

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Monday, May 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:

Monday, the Commissioners held a conference call with Congressman Bob Ney, ODOT Officials and Senator Joy Padgett to discuss the building of a new bridge.

Commissioners Cain and Moore participated in the Morgan County Farm Bureau policy meeting at Deano's on Tuesday. Also on Tuesday, the Commissioners traveled to Zanesville to tour Judge Hooper's courtrooms.

On Wednesday, Commissioners Moore and Cain traveled to Vinton County to discuss grant writing and economic development. Commissioner Shriver visited the Athens County 9-1-1 center and EMA building.

On Thursday, Commissioner Shriver attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting. All three Commissioners held their community meeting at the Bloom Township Community Hall on Thursday.

Commissioners Cain and Moore held the public meeting regarding the Washington/Morgan Community Bus lines on Friday. Commissioner Cain met with Jeff Shaner and an out-of-town guest to discuss Economic Development.

Steven Hook, Morgan County Engineer, was present with updates on the Federal Highway slip repair. There were four slips on Co Rd #3 which will be finished by next week. The Commissioners and Mr. Hook discussed the policy of requiring building permits for everyone who wants to build or remodel. Mr. Hook stated that it is required by law to report to the Auditor any tie-in to a septic system. He also stated that it would be difficult to monitor flood plain construction without requiring everyone to comply. Septic monitoring is provided at no cost. They also discussed the flood plain state issue. Commissioners will check with the acting prosecutor to discuss authority to make these decisions.

Commissioner Moore stated that he would like to know the adjoining counties policies. Mr. Hook stated that he would check on this and report back to them. The Engineer and the Commissioners discussed the 2006 budget for his office. Mr. Hook also discussed the upcoming union contract negotiations.

05-312 Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to pass a “Then and Now Resolution” to cover the following invoices under the account of Morgan County Engineer:

004-0004-309.02	RAK	\$ 378.88
	Treasurer of State	\$ 100.00
	Hall Signs	\$ 238.40
	Delille Oxygen	\$ 101.95

004-0004-330.02	Staley Communication	\$ 388.47
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Vote: Ron Moore, yea Rick Shriver, yea Dean Cain, yea Motion Carried

05-313 Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to approve a supplemental appropriation for \$29,004.30 to 112-0112-5301-00 and \$3,222.70 to 112-0112-5301-00. These amounts represent Federal and State portions of a new Community Action vehicle as requested by Gary Woodward, Morgan County Auditor.

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

Jeff Shaner, Economic Development-OSU Extension, reported that on June 8 the CIC meeting will be held at 8:00. Governor Taft and First Lady Hope Taft and about 12 to 14 state officials will make a presentation of the \$250,000 ISIP award June 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. From there, the Governor and First Lady will be taking a tour of Hickory Ridge shops. The first lady had purchased bird houses from Connie Wolfe at C-Squared last year and wanted to see where they were made. Mr. Shaner reported on the 4-H activities. Registration for all livestock projects will be held Wednesday June 1st. Saturday June 4, 2005 will be Market live stock tag in. Cattleman Meeting will be held Monday June 6th.

Jim Ridenour submitted meeting requests as follows :

Heidi Burns and Kim Reed to Fiscal-meeting, on June 3, 2005 in Caldwell, and Julia Porter and Kim Reed to WIA Operators meeting June 6th, 2005 in Caldwell.

05-314 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to untable all bids pertaining to his department as submitted on May 16,2005.

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

Jim Ridenour, Director of the Department of Jobs and Family Services, presented a recommendation that Washington-Morgan Community Action be awarded the Transportation Program, Kinship Navigator Program, and the Ombuds Program. Mr. Ridenour recommended the Homemaker Program be awarded to the Health Department.

05-315 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to accept the recommendation that the Transportation Program be awarded to Washington-Morgan Community Action.

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

05-316 Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to accept the recommendation that the Kinship Navigator Program be awarded to Washington-Morgan Community Action.

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

05-317 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to accept the recommendation that the Ombuds program be awarded to Washington-Morgan Community Action.

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

05-318 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to accept the recommendation that the Homemaker Program be awarded to the Morgan County Health Department.

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

Mr. Ridenour announced the bid openings for Lice prevention, Wellness, Day Care, and Summer Youth Employment and Training Programs will be opened next Monday at 10:00 am.

Robert Grove presented his letter of resignation from the Morgan County Planning Commission effective June 1, 2005. Mr. Grove thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve Morgan County and the confidence they have shown him during his time on the Planning Commission. Mr. Grove also stated that he had faith that the Commissioners share and support the goals of the Planning Commissioner to improve Morgan County.

Larry Penrod, representing the citizens of the area, and Bob Allen of RCAP discussed the Portersville public water project.

The Commissioners are in receipt of the Morgan County Prosecutor's Office Monthly expense report for April 2005.

Dr. George Bain of the Ohio University, Head Archives and Special Collections, and Don Davis, Morgan County Genealogical Society, met with the Commissioners to discuss the County Records Management. Dr. Bain and Mr. Davis talked about the Judge's involvement (Probate & Common Pleas). They also discussed the list of records that would be housed at the Historical Society and the transfer of access to the Athens archives.

Terry McGrew, Health Department Administrator, discussed House Bill 66 stating that if passed, how it would affect his budget for the Health Department. Terry asked if space that is provided by the County would still be provided and at what cost. The Commissioners stated that they would try not to charge the Health Department rent, but they might be responsible for the utilities.

Commissioners are in receipt of a request from Trinity United Methodist Church requesting permission to reserve the McConnelville Grove and Commons for a Community Festival beginning Friday, August 12, 2005 at 6:30 and ending Saturday, August 13, 2005, at 11:30 p.m. The Commissioners granted permission for the use of the grounds for a Community Festival.

The Commissioners are in receipt of an application to bore under County Road #22, located in Township of Homer, Section 34, Morgan County, Ohio for Bishopville Water District.

05-319 Motion by Dean Cain and second by Rick Shriver to grant permission to bore under County Road #22 for Bishopville Water District.

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

Dan Richardson, Recycle and Litter Prevention, turned in his activity sheet. The Commissioners discussed the possibility of placing a recycle trailer in Bloom Twp.

Jeff Driggs, County Dog Warden, turned in his mileage sheet showing he traveled 244.8 miles throughout Morgan County responding to dog calls.

05-320 Motion by Rick Shriver and second by Dean Cain to pay the bills.

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

05-321 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to adjourn.

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

Commissioners,

Ronald Moore

Rick Shriver

Dean Cain

Clerk