

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Tuesday December 27, 2005 with the following members present:

Ron Moore, President
Rick Shriver, Vice-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 December 19, 2005 meeting were read and approved.

05-726 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from the December 19th meeting.

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

The Commissioners reported on their activities from the previous week. On Wednesday, Commissioner Cain attended the S.E. Ohio Regional Jail Board meeting in Nelsonville and participated in the Drug Free Workplace training on Thursday.

Commissioner Moore participated in the Drug Free Workplace training on Wednesday.

Ms. Shannon Wells, Grant Administrator, reported on the budget for 2006. Ms. Wells submitted the grant application to Marietta Memorial Hospital on Friday. This grant is to install a handicap accessible door opening in the Riecker Building. Ms. Wells also reported that she will be meeting with members from the grant office in Vinton County this week regarding the New Horizons Grant. Ms. Wells also reported on the Community Distress Grant.

Mr. Jody Murray, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Ms. Kari Krause to attend CORE 101 on February 13th, 14th and 15th in Athens, the Adoption Assessor Tier I training on February 16th in Athens, CORE 104 on January 18, 19 and 20th in Athens and the Adoption Assistance & Placement Strategies on January 4th in Athens.

Mr. Murray also submitted meeting requests for Ms. Katie Mansperger to attend the CRISE meeting in Columbus from January 9th thru January 13th and OWF Basic Policy Training on January 24th thru 27th in Columbus.

The commissioners discussed the appointment to the Kate Love Simpson Library Board. Mrs. Margaret McCormick has served on the board for several years and is not seeking reappointment. Mrs. Lynn Mercer expressed interest in serving on the board.

05-727 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to appoint Mrs. Lynn Mercer to serve on the Kate Love Simpson Library Board.

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

The commissioners are in receipt of a letter from the Ohio Department of Resources stating that the Grant Revision for the 2005 Community Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant that was submitted December 20, 2005 has not been approved.

Mr. Bill Hart stopped in a requested a copy of the meeting minutes from December 19th.

The commissioners are in receipt of a letter from the Morgan County Sheriff regarding the budget for 2006. Sheriff Jenkins also sent a letter regarding the need to relocate the Morgan County Fair Board from the Sheriff's office building. Sheriff Jenkins cited increased security issues and changes in regulations as the reason for the move.

Commissioner Moore was excused for personal reasons at 10:45 AM.

The commissioners are in receipt of a signed copy of the Memorandum of Understanding with The Morgan County Board of Commissioners and The Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties regarding the public transit service for the months of January, February, and March 2006.

Mr. Stevan Hook, Engineer, submitted a letter to the commissioners regarding the aggregate, fuel, asphalt concrete bid results.

Mr. Hook recommended the following: The aggregate bid had a total of five companies submitting bids on fourteen different aggregate materials. Since job location and requirements will vary, Mr. Hook made the recommendation that all of the bids be accepted and usage will be based upon location to obtain the most cost effective result.

05-728 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the aggregate bids as recommended by Mr. Stevan Hook, Engineer.

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

Mr. Hook recommends that due to the complexity of the fuel usage these bids be held until next week.

On the asphalt bids, Mr. Hook reported that two companies submitted bids for a 404 product and two companies submitted bids for a 405 product. The projected costs at the present time are at an all time high and it is being recommended the bids be rejected and re-bid again in late March or early April when the county is closer to the actual construction season.

Mr. Bill Hart returned to the commissioners' office to pick up and requested copies of meeting minutes. Commissioner Cain spoke to Mr. Hart concerning the transit proposal and the lack of interest shown by prospective bidders.

Mr. Jeff Driggs, Dog Warden, reported he drove 118 miles responding to dog calls during the week of December 24th.

05-729 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to adjourn.

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

Commissioners,

Ron Moore

Rick Shriver

Dean Cain

Clerk