village's EMS Department, all in the best interests and general welfare of the Village of Crooksville. This Resolution is therefore effective upon its passage.

1st Reading: Waived on at least 3/4 Vote.
2nd Reading: Waived on at least 3/4 Vote.
3rd Reading: Passed on at least 2/3 Vote

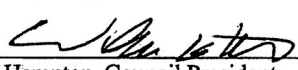
Passed on 2/3 Vote: December 16, 2024


Chris Mohler, Mayor _____ Date

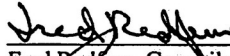
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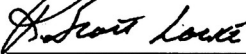
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Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer _____ Date

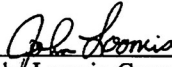
APPROVED:

 12/14/24
Bill Hampton, Council President Date

 12/16/24
Billie Smith, Councilwoman Date

 12/16/24
Fred Redfern, Councilman Date

 12/16/24
R. Scott Locke, Councilman Date

 12/16/24
John Loomis, Councilman Date

 12/16/24
Rodney Walters, Councilman Date

Posting Certification

This ordinance was posted at the five prescribed locations within the Village of Crooksville, Ohio, on the 17th day of December, 2024.


Courtney Edwards, Fiscal Officer

