

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

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The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, with the following members present:

Carl Dodrill, Jr., President  
Bruce J. Dozer, Vice President  
Ron Moore, Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:30a.m., with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes from the previous meeting was read and approved.

**4.45** *Motion by Ron Moore, second by Bruce Dozer to hire Sharon Travis to fill the position of clerk for the Commissioners.*

**4.46**

**Vote: C. Dodrill; yea : R. Moore; yea: B. Dozer, yea; Motion Carried**

Nine people were interviewed, and Mr. Moore stated that all candidates interviewed very well. The decision was based on qualifications and the importance of Mrs. Travis having grant writing experience.

The Commissioners thanked Auditor Woodward for sharing his clerk, Jenny Cordray, until a clerk could be hired

The Commissioners reported on their activities for the previous week. All the Commissioners attended the SE OHIO Joint Solid Waste Board meeting in Caldwell on Monday, January 12, 2004, and the Morgan County Trustees Association meeting at the Riecker Complex on Tuesday, January 13, 2004, where the main topic of discussion was Land Use Planning. Commissioner Moore and Auditor Woodward attended a Workers' Compensation meeting sponsored by the County Commissioners' Association of OHIO in Columbus on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. Commissioner Dodrill attended the Morgan County CIC meeting at the Riecker Complex on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, and the Bishopville Water Public meeting at the Pisgah (west) U.M.C. on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. Commissioner Moore attended the LEPC Mitigation Plan public meeting at the Opera House on Thursday, January 15, 2004. Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Dozer with OSU Extension Economic Development Director, Jeff Shaner attended the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance meeting with state legislators and officials at Salt Fork Lodge on Friday, January 16, 2004.

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Elaine Flesher of the Health Department Bio-Terrorism Program shared information that will provide mass vaccination in the event of a Bio-Terrorism attack. It was suggested that setting up sites in the schools where the emergency vaccinations could be administered, would be a good idea. Ms. Flesher was also looking for a tracking source for x-rays and treatment if evidence of TB should be found.

County Engineer, Richard Hardison asked if any County office had obtained F.E.M.A. monies in 2003.

Anita Curtis and Lenore Morris of "Step into Tomorrow" presented information on how their for-profit company would help the citizens of Morgan County and others write a business plan which would help them obtain a Small Business Loan. They also talked about some businesses looking to relocate in Morgan County. One was purifying water and another was raising slaughter goats for profit.

Rick Newberry reported on the demo work being done at the Malta Man site.

Dan Richardson presented activity and time sheets.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, wished to clarify previous minutes when Dwight Scott came before the Commissioners. The minutes stated that Dwight Scott was the Former President of the Senior Citizen Club. He was the Former Vice-President. Mr. Scott accused the Commissioners of disposing of at least \$5000.00 worth of kitchen equipment. The items that he referred to had very little value and needed replaced according to Mrs. Sheets. The Club was contacted several times concerning the items. Mrs. Sheets was told by the President of the club that they were giving the refrigerator to a club member and the rest of the things could be taken to the Mary Hammond School. Dwight Scott was present at this Club meeting. Before the Office had a chance to contact Mary Hammond, Mrs. Sheets had calls from people who wanted some of the items. Mrs. Sheets called the President of the club and was told that anyone who wanted an item could have it. The people picked up the items and also removed the cabinets. The new items that were purchased can be used by all Senior Citizens, not any particular club, group, or individual. Further, the Commissioners had requested in a letter to the club that an itemized list of the \$5000 worth of items be provided. To date, no list has been given to the Commissioners' Office.

Mrs. Sheets also wanted to know what steps will be taken concerning the sexual comment that Mr. Scott made about her and the County Commissioners. Mrs. Sheets reported the furnace and the front of the building need repair.

Director of the Department of Jobs and Family Services, Jim Ridenour, met with the Commissioners to inform them of an addition to the PRC will be the installation of water lines and/ or water taps up to \$1000 for families with income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Level (\$2,300) per month for a family of four).

**4.46** Motion made by Bruce Dozer and Second by Ron Moore to grant permission for Pat Wilson to attend a Fiscal meeting in Athens on February 24, 2004

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea; R. Moore, yea; B. Dozer, yea; Motion Carried**

**4.47** Motion made by Ron Moore and Second by B. Dozer to grant permission for travel, as requested by Jim Ridenour for employees as follows:

Cathy Apperson and Dee-Ann Vandine to attend Train the Trainer for Medicaid Eligibility meeting in Columbus on February 24, 2004.

Kim Reed to attend Slot 1 – Nia Enhancements meeting in Columbus on January 22, 2004.

Kim Reed and Julia Porter to attend Operational Policy meeting in Caldwell on Jan.,29, 04.

Freda VanHorn, Julia Porter and Heidi Burns to attend Over Technical Asst. Training in Caldwell on February 11, 2004

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea: B. Dozer, yea; Motion Carried**

The Sheriff's Department submitted a report on the number of meals served to prisoners and other persons under the Sheriff's charge.

**04-48** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to accept the Then and Now Resolutions requested by the Morgan County Office On Aging , in amount of \$ 53.90

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer,**

Commissioner Dodrill was excused for the afternoon session of the meeting due to personal reasons.

Max Harbert and George Billicic asked about letters to the Longenberger Foundation seeking funding for historical preservation. They will be signed and sent. Harbert and Billicic are working on studies to move forward with the Community College. They discussed an outline for the grant, items of interest ,and explained the progress being made. It was decided to form an Advisory Board for the Community College Project. A Board will be appointed by the Commissioners and will be made up of people recommended by Harbert and Billicic, and Washington State Community College.

**04-49** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to appoint Tim Scholl to a term of three (3) years to the board of the Airport Authority.

**Vote: R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

**4.50** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to disburse monies appropriated to the Morgan County Airport Authority in the amount of \$1147 as needed for its yearly operations.

**4.51**

**Vote: R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

**4.52** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R.. Moore to appropriate grant monies for period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, for the Morgan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, as needed, in the amount of \$36,243.00.

**Vote: R. Moore , yea B. Dozer, yea**

**4.53** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to appropriate grant monies for period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, for the Morgan County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, as needed, in the amount of \$29,000.

**Vote R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

**4.54** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to transfer \$14.918, to the Morgan Soil & Water Conservation Fund.

**Vote: B. Dozer, yea R. Moore, yea C. Dodrill, yea**

**4.55** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to grant permission to Richard Hardison to attend the Ohio County Engineer's Conference in Columbus on February 11-12, 2004. Amount not to exceed \$270.

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

**4.56** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to approve the request for a new line item for FEMA and numbered 004-0004-5310.00

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

Commissioners signed a Satisfaction of Mortgage Instrument as requested by Washington –Morgan Community Action.

**4.57** Motion was made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to accept the Then and Now Resolutions requested by the Morgan County Treasurer, in the amount of \$230.56 and the amount of 1992.25

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

**4.58** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to accept the Then and Now Resolutions requested by the Morgan County Auditor in the amount of \$1051.74 and the amount of \$240.68

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea

**4.59** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to accept the Then and Now Resolution requested by the Morgan County Recorder, in the amount of \$1177.10

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea

Jim Baker and Joyce Drake representing Washington-Morgan Community Action, asked for a subordination agreement. Discussion was held on the CHIP Program. Mr. Baker presented a completed Community Housing Improvement Strategy Plan. This plan will stay in force for 5 years and address the home improvement needs of Morgan County. Mr. Baker shared the new Fair Housing requirements for the County. An advisory board will be formed to meet the requirements. The Commissioners requested that any individual interested in being a member of this board to contact their office

**04-59** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to adopt the Community Housing Improvement Strategy for a period from 2004 through 2008.

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea; R. Moore, yea; B. Dozer, yea; Motion Carried

**04-60** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to accept the Then and Now Resolution requested by the Morgan County Engineer in the amount of \$873.37

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea

**4.61** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to accept the Then and Now Resolutions requested by the Morgan County Workforce Development in the amount of \$250. and in the amount of \$2164.50

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea

**04-62** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to accept the Then and Now Resolution requested by the Morgan County Clerk of Courts in the amount of \$249.46

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea

**4.63** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to accept the Then and Now Resolution requested by the Morgan County Court in the amount of \$324.34

**Vote:** C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea

**4.64** Motion made by B. Dozer and second by R. Moore to accept the Then and Now Resolution requested by the Morgan County Board of MRDD in the amount of \$152.26

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea R. Moore, yea B. Dozer, yea**

Jeff Driggs, Morgan County Dog Warden, turned in his activity, time, and mileage sheets for the week.

**4.65** Motion made by R. Moore and second by B. Dozer to pay bills.

**Vote: C. Dodrill, yea B. Dozer, yea R. Moore, yea**

With no further business to come before the board at this time, the commissioners unanimously adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

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Carl Dodrill, Jr.

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Ronald Moore

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Sharon Travis, Clerk

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Bruce J. Dozer

