

Morgan County Commissioners Riecker Building

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, with the following members present:

Ron Moore, President
Rick Shriver, V. President
Dean Cain, Member

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

The Commissioners reported on their activities of the previous week: Monday Commissioner Cain attended the Bur Oak Water District meeting. Tuesday all three Commissioners attended the Planning Commission meeting and Commissioner Cain spoke at the Rotary luncheon and Commissioner Shriver attended the Morgan High School Media Advisory Committee meeting. Wednesday all three Commissioners attended the Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation meeting and the Litter Summit meeting. Thursday Commissioner Shriver attended the Public Meetings & Open Records meeting and Commissioners Cain and Shriver attended the Economic Development meeting with AEP. Friday Commissioner Cain met with Jean Conckle concerning the Produce Auction and talked with the President of Mississippi Manufacturing Company concern details of their visit to Morgan County.

County Engineer, Steve Hook reported that his office received several inquiries about the closing of the 'Old Steel' bridge during the recent flooding event. There was no danger of the bridge failing during the high water. County roads #2 and #56 were closed due to high water this past week. His department has taken many pictures along the river to document where the high water levels were for future issues involving the "flood plain" rules and their enforcement and the department has, at last count, 30 slips involving county roads, of which #4 and #100 are closed. A 10 ton load limit and a "one-way" traffic pattern has been established at the bridge on county road #66, due to part of the wing wall failing during the flooding.

Engineer Hook cautions everyone to drive safely on all roadways because new slips may occur over night, whether on State, County or Township roadways.

Dan Richardson, Director of Recycle and Litter Prevention, turned in an activity sheet. He reported that the Litter Prevention and Recycling Program grant has not been increased since the start of the program in 1993. This makes it hard to keep up the high standards his program has met in the past years. Mr. Richardson feels he will be able to provide a good program for the year 2005.

It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that a car issued to the Probation Court was destroyed due to the high water and will need to be replaced.

David Couch, Superintendent of MR/DDD stopped in to meet the newly elected Commissioners and provided information about the activities of the MR/DD Programs of Morgan County.

Morgan County Treasurer, Kaye Tatman reported she did not have enough money in the budget to get the property tax invoices out to the residents of Morgan County. The Commissioners will take this matter into consideration.

Jim Ridenour, Director of DJFS, turned in requests for travel to an Appalachian Directors meeting for himself on January 27th in Marietta, He also turned in supply requests and reported his department has issued flood assistance to 12 adults households for a total of \$8,9300.00 and 9 family households for a total of \$ 12,848.00. The deadline for filling for flood assistance has been extended to February 25th. Union negotiations will be January 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of the Ricker Complex. Mr. Ridenour invited the Commissioners to attend the ODJFS sponsored Regional Legislative Forum for Counties.

05- Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to approve the travel request for Jim Ridenour to attend the Appalachian Directors meeting on January 27th in Marietta, as requested by Jim Ridenour.

Vote: Ronald Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea; Dean Cain yea; Motion Carried

05- Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to approve the supply request for folders and files for a total of \$188.00, as requested by Jim Ridenour.

Vote: Ronald Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea; Dean Cain yea; Motion Carried

Commissioners are in receipt of a request for permission to park in the Ricker Complex parking area and the Commons area during the volkswalk which will be held April 2, 2005 and will be sponsored by Southern Ohio Trekkers Walking Club. Anyone from the community is welcome to join the club on this walk. Commissioners granted permission for this request.

The Commissioners thanked Jim and Linda Wilson for purchasing and donating a piano for the Community Room of the Ricker Complex. Commissioners Moore and Cain and Jeff King helped with the moving of the piano.

Lind Sheets, Director of Area Agency on Aging, reported that Rhonda Bair has been elected to an administrative position at the United Way. She reminded the Commissioners the Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month.

Jim Baker, Washington-Morgan Community Action, discussed the possibility of purchasing a new transit bus for Morgan County. Mr. Baker will spec out the transit bus and get bids on the bus. He will then present the package for a new transit for approval from the Commissioners.

Terry Robison, Director of the Morgan County EMA and Homeland Security, personally thanked Commissioner Moore for his presents at the EMA office during the recent flood events and his concern for the safety and wellness of the residents of Morgan County.

05- Motion to grant permission for Mary Gessell to attend all educational seminars, district meetings and other conferences sponsored by the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association during the year 2005

Vote: Ronald Moore, yea Dean Cain, yea Rick Shriver, yea Motion Carried

Jeff Driggs, County Dog Warden, turned in his mileage sheet showing he traveled 166 miles throughout Morgan County responding to dog calls.

04-052 Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to pay the bills.

Vote: Ronald Moore, yea Dean Cain, yea Rick Shriver, yea Motion Carried

04- 053 Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to adjourn.

Vote: Ronald Moore, yea Dean Cain, yea Rick Shriver, yea Motion Carried

With no further business to come before the board at this time, the Commissioners unanimously adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners

Ronald Moore

Rick Shriver

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Sharon Travis, Clerk

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Resolution

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District. Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District is a regional economic development planning district

within the State of Ohio, whose purpose is to influence favorably the future economic, physical, and social development of the eight-county region through its regional development planning programs and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District promotes a cooperative planning process involving local governments, public and private agencies, and individual citizens, toward improving their region within a democratic process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan County Board of Commissioners endorses the 2005 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), prepared by the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

Commissioner Ronal Moore moved the adoption of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Dean Cain.

The Morgan County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this resolution on the January 18,2005.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05- Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to adopt a “Then and Now Resolution” for payment of an invoice to West Payment Center for \$714.00 and L.A. Emmert \$216.00 out of Fund 001 as requested by Gary Woodward, Morgan County Auditor.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05- Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to transfer \$2,777.80 from Supplies line item (054-2004-5303-00 to the Rent line item (054-2004-5310-00 as requested by Trina Webb, Morgan County Juvenile Court.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05- Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver as requested by Mary Gessel, Clerk of Courts to adopt a “Then and Now” resolution to pay Maximus (00716) in the amount of \$3227.02. This bill was accumulated before the purchase order date of January 5,2005.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05- Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to approve a “Then and Now Resolution” 017 MRDD Account 017-0017-5305.00 Building/Repairs, Wisecarver Environmental \$125.00 and Account 017-0017-5306.00 Contracts

Therapy Tech \$2,265.00 as requested by David Couch, Superintendent Morgan County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05- Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to pass a "Then and Now Resolution" 004-0004-303.00 Viking Office \$183.83 and 004-0004-309.02 Heartland Petroleum \$1000.00 Signs & Blanks \$127.75 as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan county Engineer.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05- Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to transfer \$1,502.00 that was budgeted for "Contracts" to the "Supplies" line item as requested by Mary Tom, Victim/Witness Advocate.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

Thomas Jenkins Sr, Morgan County Sheriff reported that the Jail Inspection reveals that only one (1) standard was out of compliance. The standard that is still out of compliance is 5120:1-10-15E Administrative Segregation. Our jail cannot comply with this standard due to the construction of this facility. It was stated that if the Commissioners found the funds to remodel or build a new jail, the County would then need to revisit this standard. The County policy does state that prisoners who require administrative segregation will be transferred immediately to the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, where they can be dealt with appropriately.

The Investment Advisory Committee met Monday, January 3, 2005 to reorganize for the year 2005:

President	Ron Moore
Vice President	Rick Shriver
Secretary/Treasurer	Kaye Tatman

Morgan County Republican Central Committee met on January 11, 2005, to appoint Dr. David Parrett to the position of Morgan County Coroner. Dr. Parrett has held the position of Coroner in Morgan County since the resignation of Dr.

Howard Marsh. I was stated that in the past several months Dr. Parrett has done an exceptional job for Morgan County, he promptly responds when called upon and works well with Sheriff Jenkins and paramedical personnel. Sheriff Jenkins further added that Morgan County is fortunate to have a skilled physician such as Dr. Parrett that is willing to provide this necessary service to our county.

05- Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to adopt a “Then and Now” Resolution as requested by Linda Sheets Director of Morgan County Office on Aging to pay Quill \$513.69 this bill accrued in 2004.

Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried