

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their office Monday, February 10, 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 Commissioner's meeting will be moved from Monday, February 24, 2025 to Friday February 28, 2025 due to scheduling conflicts.

The commissioners did the following over the past week:

Commissioner Maxwell attended a Buckeye Hills meeting on Friday.

All three commissioners attended a CIC meeting today a 4:00pm.

All three commissioners attended a Land Bank meeting Wednesday.

25-112- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mrs. Maxwell to approve the minutes of February 3, 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.

Tractor was picked up by AG PRO 2-5-25. Recall parts replacement and service has been completed and waiting for return of tractor from AG PRO. 2-6-25

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. Carpet will be replaced in the Auditors office 2-1-25 Auditors office Carpet replacement has been completed 2-2-25. Engineer is next to be done and they should start in March.

New plates and registration was received 2-7-25 and installed on Ford Truck.2-7-25

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! The flush meter Assembly was just replaced 2 weeks ago. Parts ordered 1-24-25

Apperson's replaced wax seal on toilet in the Men's Public restroom on the first floor, old seal was leaking and running under wall and into the Development Office. 2-6-25

Old Maintenance Van has been moved to the Old Transit parking lot awaiting to be put on Gov Deals for sale. 2-4-25

Heidi Burns, JFS

Introduction to Management Team each Monday—today is Joe Frazier, OMJ Supervisor

Reminder FCFC Meeting on Friday at 9am

Personnel (Youth Participant & PSCA)

WIOA—REP for Adult/DW—had it rescinded

Travel Requests:

- Ginger Bowen to Lewis Center for CSEA Supervisor Training on 2/18 & 3/20

Julie Gridley, Pound Keeper

Two dogs were adopted this week.

Collected \$210.00 in tag purchases.

Received \$103.00 in donations to the pound this week.

Thank you to Cindy, Lynn, Andie, Bernice, Jacie, Peter and Bob for coming out this week to help clean kennels, feed and water dogs and play with them as well. Your dedication is deeply appreciated to the pound and the dogs!

Continued to work on getting the pound looking like a dog pound instead of a garage. Waiting for the weather to warm up so the pound keeper can paint and decorate more.

The pound keeper also wants to thank Tractor Supply for donating toys to the dogs this week. Tractor Supply has been a great asset to the Morgan County Dog Pound.

Shannon Wells, Development Office

Shannon Wells attended the land bank meeting held on February 5, 2025.

Shannon Wells attended a meeting with local manufacturers at the Morgan Local Central Office to discuss the future of the career tech programs.

Shannon Wells and Traci Baker met with DLZ on February 7, 2025 to review current projects.

A meeting is scheduled for today, February 10, 2025 at 1:00pm with ODOT historic bridge engineer to discuss funding options for the Veterans Memorial Bridge. This will be an online meeting.

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has released several free webinar courses for small businesses. This information will be shared via Facebook for anyone in Morgan County that would like to sign up. Information can also be found at www.sbdc.ohio.edu.

Shannon Wells will meet with Inverve Marketing today, February 10 to discuss website templates for the new transit website.

Bobby White will be attending legislation day February 11 at the statehouse. Mobility Managers and transit professionals gather to meet with state legislators to advocate for public transportation funding.

Shannon Wells will be attending a webinar on February 12 for the Brownfield Remediation program from Ohio Department of Development.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden

-Submitted report

-Full report can be found online at:

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

-The commissioners attended a zoom meeting concerning the Veterans Memorial Bridge.

John Wilt, EMA/ 911 Coordinator

- Ohio Emergency Operations Center coordination calls monthly on 3rd Thursdays at 1300 hours
- Continuous review and revision of Emergency Operations Plans.

- Met with Rob from RFG Associates regarding mitigation planning. They were selected from the submitted bids responsive to an RFP. We need to have the contract for services signed to move forward.
- Submitted EMPG FY23 Q9 cash request in the amount of \$10,663.40.

9-1-1 Report to Commissioners, 2/10/2025

- Guardian went live last Tuesday. Process went well and the system has been working as designed. There was one incident where our system “busied out“ and sent calls to Washington County. This was due to operator error – one dispatcher had not logged in and the other had not plugged in a handset or headset. This tells the system that it is not available, the system followed the fallback plan appropriately. Policy is being drafted regarding logging in and checking the equipment at each shift change.
- Still entering a lot of miscellaneous data for both Solacom and Sundance – frequently called numbers, tow companies, business data, etc. This will be ongoing for a while.
- Tomorrow, Tuesday, February 11, we will have training on the Eventide recording system.
- I have an 8-hour EMD Manager class on 2/13/2025. This is virtual, but I will not be available during the class.
- Weekly Readiness Calls with ComTech will continue.
- Dispatchers have been directed to practice using Sundance CAD in parallel with their OHLEG system. This will help them learn the system and help us make any needed changes.
- Continue working with APCO for Intellicomm implementation, guidecard review, training, etc. Held status call on 1/29/24 @ 14:30 hrs.
- The remodel of the Sheriff’s radio room went well – there were some challenges with wiring as there are generations of wiring in place – much of it abandoned and in the way.
- Working with State and fiber providers to get a solution for faster internet at Sheriff’s Office to accommodate CAD, mapping, and Intellicom.
- Working with eDispatches to get Reinersville Fire on board and then transition the remaining departments.

- M&M is questioning me about why the County is not paying for dispatchers at fire, or placing one of our dispatchers at the fire house. We could begin totally dispatching EMS at any time, but not fire as we do not yet have the ability to send out fire tones. Therefore, my answer has been two-fold to them – 1. M&M at some point committed to dispatch the county departments (this has been long standing), and the County is working towards having the appropriate equipment to totally take over fire dispatching. 2. The County cannot pay for unqualified (required training) personnel (majority of M&M personnel) and we do not have enough dispatchers to put a county employee there. Due to State law M&M will no longer be an eligible PASP beginning in October 2025.
- Fire Chief’s Meeting - Sunday, 2/16/2025 @ 1900 hours

Contract with RFP Associates

Discussion about the contract with RFP Associates for the Barrier Mitigation Plan, which needs to be signed. It was suggested that Rick should review the contract before signing.

System Incident and Logging Policy

An incident occurred due to operator error, causing calls to be rerouted to Washington County. A policy regarding logging has been put in place to prevent similar issues.

Dispatch System and Equipment

Discussion on the dispatch system, including the use of headsets, data entry into CAD and Guardian systems, and training on the Even-tied recording system.

Sheriff's Radio Room Remodeling

The remodeling of the Sheriff's Radio Room faced challenges with wiring. Efforts are ongoing to clean up the wiring and improve internet solutions.

Fire Department Dispatching

Discussion on the county's inability to dispatch fire departments due to lack of equipment and qualified personnel. M&M will no longer be eligible as a PSAP after October

Jake Woodward, M&M Fire Department

Operational Updates

Mr. Woodward provided updates on recent operations, including the number of runs completed,

new equipment purchases, and changes in medical protocols. The focus was on improving evidence-based practices and ensuring equal care for all residents.

Insurance and Financial Concerns

Discussion on insurance coverage for employees and financial management, including the use of contract money for insurance and potential fuel purchasing arrangements with townships.

Community Paramedicine

Discussed the role of community paramedicine in addressing frequent ER visits and providing alternative care options. The aim is to reduce unnecessary ER visits by offering support and resources to patients in their homes.

Jeff Babcock, IT Administrator

On February 4, 2025, the Morgan County 911 system was upgraded to the newest version of the Next Generation 911. The upgrade was completed as planned at the Sheriff's office and firehouse.

The renovation of the Sheriff's office dispatch area was completed this week. Several excess wires were identified during the process of moving the dispatch desk. These wires can possibly be reused in basement offices that currently do not have enough phone or network jacks. Wires that cannot be reused will be removed.

With the installation of new 911 computers in the Sheriff's office, it was discovered that the current Internet service to that building is too slow. The IT Director contacted Spectrum for a quote on speed upgrades or a service upgrade to fiber Internet.

With additional online services being added to the Riecker Building, the current Internet service is often struggling to keep up with the load. The Riecker Building is currently using Spectrum's coax Internet service. While the bandwidth usually tests higher than the speeds advertised by Spectrum, the download ping time is well outside the acceptable window for this service. The IT Director is exploring fiber options for the Riecker Building such as going back to GloFiber (formerly Horizon), which is already on premises.

With 911 taking over the dispatching at the Sheriff's office, the 911 office will be added to the broadband billing for the Sheriff's office building.

Public Transit has several vehicles to place online for auction. The Commissioners

agreed that the GovDeals auction site is still the best option to offer these vehicles to the public for sale.

After checking with most elected officials and department heads, the IT Director will not use Zoho for mail hosting as the company is based outside of the United States. Despite being the cheapest option, the potential security implications could not be overlooked. A new list of options will be generated and routed to all elected officials and department heads for consideration.

The Ohio Persistent Cybersecurity Initiative (O-PCI) grant process is still ongoing. The IT Director applied for a grant for cybersecurity software in September of 2024, but had not heard anything from the State regarding the outcome. However, the IT Director recently received a follow up request for information that indicates Morgan County is still in the running to get some money from this grant.

CIC meeting minutes attached- See Attachment A

Transfers, Then & Now, Supplemental Appropriations & Utility Applications

25-113- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to American Electric Power-Joint Use/Chris Postle to span over CR 56, located in the Township of Malta, Sec No. 10, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-114- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to grant permission to American Electric Power-Joint Use/Chris Postle to do construction within CR 13 located in the Township of Penn, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-115- Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to grant permission to Vincent Lomonaco to span over CR 56 located in the Township of Malta, Morgan County, Ohio.

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

25-116 Motion by Mr. Best and seconded by Mr. Mayle to approve the following:

The Morgan County Board of Elections is proposing that 100% of the revenue generated by chargeable copies (\$0.25) that are submitted to the Morgan County Auditor go into a line item for the Board of Elections named “Elections Revenue” (ORC 3501.17) as voted on during the February 5, 2025 Board Meeting. This fund would remain in the Board of Elections and be added to each year. This fund will be used for future voting and tabulation equipment needs within the Board of Elections.

Board of Elections would like to put the money they collect for copies to be put into fund elections revenue (049) moving forward.

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

25-117- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to correcting initial estimated revenue account numbers that were incorrect:

2025 Estimated Revenue:

MRC STTRONG	062-0062-4001.00	\$118,990.00
State Subsidy	063-0063-4001.00	\$ 2,525.00
County Settlement	063-0063-4002.00	\$144,200.00
Permits	063-0063-4003.00	\$ 40,000.00
Fees	063-0063-4004.00	\$5 0,000.00
Intergovernmental	063-0063-4011.00	\$ 15,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	063-0063-4007.00	\$ 35,000.00
Burial Permits	063-0063-4004.01	\$ 250.00
Mosquito Grant	063-0063-4012.00	\$ 25,000.00
Food Service	063-0064-4001.00	\$ 22,000.00
Park/Camp	065-0065-4001.00	\$ 2,170.00
Water Program	066-0066-4001.00	\$ 6,000.00
PHEP	068-2025-4001.00	\$ 65,000.00
Swimming Pool	069-0069-4001.00	\$ 310.00
Plumbing	070-0070-4001.00	\$ 15,000.00
Lice	075-0075-4001.00	\$ 13,000.00
BCMH	076-0076-4001.00	\$ 6,400.00
EO23	081-2024-4001.00	\$500,000.00
Project Dawn	082-0082-4001.00	\$ 0.00
Workforce Development	084-2024-4001.00	\$ 80,000.00
Tobacco	083-2025-4001.00	<u>\$ 75,000.00</u>
		\$1,215,845.00

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

25-118-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

25-119- Motion by Mrs. Maxwell and seconded by Mr. Best to adjourn the commissioners meeting February, 10, 2025 at 5:30pm.

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

Cecil Mayle, President

Heidi Maxwell, Vice-President

Steven Best, Member

Sheila Welch, Clerk

Attachment A:

Agenda
for
Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation [CIC]
February 10, 2025

The Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation will meet on February 10, 2025 in the conference room of the Economic Development Office in the Riecker Building.

Proposed agenda as follows:

- Call to order – President – Bernie Anderson
- Roll Call – Secretary – Carl Raines
- Approval of Agenda – President – Bernie Anderson
- Approval of January Minutes – President – Bernie Anderson
 - Approval of December Minutes if found
- Approval of Financials – Treasurer – Kelsey Wells
- Old Business:
 - Environmental at Miba – Update and next steps with Bricker-Graydon
 - Signature authorities on CIC bank accounts
 - Updates on other topics and open projects
- New Business:
 - Share of strategy ideas and define next steps to create focal points for strategy.
 - Board Membership Openings
 - 1 Private
 - 1 Public
 - Other Topics

Next Meeting March 10th, 4pm at the Morgan County Development Office.

