

Morgan County Commissioners
Riecker Building

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Monday, January 31, 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:
On Monday all three Commissioners attended the Morgan County Airport Authority meeting at the First National Bank and the Southeastern Ohio Solid Waste Board meeting in Caldwell.

On Tuesday Commissioners Cain and Moore traveled to Columbus to take “Drug Free Workplace” training, and they attended the Morgan County Planning Commission meeting in the Riecker Complex. Commissioner Shriver attended the OSU Extension Advisory Board meeting and spoke at Rotary.

On Wednesday Commissioner Cain and Auditor Woodward attended the Southeastern Ohio Joint Jail meeting in Nelsonville, while Commissioners Moore and Shriver attended the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy meeting at the Riecker Complex, and all 3 Commissioners attended the Morgan County CIC meeting at the Riecker Complex. Commissioners Moore and Shriver met with Washington-Morgan Community Action staff and administrators.

On Friday all 3 Commissioners traveled with DJFS Director Jim Ridenour to Caldwell to participate in the WIA Council of Governments. Commissioner Shriver attended the Technology Initiative Group Session at Washington State Community College.

An activity omitted from 1-24-05 minutes includes Commissioner Shriver attending a meeting in Chesterhill with members of the Technology Initiative Group, Mayor Wetzel, and others to discuss broadband internet and job training in Morgan County.

Monday, January 31, the flag at the Riecker Complex was flown at half-mast in honor of the late John K. Finley in honor of all he has done for Morgan County during his terms as Mayor and serving on the McConnelsville Village Council. It was noted that Mr. Finley gave over 50 year of service to the fire department.

Jody Murray, representing Washington State Community College, presented a grant proposal for submission to the Dept. of Education. If approved, this money will come from the remaining funds of the Morgan County Community College Feasibility Study grant, and will be used to complete the analysis of the data gathered from the study.

Jeff Shaner, OSU Extension and Economic Development, discussed an upcoming economic development training session sponsored by AEP.

Commissioners are in receipt of the monthly expense report for December, 2004 from the Prosecutor's office showing 800 units produced at a cost of \$11707.37

Nancy Robison, Director of the Board of Election invited the Commissioners to an Open House Wednesday, February 2, 2005 in the Riecker Complex. Representatives from *Diebold Election Systems* and *Election Systems and Software* will be present to show new optical scan voting systems and answer questions. Director Robison stated that Secretary of State Blackwell has indicated that the voting process will change to optical scan this year.

Terry Bragg asked if state or federal funds had been appropriated to construct a flood control wall from bridge to bridge and on up St. Rt. 60 to McDonalds. A friend told him this information was published in The Times Recorder. The Commissioners were not aware of this information but assured Mr. Bragg they would look into the matter.

Kathy Potteiger of Family and Children First, presented bills to be approved by Commissioners' President, Ron Moore.

Glen Dawson of the Airport Authority Board, reported the Board is looking into a five year plan that may include fencing around the airport.

Tim Freiberg presented a plan to obtain a fee to allow for patrolling and fire protection of producing oil wells.

Becky Cooley, Morgan County Recorder, was present to discuss the budget for her office for the year 2005.

05- 077 Motion by Ron Moore and second by Dean Cain to appoint County Engineer Stevan Hook to replace, Carl Dodrill on the Issue II Intergrading Committee of Buckeye Hills.

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

Dan Richardson, Director of Recycle and Litter Prevention, turned in an activity sheet and request for leave. Mr. Richardson reminded the Commissioners of the Environmental Task Force meeting to be held Tuesday, February 1, 2005 in the Riecker Complex. Commissioner Shriver asked Mr. Richardson if he knew why Ohio does not have a deposit for bottles and cans as other states do. Mr. Richardson agreed to look into the situation. Morgan County Recycle and Litter Prevention will present information on "Adopt-a-Roadway" at the Morgan County Riverfest that will be held on July 9, 2005. The program is aimed at cleaning up litter along county and township roads.

Jim Ridenour, Director of DJFS, turned in meeting requests for Himself, Pat Wilson, Steve Kinney, Jody Murray and Tina Work. He reported the Disaster Assistance Program has assisted 22 Adult families for a total of \$15,830.00 and 13 Families for a total of \$18,848.00. Mr. Ridenour reminded the Commissioners that OJFSDA Legislative Forum will be held on Friday, February 18, 2005 and Union Negotiations will be Friday at 9:00 a.m.

05- 078 Motion by Ron Moore and second by Dean Cain to approve increasing the limit to \$200 for purchasing supplies, without seeking prior approval.

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

05- 079 Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to approve the supply request of office supplies and a hard drive for a telephone system.

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

05- 080 Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Ron Moore to approve the meeting request as follows: Jim Ridenour to One Stop meeting, on February 3, in Caldwell, Pat Wilson to Fiscal meeting, February 18, in Caldwell, Jody Murray to Street Drug training, February 8, in Athens, Tina Work to Street Drug Training, February 8, in Athens, as requested by Jim Ridenour.

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

05-081 Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to approve a Then and Now bill as follows:

Richard Welch, Morgan County Prosecutor- November 2004	\$1,119.33
Morgan County Juvenile Court- November 2004	\$1,553.93
Morgan County Juvenile Court- December 2004	\$2183.97
Morgan County Sheriff – December 2004	\$ 171.66
AFSCME Care Plan - January 2005	\$ 278.75
Lormit Management System – Absent Parent Location	\$ 154.24

Total Then and Now \$5,461.88

Jeff Driggs, County Dog Warden, turned in his mileage sheet showing he traveled 157.2 miles throughout Morgan County responding to dog calls.

05-082 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

05-083 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

Dean Cain

Sharon Travis, Clerk

