

**REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

This day the Board of Morrow County Commissioners met in their office at 80 North Walnut St., Ste. A, Mt. Gilead, Ohio with the following members present: Mr. Mason, Mr. Siegfried and Mr. Abraham

County Staff: John Harsch, EMA, Jamie Brucker, Director of Operations and Grace Byler, Development

Public in attendance: Joe Carroll, Airport, Bruce & Paula Bowman, Village of Chesterville, Pam Porter, Village of Chesterville

The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag, and then called to order by Mr. Mason who then proceeded with the business at hand. The following matters came before the Board for their consideration and approval.

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES  
OF REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 31, 2024: 24-R-092**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of January 31, 2024, as recorded in the Commissioners Journal # 51.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: 24-R-093**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 166 submitted by the Morrow County Auditor's office.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
PAY-INS: 24-R-094**

The following pay-ins were made to Conni McChesney, Morrow County Auditor:

Receipt Batch #4072 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$3,101.00  
Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$425.00  
Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$60.00

Receipt# 240329 Payment from the Auditor's office for reimbursement of storage cost 1000-1020-420250 \$1,454.37

Receipt# 240340 Payment from Planning/Zoning for cost allocation 1000-1020-420210 \$13,301.75

Receipt# 240341 Payment from Alum Creek for Enterprise Zone annual fee 2043-1030-430302 \$500.00

Receipt Batch #4078 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$898.50  
Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$431.00  
Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$60.00  
Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$122.75

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – GENERAL FUND,  
RECYCLING: 24-A-018**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following accounts to move paying fringes out of the General Fund:

1000-2006-510211	OPERS	\$4,910.00
1000-2006-510213	Medicare	\$550.00

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – DEVELOPMENT  
FUND 2043: 24-A-019**

Mr. Mason made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account to pay for copy paper:

2043-0043-540410	Office Supplies	\$29.86
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Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea” .., Mr. Siegfried..., “yea”.., Mr. Mason..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – SOMOCO  
SEWER: 24-A-020**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account for taxes:

5110-5101-530327	Property Taxes (Somoco)	\$25.00
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Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea” .., Mr. Siegfried..., “yea”.., Mr. Mason..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – ENGINEER’S FUND 2202: 24-T-009**

At the request of Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Abraham to approve the following transfer of funds:

\*\*Reason – additional funds needed

From 2202-2202-540441 Asphalt/Paving to 2202-2202-540442 Stone in the amount of \$50,000.00

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea” .., Mr. Siegfried..., “yea”.., Mr. Mason..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF  
ADOPTING OF THE MORROW COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN  
COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
MORROW COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN COUNTY HAZARD  
MITIGATION CORE GROUP: 24-R-095**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the adoption of the Morrow County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as presented:

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COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORROW  
COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION  
CORE GROUP**

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2024, the Morrow County Commissioners passed Resolution No. 24-R-095 adopting the MORROW COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN (the Mitigation Plan) pursuant to Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which established goals to minimize and reduce disaster damages to existing structures and land use to maximize the protection of public health, safety, and welfare, and identify and develop revenue sources to complete the goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, “the mission of the All Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Core Group is to develop a working document that fulfills the mandates of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and satisfies the requirements of FEMA and the Ohio EMA, as well as meets the needs of all of Morrow County. Further, by researching and planning for future natural hazards and implementing appropriate mitigation techniques, all of Morrow County can save lives and protect property, reduce the cost of disasters and provide for a rapid and efficient recovery by coordinating response efforts, and increasing the educational awareness of natural hazard events and their effects on the people, property, and resources of all of Morrow County;” and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2022, the Morrow County Commissioners approved the development of a Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Plan for Morrow County will be required beginning on January 26, 2024 to receive any state or federal mitigation funding such as flood prone property improvement or buyout funds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Morrow County is subject to flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, and other natural hazards that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS the Mitigation Planning Core Group, comprised of representatives from the County, municipalities, and stakeholder organizations, has prepared a recommended Mitigation Plan that reviews the options to protect people and reduce damage from these natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the recommended Mitigation Plan has been widely circulated for review by the County's residents and federal, state and regional agencies and has been supported by those reviewers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Morrow County Commissioners that:

1. MORROW COUNTY ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN is hereby adopted as an official plan of Morrow County.
2. The Mitigation Planning Core Group is hereby established as a permanent advisory body. It shall be composed of representatives from the existing Mitigation Planning Core Group, as recommended by the Morrow County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office. This includes those municipalities that pass a resolution to adopt for the Mitigation Plan.
3. The Core Group shall meet as often as necessary to prepare or review mitigation activities and progress toward implementing the Mitigation Plan. It shall meet at least once each year to review the status of ongoing projects.
4. The schedule of Core Group meetings shall be posted in appropriate places. All meetings of the Core Group shall be open to the public.
5. By November 30 each year, the Core Group shall prepare an annual evaluation report on the Mitigation Plan for the County Board of Commissioners and the municipalities.

The report will cover the following points:

- a. A review of the original plan.
  - b. A review of any natural disasters that occurred during the previous calendar year.
  - c. A review of the action items in the original plan, including how much was accomplished during the previous year.
  - d. A discussion of why any action items were not completed or why implementation is behind schedule.
  - e. Recommendations for new projects or revised action items. Such recommendations shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners and the affected municipality's governing boards as amendments to the adopted plan.
6. The director of each County office identified as "responsible agency" for the Mitigation Plan's action items shall ensure that the action item is implemented by the listed deadline subject to fiscal and staff time constraints.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF AMENDED RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR 2024: 24-R-096**

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners (landlord) and the Morrow County Job & Family Services (tenant) have entered into a rental lease agreement for office space at 619 West Marion Road, Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338; and

WHEREAS, the lease agreement is amended each year. The components of allowable rental cost shall be depreciated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the building; maintenance; taxes; insurance and interest on related debt.

THEREFORE, Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve amending lease agreement with Job and Family Services:

**Depreciation:**  $\$158,500.00 \times 73.15\% = \$115,945.72$  (tenant's share of annual depreciation)  
 $\$115,942.75/12 = \$9,661.90$  per month (tenant's monthly share of depreciation)

**Capital Replacement value:**  $\$4,650.00 \times 73.15\% = \$3,401.48$

**Annual Direct Expenses:**  $\$211,140.16/12 = \$17,595.01 + \$4,608.90$  (2023 trueup) =  
 $\$22,203.91$

**Total Direct Expenses**  $\$22,203.91 + \text{Depreciation } \$9,661.90 + \text{Capital Replacement } \$3,401.48 = \mathbf{\$35,267.29}$  total rent per month 2024

**Annual Total: \$423,207.48**

The amended agreement between the Morrow County Board of Commissioners and the Morrow County Job and Family Services will be in effect January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
 APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 24-R-097**

Mr. Mason made a motion to recess session at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
 APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 24-R-098**

Mr. Mason made a motion to return to regular session at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
 BID OPENING – CDBG PROJECT – S. MARION STREET: 24-R-099**

**WHEREAS**, this day a bid opening was held for CDBG Project, S. Marion Street and the following bids were received:

	Base Bid	Alt#1
Mid Ohio Land Worx, LLC	\$165,793	\$134,500
Advanced Excavating & Demolition LLC	\$178,963	\$156,355

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to hold the bids for review.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
 APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 24-R-100**

Mr. Mason made a motion to recess session at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
 APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 24-R-101**

Mr. Mason made a motion to return to regular session at 2:23 p.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – GENERAL  
FUND – DET BUREAU: 24-A-021**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account for property taxes:

1000-9219-530327	Property Taxes	\$517.96
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Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

There being no further matters to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mason and duly seconded by Mr. Siegfried.

Roll Call Vote: .., Mr. Abraham..., "yea" .., Mr. Siegfried..., "yea".., Mr. Mason..., "yea"

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK

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ASSISTANT CLERK

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MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS