

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

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The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Monday, January 5, 2004, with the following members present:

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

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

04-01 Motion by Bruce Dozer, second by Ron Moore, to pass a resolution urging Governor Bob Taft to assist and support Morgan County in order to accelerate the process of receiving emergency funding through the Farm Service Agency and any other state or federal agency that offers assistance programs due to the recent flooding conditions.

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

04-02 Motion by Carl Dodrill, second by Bruce Dozer, to pass a resolution designating Sunday, February 1, 2004, as The Four Chaplains' Sunday, marking the sixty-first anniversary of the sinking of the troopship DORCHESTER, which carried four chaplains of three faiths that gave their life-jackets to four soldiers thus sacrificing their own lives, standing united in prayer as the ship went down.

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

Dwight Scott, Ex-President of the Morgan County Senior Citizens, met with the commissioners to ask questions pertaining to the operations of the center. He asked why there is no key provided to the Senior Citizens Club Officers. Mr. Dozer stated that liability issues and confidentiality are considered and must be controlled. Mr. Scott asked how the county disposed of at least \$5,000 worth of kitchen equipment, cabinets, etc.? Mr. Moore questioned this figure and explained that these items were declared as no longer usable, having them disposed of. Mr. Scott stated that he feels the commissioners have always given Mrs. Sheets special consideration.

The commissioners are in receipt of the Monthly Inventory Report of Obligations and Securities, for the month of December 2003, as submitted by Rebecca Foster, Deputy Treasurer.

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Economic Development Director and OSU Extension Agent Jeff Shaner met with the commissioners to report on several issues pertaining to his office. Staffing and the OSU Extension Levy were discussed. Mr. Shaner also related his itinerary for the week.

04-03 Motion by Ron Moore, second by Bruce Dozer, to Supplementally Appropriate \$10,639.50 to #110-2002-5301-00, representing the carry-over balance of CHIP/HOME Funds, as requested by Morgan County Auditor Gary D. Woodward.

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

04-04 Motion by Bruce Dozer, second by Ron Moore, to transfer \$10,000.00 from Law Enforcement Trust Fund-Supplies Acct. #036-0036-5303-00 to Law Enforcement Trust Fund-Equipment Acct. #036-0036-5304-00, as requested by Thomas C. Jenkins, Sr., Morgan County Sheriff.

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

Dan Richardson, Program Manager for Recycling and Litter Prevention, met with the commissioners to discuss his office. He also submitted his time sheets and mileage logs.

Morgan County Clerk of Courts, Mary Gessel, submitted a letter stating that due to the financial circumstances of the county and the 2004 appropriation given by the General Fund, she will be paying partial costs incurred by the legal department in the year 2004 with the Certificate of Title Administrative Fund, as she has done in previous years.

Rick Newberry stopped in to inquire about future construction projects.

Sherry Patterson, Case Manager for the Juvenile Accountability Grant, met with the commissioners to discuss three grant applications that she has submitted and how they might benefit Morgan County Juveniles.

Ray Dingey met with the commissioners to request information regarding Consol Coal Company. He reported that damage to Bristol School had occurred during the recent rains.

Lisa Waite, representing the Morgan County Engineer's office, opened bids at 10:30 a.m. for gravel for the year 2004, for use by Morgan County Highway, Bristol Township, Malta Township, Morgan Township, Penn Township Union Township, and York Township. Two bids were received as follows:

Shelly Materials, Inc. –Willow Island Plant

Price per Ton
Loaded at Plant

Gravel #57 \$7.75
#8 7.00

Link Trucking- McConnellsville, Ohio

Gravel \$8.35
Crushed #67 8.35
Fill Sand 2.50

04-05 Motion by Bruce Dozer, second by Ron Moore, to accept the bids for gravel.

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

Chad Greuey of Greuey Fuel and Farm Supplies, met with the commissioners to inquire on bidding requirements for fuel using OPIS (Oil Price Information Service).

04-06 Motion by Ron Moore, second by Bruce Dozer, to appoint Philip W. Lawrence as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morgan-Meigsville Rural Water District for a term of 3 years.

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

Director of the Department of Jobs and Family Services Jim Ridenour met with the commissioners to inform them that an Arbitrator has been selected on the medical insurance case through AFSCME Ohio Council 8 and to discuss the medical insurance increase.

04-07 Motion by Bruce Dozer, second by Ron Moore, to advance \$15,457.30 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Fund as requested by Auditor Woodward.

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

Ohio State University Extension Agent Chris Penrose met with the commissioners to discuss the impact of mad cow disease on the cattle market.

Jim Black and Rosie Armstrong of Tri County Rural Water met with the commissioners to discuss future Community Development Block Grant funding, the Lightner Ridge Water Project, and the possibility of a water line expansion through Morgan County and into Noble County.

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04-08 Motion by Ron Moore, second by Bruce Dozer, to approve a request to transfer \$9,624.00 from the General Fund to the EMA Fund for the 2004 Appropriation, as requested by Terry Robison, Director Morgan County EMA & OHS.

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

04-09 Motion by Bruce Dozer, second by Ron Moore, to approve Terry Robison and Miranda Mullen to travel in the year 2004 for business pertaining to the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security.

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

04-10 Motion by Ron Moore, second by Bruce Dozer, to grant permission for Morgan County Auditor, Gary D. Woodward and/or his staff to travel to any meetings pertaining to his office in the year 2004.

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

Morgan County Dog Warden Jeff Driggs submitted his weekly mileage showing he traveled 150.2 miles throughout the county. The commissioners asked Mr. Driggs if he was aware of a problem on Tabor Ridge Road pertaining to a large number of dogs and their care. Mr. Driggs assured the commissioners that the Morgan County Humane Society has been contacted and is aware of the situation.

04-11 Motion by Bruce Dozer, second by Ron Moore, to pay the bills.

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

With no further business to come before the board at this time the commissioners unanimously adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

Carl Dodrill, Jr.

Ronald Moore

Jenny Cordray, Clerk

Bruce J. Dozer

