

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, February 25, 2008 with the following members present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the February 19, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

**08-116** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from February 19, 2008.

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

Commissioners reported on their activities for the week February 19, 2008.

On Wednesday, Commissioner Shriver presided at the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

On Thursday, Commissioner Cain met with John Lanning, RHS Solutions, concerning worker's compensation.

On Saturday, Commissioner Cain attended the Pennsville Fire Department Banquet.

Jeff Shaner, OSU Extension, reported the final meeting concerning the 78/37 Corridor improvements will be February 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. A discussion was held concerning the establishment of a Tax Incentive Committee to negotiate Enterprise Zone Agreements.

Becky Foster, Treasurer, discussed a bill for an audit performed for the Treasurer's Office. Ms. Foster noted she didn't order the audit and felt her office shouldn't pay for it. Commissioner Cain informed the Treasurer, the Commissioners didn't order the audit but it was performed for her office and should be paid out of that office's budget. Commissioner Shriver stated that he had agreed with former Treasurer Tatman that an "exit audit" upon her retirement was an appropriate measure. The Commissioners all agreed that the budget for Commissioners office has too limited to incur the additional expense.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Kim Reed and Freda Vanhorn to "WIA Summer Employment Opportunities", on March 14<sup>th</sup>, in Columbus; Freda Vanhorn, Debby Griesmyer, and Kim Reed to "Child Care & Development Winter Networking" meeting, on March 4<sup>th</sup>, in Columbus. A supply request was submitted and Ms. Quesinberry stated that contract negotiations start February 26<sup>th</sup> with local 3560 American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families contracts between DJFS and other departments and agencies were also discussed.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, discussed a letter from Judge Lowe, County Court, concerning increasing the amount paid for health insurance by elected officials during their current term. The Attorney General's

opinion #2004-004, states elected officials are not subject to the increase in-term, as it effectively reduces their compensation. Commissioner Shriver reiterated that the Commissioners had originally made the change in employees' contributions to their health insurance to save the county much needed money. Commissioner Cain recalled that they had been informed that insurance was considered a "perk," rather compensation, and as such was not protected by the Attorney General's opinion. The Commissioners briefly discussed the fact that elected officials received a state-mandated increase in compensation, which could be argued to offset the contribution to insurance, but that the expense of pursuing the argument would be to great.

**08-117 Motion** by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to rescind resolution 07-1025.

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

**08-118 Motion** by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to approve 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, excluding 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.

Pursuant to Attorney General's opinion No. 2004-004, elected officials are not subject to the increase in-term, and will begin contributing to their premiums only at the beginning of their terms, whether newly elected or re-elected, according to the same schedule above.

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**

John Sampson, Morgan County Rural Transit, provided an update on the accident in Muskingum County involving a Transit vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle was at fault and cited for the accident. The Transit vehicle will be replaced with a locally purchased vehicle.

The first Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing was held in the Commissioner's Office, at 11am. Commissioners' Dean Cain, Don Reynolds, and Rick Shriver, Andrea Plummer, Commissioner's Clerk, Shannon Wells and Traci Kidd, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, Gary Woodward, M&M Fire Department, Dan Pennock, Center Township Fire Department, and Tim Smedley, Chesterhill Fire Department, were present.

Mrs. Wells provided an overview of CDBG programs, the CDBG National Objectives, who is eligible to apply for formula funding, what activities are eligible, and how to submit an application. Mrs. Wells also discussed the Community Distress Program. Applications are due May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Tim Smedley, Chesterhill Fire Department, repeated his frustration that last year no one contacted the fire departments to let them know the amount they would be receiving from CDBG would be \$3500.00 less than previous years. Mr. Smedley explained the fire departments work hard for that money and it helps them service the whole county. Mrs. Wells replied there are other sources of funding that fire departments could benefit from. Mr. Smedley explained that 2 years ago he contacted Joy Padgett's Office to discuss the availability of other funding and he was informed there was no money available. Commissioner Shriver reported that he had recently attended a legislative briefing in Columbus at which Wilkesville Fire Department had received two grants, one of \$50,000 and one of \$30,000 for fire fighting equipment, and so he believed that funding was still available from State and Federal sources. Gary Woodward, M&M Fire Department, questioned if the Community Park Project received more money than requested last year. Mrs. Wells informed Mr. Woodward they did. Mr. Pennock asked what amount of funding would be available in the next grant cycle. Mrs. Well replied that there would be about \$60,000 available to fund 6 projects, if the funding remained the same as the last year. The Commissioners can legally only fund 6 projects, and confirmed that they intended to continue to fund two fire department requests per year, and that they should expect about \$10,000 each, and that this seemed an equitable distribution of the diminishing funds. Mrs. Wells noted the second public hearing for the CDBG would be in May or June.

Shannon Wells and Traci Kidd, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed projector screens needed hung at the Morgan County Learning Center and renovations for the Muskingum Valley Health Center. An update was provided concerning the Village of Malta sewer pump project. The Appalachian Regional Commission grant for the Muskingum Valley Health Center was sent to the Governor's Office for preliminary review.

Commissioners entered into an agreement with Pickering Associates for engineering services for the Village of McConnelsville for minor electrical improvements to the Opera House Theater. This was a project under 2007 Community Development Block Grants.

Rick Hindman and Mindy Cayton, Buckeye-Hills Hocking Valley Regional Development District, discussed data entry for the Farmers' Market senior coupons. Jeff Shaner, OSU Extension, was also in attendance. The Commissioners emphasized that they appreciate the benefit to the Senior Community in receiving the coupons, which entitle the citizens over the age of 65 to fresh produce at no cost to them. These coupons need to be tracked and entered into an online database, as required by the State of Ohio Department of Aging. Mr. Hindman stated that his agency had spoken with the Morgan County Senior Citizen's Center and Washington-Morgan Community Action and neither are willing to perform the data entry. Commissioner Shriver asked for clarification about the SAMS program. Ms. Cayton replied that it is the Senior Assisted Management System that the Ohio Department of Aging uses statewide. It allows the State of Ohio to track the services that are being delivered to Ohio's older

population. Mr. Shaner noted the senior coupons are a tremendous boost to the Farmer's Market. The Senior Citizen's Center does all the applications and Mr. Shaner trains vendors for the senior coupons, works with the Market Manager to collect the coupons after they've been spent, and does the billing for the vendors to be paid. After the coupons have been redeemed they are sent back to the Senior Citizen's Center, where they should be entered into the database. Commissioners again declared the importance of the program not only for the seniors but also the farmers. Mr. Hindman stated he would contact the Senior Citizen's Center again to discuss data entry.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, discussed the resignation of an employee and advertising for a Part-time Homemaker Driver. Commissioner Cain discussed data entry for the Farmer's Market senior coupons. Mrs. Sheets explained it's time consuming and her office is now short staffed.

**08-119 Motion** by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$620.00 out of Family and Children First Salary 080-0080-5102-00 into Family and Children First Contracts 080-0080-5306-01, as requested by Traci Kidd, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

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

**08-120 Motion** by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve a transfer of funds from 017-0017-5372-00 TCM Match into:

017-0017-5303-00	Supplies	\$1850.00
017-0017-5304-00	Equipment	\$1000.00
017-0017-5305-00	Building	\$4200.00
017-0017-5306-00	Contracts	\$10,000.00
017-0017-5307-00	Travel	\$3000.00
017-0017-5309-00	Other Expense	\$9950.00

And transfer funds in the amount of \$8500.00 from 017-0017-5371-00 Insurance into 017-0017-5370-00 Unemployment, as requested by Tim Bish, Superintendent, MRDD.

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

**08-121 Motion** by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a request for an amended certificate in fund #048 in the amount of \$15,000.00, as requested by Miranda Mullen, Director, Board of Elections.

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

**08-122 Motion** by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to approve a supplemental appropriations for the 112 Rural Transit Capital Replacement, as requested by Traci Kidd, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

Federal Asst.	112-0112-5301-00	\$4971.60
Misc. Asst.	112-0112-5303-00	\$3826.20

**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 162.8 miles responding to dog calls. The Commissioners reported that they had received two calls about the Dog Warden. One citizen complained that she felt the Dog Warden was rude to her. The other citizen had complimented the Dog Warden on his timely response.

**08-123** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following invoices:

<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>CODE</b>	<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Corrections Commission	Auditor	001	General	\$39,163.00
Muskingum Valley Grocery	MRDD	017	Building/Repair	\$146.03
Muskingum Valley Grocery	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$91.37
E-Z Stop	Job and Family Services	006	850-53	\$300.00
E-Z Stop	Job and Family Services	050	421-53	\$45.00
Morgan County Herald	Health Department	063	E-9	\$42.10
Morgan County Herald	Auditor	099	099	\$52.25
Shriver's Pharmacy	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$11.52
Morton Salt	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$2,412.55
AEP	MRDD	017	Utilities	\$613.07
BA Disposal	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$130.00
Anthem Blue Cross	Health Department	063	Insurance	\$4,212.25
Anthem Blue Cross	Health Department	073	Help Me Grow- Ins.	\$1,501.98
Anthem Blue Cross	Health Department	077	Homemaker- Ins.	\$636.05
Anthem Blue Cross	Health Department	075	Lice- Ins.	\$636.05
Morgan County Engineer	Health Department	063	Health- Travel	\$72.60
McConnelsville Postmaster	MRDD	017	Supplies	\$36.80
Richard Welch	Job and Family Services	090	202-85	\$3,711.18
Jeff Driggs	Dog and Kennel	005	D & K	\$57.30
Six County Inc.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$861.20
Auditor of State	Treasurer	001	General	\$248.53
Morgan County Commissioners	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$17,697.44
Morgan County Commissioners	Job and Family Services	006	100-30	\$25,000.00
Morgan County Commissioners	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$224.38
Kroger	Veteran's Service Office	001	General	\$250.00
Tahyi Video & Court Reporting	Board of Elections	001	Contracts	\$146.00
Modern Office Methods	Board of Elections	001	Contracts	\$21.53
Alltel	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$52.39
Black Springs	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$707.82
Career Development Center	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$140.00
Candi Drake	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$10.15
Mason Truck Sales	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$364.04
Morgan County MRDD	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$162.00
Staples	Board of Elections	001	Supplies	\$115.96
AT&T	Health Department	073	Help Me Grow- Other	\$69.40
AT&T	Transit	113	113	\$93.70
Morgan County Sheriff	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$99.00
Gordon Flesch Company Inc.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$65.52
Matheny Service	Job and Family Services	006	850-53	\$20.00

Hashim Yusufzai M.E.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$160.00
Debbie Valentine	Senior Citizens	028	Senior Citizens	\$63.60
Reliable Office	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$45.45
United Rotary Brush	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$596.61
CWS	Health Department	063	E-3	\$479.16
First Communications	Senior Citizens	028	Senior Citizens	\$5.58
Susan Alderman	Senior Citizens	028	Senior Citizens	\$20.00
Garry Mayle	Veteran's Service Office	001	General	\$300.00
Jan Snouffer	Job and Family Services	006	030-20	\$190.40
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Safety Kleen	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$357.11
Poncet Bills D.O.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$151.00
Midwest Marketing	Health Department	063	E-9	\$135.00
Shelly Material	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$5,558.72
Kimball Midwest	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$128.24
OJFSDA	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$3,008.75
Modern Leasing	Board of Elections	001	Contracts	\$60.10
Timmy V's	Job and Family Services	006	850-53, 531-30, 530-30	\$90.00
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Glouster E-Z Mart	Job and Family Services	006	850-53	\$130.00
Terminix	Auditor	274	Riecker	\$48.00
Terminix	Auditor	001	Courthouse	\$30.00
Terminix	MRDD	017	Building/Repair	\$72.00
North Valley Bank	Transit	113	113	\$115.51
Bonda Ewart	Health Department	063	E12	\$70.00
Katie's Duds & Suds	Health Department	075	Lice- Other	\$25.00
Top of the Hill	Auditor	001	General	\$50.00
Tamarac	Health Department	063	E12	\$10.00
April Welch	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$40.00
Maddi Drake	Job and Family Services	349	474-90	\$24.00
Nextel	EMA & OHS	009	Contracts	\$42.25
Nextel	Health Department	068	Bio- Other	\$51.36
Buckeye State Pipe	Auditor	110	CDBG	\$272.70
Mena Bailey	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$40.00
Joyful Sound	Job and Family Services	006	321-53	\$110.00
Charista Long	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$35.00
Cumberland Limestone	Engineer's Office	004	G & M	\$893.88
Annette Kittle	Job and Family Services	349	485-90	\$302.00
Lee Gessel	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$40.00
Michael Sayegh MD	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$20.00
Amy Clouse	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$160.00
Megan Carper	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$80.00
Carfax, Inc.	Job and Family Services	006	010-20	\$50.00
Warren's IGA Express	Job and Family Services	006	850-53	\$30.00
Tanya Turner	Job and Family Services	349	480-90	\$55.00
Family & Children First Council	Job and Family Services	006	208-53	\$459.96
Image Computer Solutions	EMA & OHS	009	Other Expenses	\$275.00
Cardiology Associates of SEO Inc.	Job and Family Services	006	020-20	\$26.83
Nick Nack Shack	MRDD	017	Other Expenses	\$14.50
1 Step Detec Assoc.	Felony Care and Custody	023	Felony Care/Custody	\$226.75

Todd & Susan Spence	Auditor	304	Und. Gen.	\$136.88
Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission	Auditor	099	099	\$200.00
Larry Cordell	Veteran's Service Office	001	General	\$300.00
Bloom Twp., etal	Auditor	702	Gasoline Excise Tax	\$68,536.86
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$184,701.11</b>

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

**08-124** Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain 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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**Dean Cain, President**

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**Don Reynolds, Vice-President**

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**Rick Shriver, Member**

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**Andrea Plummer, Clerk**