

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday July 25, 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 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The minutes of the July 18th meeting were read and approved.

The Commissioners reported on their activities of the previous week:

On Tuesday, the Commissioners attended the “Habitat for Humanity” kick-off meeting in the Riecker Community Room.

Commissioners Shriver and Moore attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting at the River Queen on Wednesday.

Mr. Chris Penrose of the OSU Extension-Economic Development Office reported on the National Ag Agents meeting that was held in Buffalo, NY last week. He reported that the meeting will be held in Cincinnati in 2006.

4-H Camp begins on Sunday July 31, 2005 with the Clover Bud Camp beginning on Wednesday August 10th. Skill-a-Thon begins August 18 and goes thru August 20th. 4-H'ers will evaluate projects using the skills they have learned. The horse judging will be August 18th with cattle on August 20th.

Livestock Day will be at Dean and Joy Richardson's farm on August 15th.

The Commissioners congratulated Lang Masonry for their award winning work they did on the Caldwell Hall at Muskingum College. It was commented that the presence of the Grout Hog industry is very important to Morgan County.

Commissioner Ron Moore read Resolution 05-417 proclaiming August 7th Purple Heart Day. Those in attendance included Mr. Robert Snodgrass, Mr. John Hill, Mrs. June Hill, President Purple Heart Women's Auxiliary, Mr. Jay Nesselroad representing McConnellsville Village Council, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bebout, Mr. Greg Hill representing Malta Village Council and Mr. Jeff Bragg.

Mr. Greg Hill read the proclamation from the Mayor and council members of Malta while Mr. Nesselroad read the proclamation from the Village of McConnellsville all proclaiming August 7th as Purple Heart Day.

RESOLUTION 05-417

A RESOLUTION FOR AUGUST 7TH PURPLE HEART DAY

WHEREAS, August 7th, 1782 we celebrate the badge of Military Merit Anniversary,

WHEREAS, The Board of Morgan County Commissioners does hereby recognize that sacrifices have been made on behalf of freedom of all citizens, then it is hereby resolved that August 7, 2005 shall be Purple Heart Day; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Morgan County Commissioners also does hereby recognize the need of a monument within Morgan County to honor Purple Heart recipients, then be it further resolved that this Board supports those recognized Morgan County service organizations in their efforts to erect such monument on an accepted location in Morgan County.

This Resolution shall be effective the 25th day of July, 2005.

Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to designate August 7th as Purple Heart Day.

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

The Commissioners are in receipt of an Application to Cross Public Road from Sprint to bore under County Road No.7, located in Marion Township. Said crossing to be for ½” diameter telephone line.

05-418 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to approve application from Sprint to bore under County Road 7.

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

The Commissioners are in receipt of an Application to Cross Public Road from Sprint requesting permission to bore under County Road 79 located in Marion Township. Said crossing to be for ½” diameter cable line and will be protected with a 3” diameter casing. The construction of this project will begin on or about July 13, 2005 and will be completed by September 30, 2005.

05-419 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to approve application from Sprint to bore under County Road 79.

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

Ms. Amy Grove, OSU Extension Department of Tourism reported that Ms. Linda Basye, Executive Director, Ohio’s Appalachian County, toured the county on July 15th.

The 37th Annual Howard Chandler Christy Art Show will be held on July 30th and 31st in The Grove as well as the Stockport Fireman's Festival being held July 29th and 30st in Stockport. On August 5th, 6th and 7th the Port O' Morgan Sternwheeler Cruise-In and Muskie Fest will be held at the Riverfront Park in Malta. Planned activities include a flea market with a boat parade on Saturday.

The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the Carson & Barnes Circus arriving on September 29, 2005.

The Tourism Advisory Committee will be hosting a brunch for area lodging facilities on August 3, 2005 in the Riecker Building, Room 147. The purpose of the brunch is to further familiarize the lodging facilities with the businesses and events going on throughout the area.

Mr. Mike Totman, Court Administrator, reported the indigent defense appropriations have been spent for the year.

05-420 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver for supplemental appropriation for \$3000.00 into Other Expenses line item #009-0009-5309.00 by Mr. Terry Robinson, Director, Morgan County EMA & OHS.

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

05-421 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to supplementally appropriate \$2917.00 to 112-0112-5301-00 representing July Federal Rural Transit payment by Mr. Gary Woodward, Auditor.

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

05-422 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to supplementally appropriate \$12,555.00 to 107-2001-5301-00 representing FY06 Help Me Grow funds from the auditor of state by Mr. Gary Woodward, Auditor.

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

05-423 Motion by Rick Shriver and seconded by Dean Cain to pass a Then and Now Resolution as requested by Mr. Stevan Hook, County Engineer, to cover the following invoice:

004-0004-330.02 Lucas Truck \$1879.39

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

Mr. Jim Ridenour, Director of the Morgan County Department of Job and Family Services, turned in vacation requests for approval and meeting requests for Mr. Ridenour to attend the County DJFS Directors Conference August 15th thru 17th at Canton.

05-424 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to approve the leave and meeting requests submitted by Mr. Ridenour.

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

Mr. Ridenour also submitted a resolution designating August Child Support Awareness Month.

RESOLUTION #05-425

WHEREAS, an essential element in providing a brighter outlook for families, ensuring children grow up safe and healthy, and keeping children and families out of poverty is responsible financial support; and

WHEREAS, an effective child support program involves a working partnership between county, state and federal agencies, parents, legislators, judges, healthcare professionals, advocacy groups, employers and many others;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Morgan County Commissioners, do hereby designate, in conjunction with the State of Ohio, August 2005 as Child Support Awareness Month.

Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to designate August 2005 as Child Support Awareness Month.

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

Mr. Ridenour also presented a contract for signing between Morgan County DJFS and MAXIMUS, Inc. for software maintenance of Project Accounting for Contracts (PAC) system.

Mr. Ridenour reported the vacant position Elig/Ref Spec 2 position at Workforce Development Agency will be filled by Tina Work, and he will post a vacant Social Worker 2 position.

05-426 Motion by Dean Cain and seconded by Rick Shriver to appoint Tina Work to the position of Elig/Ref Spec 2.

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

Ms. Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, reported on Thursday July 28 a cook-out for the Seniors will be held at the Genesis Health and Rehab Center.

Also, Wednesday August 10th, the Step into School project will be held at Malta United Methodist Church.

Ms. Sheets submitted various invoices from her department for payment.

The Commissioners also signed an agreement with the American Cancer Society to provide space at no charge for a Cancer Resource Center. The resource center will be staffed by volunteers.

Mr. Jim Baker chaired the CHIS Public Hearing. Mr. Baker gave a brief outline on the 5 year housing plan. The purpose of this project is to provide one affordable house for home ownership through Habitat for Humanity. A final hearing will be held on Monday August 15, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. The Commissioners fully support this program.

Ms. Connie Shriver attended the meeting for Ms. Corinne White. She stated 10 families are interested in buying a home through the Habitat for Humanity program.

Mr. Baker also reported his department had hired a new assistant.

Mr. Jeff Driggs turned in a weekly mileage sheet for the week of July 17th. He drove 214 miles responding to calls.

05-427 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2005 meeting and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver.

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

05-428 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver to pay invoices and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain.

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

05-429 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to adjourn.

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

Commissioners,

Ron Moore

Rick Shriver

Dean Cain

Clerk