

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, October 22, 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 October 15, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

07-1023 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from October 15, 2007.

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

Commissioners reported on their activities for the week October 15, 2007.

On Wednesday, Commissioner Cain met with Judge Favreau, to discuss the county's health insurance.

On Thursday, October 18, Commissioner Shriver traveled to Athens to participate in a meeting of the Regional Coordinating Committee for the "WIRED" grant. Shriver was recently named to this committee which will help oversee the five million grant aimed at converting the economy of Ohio's Appalachian counties by emphasizing "high tech" industries.

Miranda Mullen, Director, EMA, discussed the EMA budget for 2008.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, discussed the rising health insurance premiums for 2008.

Jeff Shaner, OSU Extension, noted the Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation will meet on October 25th, at 9am, at the Learning Center. Mr. Shaner noted Morgan County should be approved today for the Community Development Block Grant establishing a \$500,000 revolving loan fund for business start-ups the county. Shaner also submitted the final report for the River Crossing Study. A meeting is set for November 7th, 9am, at MIBA Bearings, to discuss establishing a Morgan County Manufacturing Council. This organization will allow manufacturers to share resources and ideas to enhance their operations. Chris Penrose is exploring the process to declare Morgan County a disaster area because of the drought conditions. Commissioner Shriver indicated that he would contact the Governor's office to find out the procedures. A meeting to discuss "Managing Drought Impacts: What are our best options", will be held November 5th, 7-9pm, at Morgan County High School, Vo-Ag room. Morgan County Cattleman's meeting is set for December 3rd, 7pm, Morgan High School, Vo-Ag room. A discussion was held concerning the establishment of MAGNAM Council of Governments. Morgan County will become a member of the MAGNAM COG, along with Muskingum, Guernsey, and Noble counties, to participate in a regional development project that will be located on AEP property. The MAGNAM COG will engage an engineering consulting firm to generate plans for a project that may involve 9000 acres of reclaimed mine lands.

07-1024 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 167.01 TO 167.08, INCLUSIVE, OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, Sections 167.01 to 167.08, inclusive, of the Ohio Revised Code authorize the governing bodies of two or more counties, municipal corporations, townships, special districts, school districts, or other political subdivisions to enter into an agreement with each other for the establishment of a regional council consisting of such political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, this Board has determined it to be in the best interests of the County of Morgan (the "County") to enter into an agreement to establish a regional council of governments as further described herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Morgan, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby approves the Agreement Establishing the MAGNAM Regional Council of Governments (the "Agreement") among the County, the Guernsey County Port Authority, the County of Muskingum, Ohio, the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority, the County of Noble, Ohio and the County of Guernsey, Ohio and not less than two members of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County. The Agreement shall be in substantially the form on file with the Clerk of this Board, together with such revisions as are approved by this Board and consistent with the objectives and requirements of this resolution, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of the Agreement.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Board.

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

Jody Murray, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Jan Snouffer to "Culture of Poverty", in Athens, on November 20th, "Interviewing Safety", in Athens, on November 14th, and to "Making Sense of Medical Mumbo Jumbo", in Athens, on December 4th and 5th.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, said that her office will be having their annual Health Fairs: Oct. 30th at the Senior Center, 8am-11am; Nov. 8th at the Chesterhill Lions Club, 9am-11am; and Nov. 9th at the Deavertown Community Building, 9am-11am. The Area on Aging Council meeting will be on Oct. 24th at 9:30am and Riverside Country Care will be at the Senior Center on Oct. 31st for Bingo and a luncheon, at 11am.

Commissioners granted permission for American Electric Power to span over County Road 36, located in Windsor Township, Lot 7, Morgan County, Ohio for an electric line. Construction of this project will begin on or about November/December 2007.

Commissioners granted permission for Swingle Drilling, Inc. to bore under County Road 75, located in York Township, Section 27, Morgan County, Ohio for a 2 inch diameter gas line. Construction of this project will begin on or about October 10th, 2007. Commissioner Shriver commented that a taxpayer had raised concerns about some oil and gas operators requesting road crossings to sell or distribute natural gas, even though they are not registered public utilities. The commissioners conferred with the Engineer, and concluded that their jurisdiction did not extend to ascertaining the legality of the operator's business. So long as the physical requirements of the road crossings are met, the Engineer must recommend approval of the request. The commissioners remain concerned over the non-payment of real estate, sales, excise and other taxes by some oil and gas operators doing business in Morgan County.

07-1025 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to adopt the following:

Whereas the cost of providing health insurance benefits to the employees of Morgan County has steadily increased over the past decade, and

Whereas the cost of providing health insurance benefits is likely to continue to increase unless changes are made in the levels of benefits that are provided, and

Whereas the cost of health insurance benefits for employees is increasing again in 2008 to nearly \$2,000,000, and

Whereas the proportion of the Morgan County Budget that is required to pay for the employer's share of the benefits places an extreme burden on the General Fund,

Therefore, be it resolved, that all non-bargaining unit (non-union) employees will contribute to the cost of their health insurance coverage.

Effective January 1, 2008, all non-bargaining unit employees, including elected officials, will contribute to their insurance according to the following schedule:

Employees earning \$11.00 per hour or less shall contribute 5% of their premium cost.

Employees earning \$11.01 per hour or more shall contribute 10% of their premium cost.

This schedule will be reviewed annually, and adjusted if necessary, prior to policy renewal.

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

07-1026 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from 017-0017-5304.00 MRDD Equipment into 017-0017-5303.00 Supplies, as requested by Tim Bish, Superintendent, MRDD.

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

Jeff Driggs, Dog Warden, submitted mileage sheets for the previous week, which showed him traveling 226.0 miles responding to dog calls.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed the parking lot at the Morgan County Health Center. The Development Office is soliciting estimates for patching parking lots and improving handicapped accessibility.

07-1027 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to authorize Shelly & Sands to perform concrete work and pavement repair in the amount of \$7750.00 at the Morgan County Health Center.

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

07-1028 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following invoices:

VENDOR NAME	DEPARTMENT	CODE	FUND	AMOUNT
Morgan Tire	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$244.00
Wisecarver Environmental	MRDD	017	Building/Repair	\$135.00
Muskingum Co. Juvenile Detention	Felony Care and Custody	023	Felony Care/Custody	\$1,390.00
Greuey's Fuel and Farm Supply	Job and Family Services	006	850-53	\$20.00
Quick 60	Transit	113	113	\$59.48
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Sheriff's Office	031	Sheriff's Non Concealed Carry	\$192.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Sheriff's Office	031	Sheriff's Concealed Handgun Fund	\$140.00
Embarq	911	010	911	\$250.00
AEP	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$232.64
AEP	Job and Family Services	006	254-53, 899-30	\$1,788.72
AEP	Job and Family Services	006	899-30, 254-53	\$1,701.08
Blue Skies of Ohio, Inc.	MRDD	017	Contract Services	\$1,069.25
Windsor Village Apartments	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$240.00
Genesis Occupational Health Services	Transit	113	113	\$113.00
Marietta College	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$3,071.35
Kimberley Reed	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$123.32
VISA	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$108.52
Poncet C. Bills D.O.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$128.00
Mid East Adult Education	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$442.50
Mid East Adult Education	Job and Family Services	006	249-53	\$3,030.00
Kimball Midwest	Engineer	004	G & M	\$368.63
Ohio University Cashier Office	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$4,419.00
Ohio University Cashier Office	Job and Family Services	349	474-90	\$1,585.50
Mark Howdyshell	Job and Family Services	090	899-30	\$173.25
Mark Howdyshell	Job and Family Services	090	899-30	\$89.25
Miranda Mullen	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$634.74
Modern Leasing	Board of Elections	001	Contract Services	\$30.05
Susan Moody	Job and Family Services	050	790-53	\$30.00
Timmy V's	Job and Family Services	006	850-53, 242-53, 531-30	\$318.37

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North Valley Bank	Transit	113	113	\$61.28
Jackie Cunningham	Job and Family Services	050	790-53	\$120.00
Jerry Lemon Sr.	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$350.00
Eppley Electric	Auditor	110	CDBG	\$240.00
Cantwell Machinery	Engineer	004	G & M	\$96.11
Jody Murray	Job and Family Services	006	030-20	\$155.05
Ohio Physical Med. & Rehab. Inc.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$75.00
AT&T	Courthouse Maintenance & Operations	001	General	\$1,191.65
Clifford Sickler	County Court	001	General	\$112.00
April Welch	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$40.00
Kyra McMillen	Job and Family Services	349	472-90	\$275.00
WMD Motor	Engineer	004	G & M	\$24,950.00
Tina McMillin	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$354.00
Maddi Drake	Job and Family Services	349	474-90	\$40.00
Pitney Bowes	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$690.00
Morgan County Transit System	Job and Family Services	006	850-53, 214-53	\$2,928.78
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Apple Time, Inc.	Sheriff's Office	095	Dare-Supplies	\$682.11
Derrick Moorehead	County Court	001	General	\$245.00
Brandy Allman Miller	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$84.00
Paula Finley	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$48.00
Lauren Ponchak	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$327.00
Marvin Weaver	Transit	113	113	\$2.00
Charista Long	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$40.00
Staples	Auditor	049	TANF	\$53.27
Staples	Transit	113	113	\$66.49
Annette Kittle	Job and Family Services	349	485-90	\$326.00
Joseph Williams	Job and Family Services	349	485-90	\$56.00
Lee Gessel	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$40.00
Deborah Lamneck	County Court	001	General	\$398.00
Donita Lemaster	Job and Family Services	050	790-53	\$60.00
Amy's Custom T's	Job and Family Services	349	474-90	\$158.00
CMH Morgan Properties, LTD	Transit	113	113	\$160.00
Amy Clouse	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$64.00
Ben Whitacre	Indigent Defense	001	Indigent Defense	\$315.00
Amanda Massie	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$50.00
Marietta Office Supply	Auditor	001	General	\$6.79
Morgan Co. United Ministries	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$2,157.75
Dollar General	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$1,147.75
David Winkelmann	Indigent Defense	001	Indigent Defense	\$1,499.00
Megan Carper	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$80.00
Carfax, Inc.	Job and Family Services	006	242-53	\$6.00
Devola Orthopedic Ctr. Of Sport.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$27.00
Southeastern Natural Gas	Job and Family Services	006	899-30	\$951.27
Warren's IGA Express	Job and Family Services	006	850-53, 242-53, 531-30, 500-53	\$157.00
National Background Check, Inc.	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$207.00

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Ohio State Trans. Parking Serv.	Engineer	004	G & M	\$50.00
Caldwell Tanks, Inc.	Auditor	110	West Malta	\$3,677.00
United Sealing, Inc.	Auditor	110	CDBG	\$5,000.00
Digi-Key	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$50.43
Alma Tennent	County Court	001	General	\$156.75
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Career Development Center	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$280.00
Riverside Marathon	Job and Family Services	006	242-53	\$140.00
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Wash. Morgan Community Action	Job and Family Services	349	472-90, 474-90	\$8,855.09
Family Dollar Store	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$2,939.13
Ohio Clerk of Courts Assoc.	Clerk of Courts	037	Certificate of Title	\$150.00
AT&T Mobility	Transit	113	113	\$98.35
Morgan County Sheriff's Office	Transit	113	113	\$15.00
BI Monitoring	County Court	039	General	\$607.50
Peggy Reynolds	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$315.00
GBS	Clerk of Courts	336	Computerization	\$310.00
Matheney Service	Job and Family Services	006	850-53	\$10.00
Geoffrey Hammond	Job and Family Services	050	790-53	\$60.00
Debbie Valentine	Senior Citizen's	028	Senior Citizen's	\$58.80
Wash. State Community College	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$699.50
Wash. State Community College	Job and Family Services	349	485-90	\$1,349.25
Thomson-West	County General Misc.	001	General	\$1,457.36
Morris Hardware	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$3.95
Morris Hardware	Job and Family Services	349	474-90	\$84.47
Tyler-CLT	Real Estate Assessment	014	REA	\$3,000.00
Tyler-CLT	Real Estate Assessment	014	REA	\$34,700.00
Morgan County Herald	Auditor	049	TANF	\$47.90
Shriver's Pharmacy	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$25.00
T&K Auto Parts & Service	Transit	113	113	\$11.55
Napa	Senior Citizen's	028	Senior Citizen's	\$15.38
Lilienthal Southeastern, Inc.	Clerk of Courts	336	Computerization	\$212.20
Dayton Legal Blank	Board of Elections	001	Contract Services	\$823.20
Business Equipment	Juvenile	001	Juvenile	\$12.57
Business Equipment	Engineer	004	G & M	\$16.00
AEP	Engineer	004	G & M	\$234.93
AEP	EMA & OHS	009	Contracts	\$120.64
Embarq	Transit	113	113	\$68.75
Columbia Gas of Ohio	MRDD	018	Family Resource Assist. Program	\$194.00
Guernsey-Muskingum Electric	Veteran's Service Office	001	General	\$332.10
FNB	County Court	001	General	\$11.16
Rutland Bottle Gas	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$917.62
Mary Tom	Prosecutor's Office	345	Ohio Crime Victims	\$36.00
Wash. Morgan Community Action	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$4,639.33
Wash. Morgan Community Action	Job and Family Services	006	119-53	\$172.70

Morgan Co. Health Dept.	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$1,930.84
P.E.R.S.	Auditor	Payroll	Retirement	\$89,579.95
Jeff Driggs	Dog and Kennel	005	D & K	\$43.93
Asphalt Material	Engineer	004	G & M	\$16,041.02
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Morgan Co. Health Dept.	Job and Family Services	006	254-53	\$2,204.72
Morgan Co. Commissioners	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$48.10
Kroger	Sheriff's Office	001	Supplies	\$140.85
Barrett Brothers	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$544.90
Wal-Mart	MRDD	018	Family Resource Assist. Program	\$74.83
Alltel	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$80.02
John Wells	County Court	001	General	\$694.46
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			TOTAL	\$268,471.75

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

07-1029 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,

Rick Shriver, President

Dean Cain, Vice-President

Don Reynolds, Member

Andrea Plummer, Clerk