

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 with the following members present:

Rick Shriver, President  
Dean Cain, Vice-President  
Don Reynolds, Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the December 26, 2006 meeting were read and approved.

**06-564** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from December 26, 2006.

**Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Rick Shriver- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried**

Mr. Chris Penrose, OSU Extension Office, stated if anyone was still interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer to call their office by late January to end of February. He also stated that Morgan County Cattleman's Lady's Night Out was going to be held at the American Legion, Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm. Chris mentioned there would be 34 new Junior Fair Board Members and their first meeting is Tuesday, January 16. The Master Gardeners training starts Thursday, February 15, 2007. More information on any of these activities can be obtained by calling the OSU Extension.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter in response to the December 18, 2006 memorandum sent to Mr. Richard Welch, Prosecutor, revising his office budget for the year 2007.

Mr. Jim Ridenour, Department of Job and Family Services, submitted a request for himself and Kim Reed, to attend Ohio Valley Employment Resources/ Workforce Investment Act meeting January 9, in Caldwell. He also submitted a request for Kim Reed to attend a WIA "Youth Summer Employment from A to Z" meeting January 31, in Columbus. A request for Kim Reed, Julie Porter, and Freda Van Horn was submitted to attend a County Child Care Networking meeting January 25, in Columbus.

Mr. Jim Ridenour, Department of Job and Family Services, discussed with commissioners the issue of meal reimbursements being taxable. Mr. Ridenour received a letter from legal council Downes, Hurst, and Fishel stating that according to a recent I.R.S. Ruling 2005-56, meal disbursements are taxable if professional travel is not overnight.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Michael T. Vynalek, President, Citizens National Bank, concerning the hours that the Clerk of Courts will operate. Mr. Vynalek notes the Clerk of Courts is an integral part of his business operation, and that he had heard the office's hours may be limited.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by John O. Keirns, President and CEO, First National Bank, concerning the hours the Clerk of Courts will operate. Mr. Keirns states his office uses the Clerk of Courts to process all of their titles for Athens, Morgan, and Perry counties.

Commissioner Shriver telephoned both Mr. Vynalek and Mr. Keirns to explain that the General Fund Revenues were nearly \$400,000 less than projected in 2006. All County offices had their budget cut by

approximately 15%. Mr. Shriver explained that it was up to the individual office holders how they operate within their budgets.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, inquired commissioners if they've heard anything about vending machines for the Learning Center and Riecker buildings. She reported she would follow up with Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired to check status on them. Shannon discussed payment of 2006 invoices and the status of the T-1 line.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, noted Morgan County Transit received 2 new Dodge Caravans for their fleet. She reported for the month of January her office will be working on completing all CDBG Environmental review reports.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Thomas C. Jenkins, Sr., Morgan County Sheriff, stating the jail was inspected on November 21, 2006 and the only deficiencies are structural issues. Those issues are: The removal of bunks to coincide with the recommended population, and also correcting and upgrading the lighting in the sleeping areas. Sheriff Jenkins Sr. notes this is a twelve day jail and these deficiencies do not pose any risk to the inmates.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, discussed how the increase in minimum wage will affect their office, even though, her office is not funded through the General Fund.

Becky Cooley, Recorder's Office, discussed how budget cuts would affect her office for the year 2007.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter from Terry Robison, Director Morgan County EMA/OHS, requesting a blanket "Travel Request" for the year 2007 for Miranda Mullen, Jennifer Fox, and himself.

**06-565 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the EMA Fund #009 for the 2007 appropriations, as submitted by Terry Robison, Director Morgan County EMA/OHS.

**Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Rick Shriver- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried**

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter requesting permission to attend the 2007 summer and winter conferences, the monthly legislative and executive meetings, all seminars pertaining to the Clerk's office, district meetings, continuing education classes and meetings dealing with any matter of the Clerk's office sponsored by the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association for herself and all of her deputies, as submitted by Mary E. Gessel, Clerk of Common Pleas Court.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter requesting permission to attend the Spring and Fall Conferences for the County Treasures and all seminars pertaining to the Treasurers Office for the 2007 calendar year, as submitted by Kaye Tatman, Morgan County Treasurer.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Leslie J. Warner, Office Chief, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, reducing Grant Number B-C-04-053-1 and B-C-04-053-2 by \$2,767.00.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Mary Gessel, Clerk of Courts, regarding information requested for the appropriation of the legal department of the Clerk of Courts for the year 2007.

**06-566** Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$60,000.00 to 002-0002-5301-00, as submitted by Gary D. Woodward, Morgan County Auditor.

**Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Rick Shriver- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried**

**06-567** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve budgets that were inadvertently omitted from the 2007 appropriations resolution as supplemental appropriations and approving a de-appropriation of \$2,542.00 from Fund 108.

**Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Rick Shriver- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried**

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by David E. Brightbill, Executive Director, Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, providing written notification that:

1. An audit of their Corporation for the fiscal year April 1, 2005, through March 31, 2006, was conducted in accordance with OMB-A133.
2. There were no findings or questioned costs related to funds provided by you.
3. There were no prior audit findings or questioned costs related to funds provided by you.
4. No management letter was issued.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Joseph J. Pilat, Deputy Director, Office of Child Support, providing an update on the estimated incentive earnings for the calendar year 2007.

Jeff Driggs, Dog Warden, submitted mileage sheets for the week, showing a total of 165.6 miles driven responding to dog calls and six dogs impounded

**06-568** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM

**Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Rick Shriver- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried**

**Commissioners,**

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**Rick Shriver, President**

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**Dean Cain, Vice-President**

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**Don Reynolds, Member**

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**Andrea Plummer, Clerk**