

**Morgan County Commissioners  
Riecker Building**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Monday, November 1, 2004, with the following members present:

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

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

Russ Harper stopped in to ask several questions, referring to a letter to the editor from Della Bratton in the October 27 issue of the Morgan County Herald. Mr. Harper commented that it appeared Mrs. Bratton had made herself guardian of the Morgan County taxpayers and questioned the success she may have had in saving Morgan County money. Mr. Dozer replied that several years ago Mrs. Bratton had spearheaded a referendum to prevent an increase in the conveyance fee from appearing on the ballot. Only the seller would pay this conveyance fee and by now would have accumulated over \$500,000 to date. This is funding that would have gone for economic development for the County. Mr. Harper asked how many dollars Mrs. Bratton may have cost the county. Mr. Moore replied for the Commissioners stating that they didn't really know, but stated "this office has spent an inordinate amount of time on Mrs. Bratton's numerous requests for information ." Further, the Commissioners stated that much of her requested information dates back beyond twenty years and the research requires extreme time and effort.

Chris Penrose, County Extension Agent, reported up-coming meetings as follows: Ag Planning meeting on November 8, Chesterhill Produce Auction meeting on November 10, Morgan-Noble Grazing meeting on November 13, Ag Outlet meeting on November 15, and 4-H Committee meeting on November 22. He also reported the Extension Office is putting "all effort forward" to provide an informative and fun 4-H camp for 2005.

John Thompson, Village Administrator for McConnelsville, stopped in to remind the Commissioners of the Issue II meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Riecker Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference room.

Jim Ridenour, Director of DJFS, turned in a leave request for himself for 30 days due to personal illness. He stated Jody Murray was appointed to be in charge of the DJFS in his absence. Mr. Ridenour turned in meeting requests for himself, Dee-Ann Vandine, Jackie Zumbro, and Ginger Bowen. He also presented the Title XX County Profile Plan to be signed by Commissioners' President, Carl Dodrill and reported on the Flood Grant Approval. This grant will provide means of cleaning up Morgan County Streams of the debris left by the recent flooding. Mr. Ridenour asked if a decision had been made on the Buy-Out Plan he had presented to the Commissioners. The Commissioners responded that they declined to participate in the Buy-Out Plan for DJFS at this time.

**04-443** Motion by Ron Moore and second by Bruce Dozer to approve the following meeting requests, as presented by Jim Ridenour, Director of DJFS:  
Jim Ridenour to Canton District Directors meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cadiz.  
Dee-Ann Vandine, Jackie Zumbro, Ginger Bowen to CRIS-E training on November 16 and 17 in Cambridge.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

Dan Richardson, Recycle and Litter Prevention, turned in his time sheet and reported on the plans being made to produce an interesting and productive Litter Summit on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 in the Riecker Building Multi –Purpose Room at 5:30 p.m. He also invited the Commissioners to attend the Summit.

Terry Robison, Director of Morgan County EMA and Homeland Security, discussed the special Project EOC Grant for construction or renovation of a Federally approved Emergency Operations Center.

Commissioners are in receipt of the monthly expense report from the Prosecutor's Office, showing total cost at \$14,050.12 and 800 units produced.

**04-444** Motion by Bruce Dozer and second by Ron Moore to pass a Then and Now Resolution to cover the following invoices 004-004-330.00 Mar Zane for the amount of \$ 220.00 as requested by Richard Hardison, Morgan County Engineer.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, Jr., yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

**04-445** Motion by Ron Moore and second by Bruce Dozer to transfer \$31,915.80 out of Debt Retirement Account 004-0004-306.00 and placed into Contract Account 004-0004-305.01 as requested by Richard Hardison, Morgan County Engineer.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill Jr., yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

**04-446** Motion by Bruce Dozer and second by Ron Moore to grant a supplemental appropriation, as requested by Richard Hardison Morgan County Engineer, in the amount of \$31,915.80 from the Gas and Motor Vehicle Fund and placed in the Contract Account 004-0004-5305.01. This will be used to pay for Issue II paving.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, Jr., yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

**04-447** Motion by Ron Moore and second by Bruce Dozer to transfer \$ 15,000.00 out of Large Equipment Account 004-0004-304.01 and placed into Materials Account 004-0004-330.00 as requested by Richard Hardison Morgan County Engineer. This will help cover the cost for cinders and blacktop.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, Jr., yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

**04-448** Motion by Bruce Dozer and second by Ron Moore to approve the supplemental appropriation of \$7,500.00 to 278-0278-5301-00 representing FY05 1<sup>st</sup> payment from the Auditor of State for Child Abuse Prevention as requested by Gary Woodward, Morgan County Auditor.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

**04-449** Motion by Ron Moore and second by Bruce Dozer to approve the request for the Supplemental Appropriation of \$10,000.00 to 107-2001-5301-00 representing FY05 Help Me Grow Funds from the Auditor of State.. This request was made by Gary Woodward Morgan County Auditor.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, Jr., yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ron Moore, yea Motion Carried**

**04-450** Motion by Bruce Dozer and second by Ron Moore to pass the Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,400.00 to 001-1501-5328-00 in order to pay outstanding Indigent Defense Invoices, as requested by Gary Woodward Morgan County Auditor.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ronald Moore, yea Motion Carried**

The Commissioners are in receipt of a request for Sprint to bore under County Road No. 14 located in Homer Township Section 10, Morgan County, Ohio. Crossing is to be for ½” inch diameter Telephone Cable line.

**04-451** Motion by Ron Moore and second by Bruce Dozer to approve the crossing of County Road 14 for the purpose of installing a Telephone Cable.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, yea Bruce Dozer, yea Ronald Moore, yea Motion Carried**

Commissioner Carl Dodrill was excused at 11:15 a.m.

John Eppley, Project Engineer for Central Ohio Coal Co., requested Bond Release Permit Number D-1084 issued July 21,1994 located in Section Nos. 23,26,35 Bristol Township, and Section Nos. 2 Meigsville Twp. also Section Nos. 25, 26, and 35 Bristol Twp, and Section Nos. 2 and 11, Meigsville Twp. Morgan County, Ohio.

**04-452** Motion by Bruce Dozer and second by Ron Moore to approve the Bond releases as requested by Mr. Eppley

Jeff Driggs, County Dog Warden, turned in his mileage sheet showing he traveled 206.5 miles throughout Morgan County responding to dog calls.

**04- 453** Motion by Ron Moore and second by Bruce Dozer to pay the bills.

**Vote: Carl Dodrill, absent Bruce Dozer, Yea Ronald Moore, Yea Motion Carried**

**Commissioners,**

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**Carl Dodrill**

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**Bruce Dozer**

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**Sharon Travis, Clerk**

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**Ronald Moore**

