

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their office on Monday June 13, 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, Commissioner Cain attended the Chesterhill Produce Auction ground breaking event. All three Commissioners met with the Creek Clean-up crew at Bald Eagle near Stockport to review their progress.

Tuesday, Dean Cain met with a workman concerning repairs to the Senior Citizens' Building. The Commissioners started the process of interviewing for the Clerk's position.

Wednesday, Commissioner Moore spoke at the PERI meeting at Deano's. The commissioners participated in the Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation meeting.

The commissioners held their community public meeting in Reinersville on Thursday p.m.

On Friday, the commissioners participated in the WIA Council of Governments meeting in Caldwell.

Jeff Shaner, OSU Extension-Economic Development, introduced Kathy Lechman, representing the OSU Extension, "Leader Diversity Development." This program deals with monitoring compliance issues. Mr. Shaner stated that he intends to hold a workshop June 28 & 29 at the Stockport Mill. This workshop "Creating Competitive Communities" will deal with strategies in Economic Development.

Kathy Potteiger of the "Help Me Grow" Program presented bills and reports for Commissioner Moore's approval.

Carl Work was in to discuss the building permit issue.

Quincy Robe, representing “Friends of the Lower Muskingum River,” voiced concerns that the Development Companies are “trashing up our land.” Mr. Robe stated that “the development companies come in, divide the farms into subdivisions, and when folks from out of town default on their commitment, they skip out leaving a mess behind.” Mr. Robe discussed land issues, subdivision requirements and conservation easements.

Terry Robison, EMA, opened the Bids for the old County Garage renovations. Bid one was from West Electric, Inc. of Lancaster, Ohio for electric only \$8,680.00. The generator alternate was \$16,440.00, and the other alternate for wiring the generator for \$2,515.00.

The second bid included generator, electric work, and chain-link fence for a total of \$73,687.00 from Salem Ridge, Inc. Mr. Robison recommended the bids be tabled for further review.

05-321 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to table the bids for review by Architect Pat Kelly and Terry Robison.

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

05-322 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to accept a supplemental appropriation as requested by Terry Robison, Director of Morgan County EMA & OHS.

\$81.41 appropriated into Fund #111 Homeland Security, Part 1

\$144.73 appropriated into Fund #111 Homeland Security, Part 2

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

Jim Ridenour representing the Department of Job and Family Services submitted leave and meeting requests as follows: Mr. Ridenour leave for June 13, 2005, and meeting request for Canton District Directors June 21st in Marietta. Jody Murray and Tina Work to Foster Care and Adoption Licensing meeting July 11th in Columbus.

05- 323 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to accept the leave and meeting requests as submitted by Jim Ridenour, Department of Job and Family Services.

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

Mr. Ridenour representing the Department of Job and Family Services recommended untabling the bid for the “Wellness Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.”

05-324 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to untable the bid for the “Wellness Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.”

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

Mr. Ridenour recommended accepting the bid from Washington/Morgan Community Action for the “Wellness Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program” in the amount of \$40,000.00.

05-325 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to accept the bid from Washington/Morgan Community Action for the amount of \$40,000.00 for the “Wellness Teen Pregnancy and Prevention Program.”

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

Mr. Ridenour recommended untabling the bid for the “Lice Treatment Education and Prevention Program.”

05-326 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to untable the “Lice Treatment Education and Prevention Program.”

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

Two bids were submitted for the “Head Lice Education and Prevention Program” for \$23,839.00 from the Washington/Morgan Community Action & Morgan County Health Department for \$25,720.00. The bids were so close that Mr. Ridenour used a point system to be able to rate and recommend a contract. The Morgan County Health Department scored 92 points and W/MCA scored 89 points. Bids and point system may be reviewed in the office of DJFS.

Mr. Ridenour recommended that the contract be awarded to the Morgan County Health Department.

05-327 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to accept the bid from Morgan County Health Department for the “Head Lice Treatment, Education and Prevention Program”.

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

Mr. Ridenour proposed a WIA eligibility policy and a revised PRC Plan to include Summer Youth Work and Training Program.

Jeff McInturf representing the Engineer’s Office was in to make corrections and elaborate on the comments made at the May 24th Commissioners’ Meeting. It was stated that the

Septic Permits were free. In actuality, permits are \$100.00. Mr. McInturf also discussed the building permits and the flood plain issues. He answered questions submitted by the commissioners. The following are the commissioners' questions and his answers:

1. Question: Why does the County Engineer require Development Permits from all residents?

Answer: According to the Flood Damage Prevention Resolution-#90-352- "The County Engineer is hereby appointed to administer and implement this resolution by granting or denying development permit application in accordance with its provisions." The situation we have in Morgan County is that we have a lot of flood plain areas that are along streams, not just the Muskingum River. Plus, a lot of residents along the river still don't believe they are in the flood plain, just because they haven't been flooded yet. The truth is, the 100 year flood plain, which everyone must sooner or later adapt to, was estimated to be four (4) to five (5) feet higher than the flood Morgan County saw in January 2005. The only fair way the County Engineer saw in obtaining permits was to obtain a permit from anyone wanting to construct, and let his office determine if that person is located in a special flood hazard area. There is no charge for permits.

2. Question: Who has the authority to implement the policies?

Answer: Once again, the County Commissioners appointed the County Engineer as the Flood Plain Administrator in Resolution # 90-352. The policies are in direct response to requirements laid out in Resolution # 90-352.

3. Question: What defines the type of construction that needs to be reported?

Answer: Any new construction that changes the shape or "footprint" of the original residence and includes any improvements to such structures needs to have a permit.

4. Question: Does this apply to Commercial, Industrial and Public Building requirements and the costs of those?

Answer: A permit is required for all of these structures simply so that the county engineer can determine if the flood plain resolution is being violated. Otherwise, all the permits associated with commercial construction would fall under the Mideast Ohio Building Department in Zanesville. Permits for Commercial construction are based on a price per square foot amount.

5. Question: Where do Development Permits fit in with my Taxes?

Answer: The Ohio Department of Taxation requires the county engineer to file the permits with the county auditor's office. This may aggravate a lot of people who want to build new homes and not get taxed, but the Ohio Revised Code does require that any new construction or improvements be reported to the county auditor by the property owner. The county engineer feels this is a check and balance system. It helps insure that what the property owners are reporting to the auditor matches our permits.

6. Question: What is the Planning Commissions' role in all of this?

Answer: The Planning Commissions' role is in the intelligent use and subdividing of land. These areas can determine how a community grows and develops.

05-328 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to pass a "Then and Now Resolution" as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer for the amount of \$156.00 to Genesis Healthcare Account # 004-0004-309.02.

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

05-329 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to transfer \$ 824.45 out of Contract Repair Account #004-0004-369.00 (k-22) as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer.

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

Dan Richardson, Recycle and Litter Prevention, turned in his mileage and activity time sheet. The commissioners discussed the possibility of emptying the recycle bin in Reinersville more often . Mr. Richardson stated that he would schedule extra pickup days.

The commissioners are in receipt of the monthly statement of meals served in the keeping and feeding prisoners and other persons the Sheriff is in charge of. There were 52 meals served at a cost of \$51.98.

The commissioners have a request from the Central Ohio Coal Company for bond release permit number D-1034 mining year 4, date issued –September 9,1993. Central Ohio Coal Co. Phase III bond release for 32.2 acres Section No. 13 and 24, Bristol Twp. Morgan Co., Ohio. Successful resoiling and revegetation were completed on April 25, 2000 in accordance with the reclamation plan. Written objections or requests for a conference may be submitted to the Chief of the Division of Mineral Resources Management, 2045 Morse Rd. Building H-3, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693, and Attn: Rose Mitrione. Within thirty days after final publication of this notice.

Jim Greer, Melinda Jeffers and James Smith representing Medical Mutual of Ohio met with the commissioners to summarize the Morgan County Quarterly Report.

Larry Hivnor from the O.V.E.R. Office met with the commissioners to get signatures from Mr. Moore for the WIA program.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, discussed with the commissioners the hiring of Van/Homemaker. Mrs. Sheets reported that there had been 13 applications picked up, 8 turned in and 4 interviewed. The commissioners and Linda agreed to offer Diana Harrison the job.

05-330 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver for Linda Sheets, from the Office on Aging to offer Diana Harrison the job of Van/Homemaker.

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

05-331 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to establish Fund #057, Airport Facilities Maintenance & Repair, and Expense line item 057-0057-5301-00 for the amount of \$167,492.00, and Receipt line item 057-0057-4001. This request was made by Gary Woodward, Morgan County Auditor, to maintain the ODOT Office of Aviation grant for runway overlay at the Morgan County Airport.

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

05-332 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to pass a supplemental appropriation of \$21,924.97 to 056-0056-5306-00 representing the balance remaining in the community college services grant to be disbursed as requested by Gary Woodward, Morgan County Auditor.

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

05-333 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to pass a supplemental appropriation of \$5,834.00 to 112-0112-5301-00 representing March and April Federal Rural Transit payments as requested by Gary Woodward, Morgan County Auditor.

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

05-334 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to place into the deferred compensation fund for Michael Lowe the amount of \$1,763.16 for, reimbursement for insurance premiums that were improperly deducted from Mr. Lowe's health insurance.

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

County Dig Worden, Jeff Driggs, turned in his weekly mileage sheet and activity report. Mr. Driggs traveled 232.9 miles during the week of June 5,2005.

05-335 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to pay the bills.

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

05-336 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to adjourn.

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

Commissioners,

Ron Moore

Rick Shriver

Dean Cain

Clerk