

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Tuesday, January 27, 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

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

All three commissioners attended a COG meeting Monday.

Commissioner Best attended an HR zoom meeting on Friday.

Commissioner Mayle attended a Tourism meeting Tuesday and a Jail meeting Wednesday.

25-067- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of January 21, 2025.

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

Al Eltringham, Riecker Maintenance

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

Belts for RTU's 1,2, &3 have been received by Advanced H/C and will be scheduled for replacement when the weather breaks. 1-13-25

Bragg's started installing new carpet and as of Friday 12-27-24 the conference rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors and the Treasurer's office are completed. They are moving to the Recorder's office 12-30-24 Commissioner's finished 1-2-25 Recorders Office is finished 1-10-25 Now working on the extension Office 1-8-25.

We need to purchase a couple cases of ceiling tiles to replace the bad tiles on the first floor area

Able's H/C working on Furnace in the Basement at the Courthouse, unknown electrical problem 1-9-25

Title and Registration form BMV 4501 has been sent to Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the new Plates 1-17-25

Called Apperson's to look at a urinal located in the basement that someone has pulled the water supply line from the urinal. Will have to order parts! This flush meter Assembly was just replaced 2 weeks ago.

Terminix Sprayed throughout the Building 1-23-25

Missy Fisher, JFS

-Timesheet

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

There were four dogs adopted this week.

The pound received several donations this week...three new beds, four cases of wet dog food and three bags of dry dog food.

Currently, seven dogs are available for adoption.

A big thank you to everyone who comes to the pound to help walk the dogs. It is very much appreciated! The dogs love the attention and the love they are shown.

Printer and ink issues

Discussion on the challenges of using inkjet printers in cold environments, as the ink thickens and affects printing quality.

Windows 10 updates and alternatives

Discussion on the end of service for Windows 10 and potential alternatives without incurring costs.

John Telesz, Engineer; Steve Hook, Deputy Engineer

Dam Construction Issues

Update on the dam construction project, where excess water is causing issues with the concrete pour, and efforts are ongoing to resolve the problem.

John Wilt, 911/EMA

MOU Signing

Mentioned the signing of an MOU and the need to manage related tasks such as payments and initial arrangements.

EMPG and Inventory

The commissioners discussed the EMPG cash request, work plan submission, and annual inventory certification, noting that many items purchased with federal grants are outdated.

Building Usage

Expressed frustration over restrictions on building renovations despite being allowed to use it.

Heating Issues

There was a discussion about heating issues in a building, including a malfunctioning furnace and the need for maintenance.

River Ice Conditions

Reported on the stable river ice conditions, noting full coverage except near dams, but uncertain thickness.

911 and Contractor Coordination

Detailed ongoing work with contractors, data entry, and training for telecommunicators, including issues with the Sheriff's Department.

Internet and Fiber Solutions

Discussed efforts to improve internet speed at the Sheriff's Office, considering different fiber providers.

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- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
 - Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.
 - Preparing EMPG Q9 cash request. Submitted Q9 Workplan, annual inventory and inventory certification.
 - River ice is still stable with nearly 100% coverage throughout the County.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 1/27/2025

- Continuing to work with Interaction Insight, Sundance and ComTech on technical issues with integration.
- Entering a lot of miscellaneous data for both Solacom and Sundance – frequently called numbers, tow companies, business data, etc.
- ComTech training – 4 hr. Solacom Admin Training for Sheriff Fisher, Mike Roberts and myself
- Weekly Readiness Call with ComTech 1/14 and 1/21/25 –
- Solacom training for Call-takers on 1/15 @ 0800 and 1300, 1/16 @ 0800 and 1300
- Sundance meeting 1/15 1000 hrs. regarding configuration and training.
- Continue working with APCO for Intellicomm implementation, guidecard review, training, etc. Held status call on 1/15/24 @ 14:30 hrs.
- SO now has 12 FT telecommunicators.
- Training schedule established for APCO training.
- ComTech in for pre-ATP testing at Sheriff’s office and fire department.
- Surveying cabling needs at Sheriff’s office with J. Babcock today. Also discussing moving some equipment and disposal of old computers in basement of the Sheriff’s Office.
- Working with State and fiber providers to get a solution for faster internet at Sheriff’s Office to accommodate CAD, mapping, and Intellicom.

25-068- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve Engineer John Telesz to be the Flood Plain Administrator at a cost of \$50K/year effective January 6, 2025.

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

Shannon Wells, Development Office

On February 3, 2025 at 11am there will be an annual meeting for tourism in the Commissioner’s Office.

Buckeye Hills will be having a meeting at the library January 28, 2025 for reviewing a regional economic development plan.

A meeting will be held January 30, 2025 at 10am with MS Consults for review of the flood study for targeted areas in the Village of McConnelsville.

A surface transportation grant is available to help with street resurfacing through Buckeye Hills. The information was sent to the villages.

25-069- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

o recognize Ohio Loves Transit Week 2025

February 9th through February 15, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED BY Morgan County Commissioners

WHEREAS Ohio's 67 urban and rural public transit agencies which serve 70 counties across the state will observe the seventh annual **Ohio Loves Transit Week** February 9th through February 16th, 2025.

WHEREAS during this week transit agencies sponsor events and activities to encourage ridership and to educate the public, elected officials, community leaders, and the media about the many contributions public transportation makes to Ohio's economy and to the quality of life in communities across the state;

WHEREAS Morgan County Public Transit enhances the quality of life in Morgan County Ohio by providing reliable, affordable, convenient mobility services the public wants, needs, and deserves;

WHEREAS Ohioans depend on public transit every day to get to work, school medical appointments, shopping centers, parks, libraries, entertainment venues, and countless other destinations;

WHEREAS Ohio's public transit agencies provide more than 71,000,000 rides per year, including rides for seniors and people with disabilities;

WHEREAS public transportation in Ohio is a \$1 billion industry that directly employs thousands of people and creates tens of thousands of private-sector jobs;

WHEREAS the nearly \$1 billion invested in public transit generates \$4 billion in economic activity in Ohio each year;

WHEREAS public transit reduces wear and tear on public roads, highways, and bridges and eases traffic congestion;

WHEREAS public transit's development and deployment of vehicles powered by alternative fuels, including natural gas produced in Ohio, protects the environment, reduces America's reliance on foreign oil, and has enabled the state to become a national leader in green energy R&D, investment, and job creation;

WHEREAS the existence of robust public transit service has become a prerequisite for companies seeking to expand or relocate facilities and/or operations;

WHEREAS public transit's continued commitment to provide the mobility services Ohioans want, need, and deserve is worthy of recognition; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the, Morgan County Commissioners, does hereby recognize February 9th through February 15, 2025 as **Ohio Loves Transit Week** and encourages all residents to participate in the events taking place during the week and on February 11th, 2025, **Ohio Loves Transit Day** in Columbus at the Ohio Statehouse, public transit advocacy day, to Meet and celebrate and acknowledge the importance of public transit in our community to our elected Representatives and Senators of the State of Ohio.

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

Ryan Nelson, Red Tree

Introduction and Investment Strategy

Ryan Nelson from Registry Investment introduced himself and discussed the firm's focus on investing in Ohio. He highlighted the county's current investment strategy and the need to reallocate funds into longer-term investments to lock in higher interest rates.

The county aims to maintain and exceed its record interest earnings by reallocating funds into longer-term investments.

Service Agreement

Ryan Nelson explained the terms of the service agreement with the county, including a flat annual fee of \$8,000 and the flexibility to cancel the agreement within 30 days if it is not a good fit.

The service agreement offers flexibility with a 30-day cancellation policy.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

John Telesz, Engineer; Steve Hook, Deputy Engineer

Bid Openings we opened for Aggregate, Tires and Fuel.

25-070- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to table all aggregate bids.

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

25-071- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Maxwell to table all tire bids.

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

25-072- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to table all fuel bids.

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

25-073- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to extend the deadline for purchasing dog tags from January 31, 2025 to February 28, 2025.

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

This extension aims to provide more time for individuals to acquire their dog tags without incurring penalties.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

25-074- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

The County Commissioners of the County of Morgan, Ohio met in regular session this date with the following members present:

Commissioner Maxwell offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION
OF A LOCAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT GRANT
AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE MORGAN
COUNTY JAIL FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Morgan (the "Board") desires to enter into a LOCAL JAIL CAPITAL PROJECT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (the "Department") concerning the Morgan County Jail Facility in the County (the "Project") in accordance with the terms hereof and the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

Section 1. Any two members of the Board of County Commissioners of the County are authorized and directed to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of the County, the Agreement, in substantially the form submitted to and now on file with the County, which is hereby approved, with such changes therein not inconsistent with this Resolution as may be approved by such members of the Board. The approval of such changes by this Board shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Agreement by such County Commissioners.

Section 2. Each member of the Board and other county officials are each separately authorized to take any and all actions and to execute such certificates and other instruments as may be necessary or appropriate in order to affect the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and, to the extent inconsistent therewith, supersedes any prior resolution of this Board.

Commissioner Best seconded the motion and the roll called for adoption of the foregoing resolution, the vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Commissioner Mayle
Commissioner Maxwell
Commissioner Best

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2025.

Sheila Welch

, Clerk

Board of County Commissioners
Morgan County, Ohio

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

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

While cleaning the Network Operations Center (NOC), the IT Director discovered several old cell phones that are no longer in use by the County. There are several companies that buy old cell phones for reuse. If these old cell phones can be reset to factory defaults, the IT Director will contact a company about purchasing the old phones from the County.

The printer at the Dog Pound had quit working again this past week. It was discovered that the office at the Dog Pound does not have any heat. It is possible that the extremely cold temperatures Morgan County experienced over the past week caused problems with the ink in the inkjet printer. The IT Director will look for new hardware within the County for the Dog Pound.

Spyglass, a telecom audit company, contacted the Commissioners office about conducting another audit of the County's telephone land lines and cell phones. Spyglass conducted an audit back in 2020 and identified a couple of phone lines that the County was paying for but were no longer in use. This follow-up audit will go over the results of the previous audit as well as look for additional savings for the County.

The IT Director has noticed an increase in the amount of spam e-mails received on County e-mail. Malicious domains will be added to the spam filters on the mail servers.

The video recorder in the Sheriff's office dispatch area was moved to the office below dispatch in preparation for a renovation of the area.

As far as County e-mail goes, the IT Director has received only a few responses to the question of what provider the County should use. The IT Director will try to contact each elected official in person to get their thoughts on this potential security issue.

The domain name for Morgan County Public Transit had expired and was resold. The company that originally purchased the domain is no longer in business and did not transfer the billing information to the County prior to the domain's expiration. A temporary site was created for Public Transit while their new website is being created.

The IT Director attended the Zanesville – Muskingum Chamber of Commerce Safety Council meeting on January 22, 2025. The topic of discussion was building a safety committee. The County receives a rebate on its BWC dues for attending ten of these meetings each fiscal year.

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-075- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to Brightspeed to span over CR 75 located in the Township of York/Deerfield, Sec. No. 10, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-076- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to grant permission to Burr Oak Regional Water District to bore under CR 71 & 35 located in the Township of Union Sec. No. 11 Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-077- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to span over CR 10 located in the Township of Bloom Sec. N. 04, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-078 Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to span over CR 81 located in the Township of Marion, Sec. No. 18 Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-079- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best grant permission to Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. to span over CR 47 located in the Township of Malta, Sec. No. 36, 17, 20 Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-080- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer \$5,000.00 from 063-0063-5102.00 salaries to 063-0063-5309.06 homemaker.

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

25-081- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to transfer FY 2025 County EMA Assessment in the amount of \$5,000.00 from 001-1501-5375-02 to 009-0009-4001-00

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

25-082- 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

25-083- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to recess the commissioners meeting Monday January, 27, 2025 at 4:00pm.

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

25-084- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to reconvene the commissioners meeting Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 10:00am for the Flood Plain Meeting.

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

25-085- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting January, 30, 2025 at 11:00am for the Flood Plain Meeting.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steven Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

