

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, March 17, 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 March 10, 2008 meeting were read and approved.

08-138 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from March 10, 2008.

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

Commissioners reported on their activities for the week March 10, 2008.

On Monday, Commissioners Cain and Reynolds attended the Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District, Board of Directors meeting, at the Noble County Health Department Conference Room.

On Monday, Commissioner Shriver met with local attorneys to discuss collecting delinquent real estate property taxes.

On Wednesday, Commissioner Cain met with Robert Calendine to discuss roof repairs at the Senior Center.

On Wednesday, Commissioner Shriver met with David Brightbill, Executive Director of Washington-Morgan Community Action Agency, and members of the WMCAA finance committee to discuss funding for the group home on Main Street in Malta.

On Thursday, Commissioners Cain and Reynolds attended the Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation meeting. Commissioner Cain also met with Jeff Shaner, OSU Extension, and the Ohio Department of Development to discuss the River Crossing Feasibility Study.

On Friday, Commissioner Cain and Steve Hook, Engineer, met with Jimmy Stewart, Ohio House of Representatives, to discuss the 78/37 Corridor, the River Crossing Feasibility Study, and the current threshold limits for Force Account Work. Commissioner Cain and Jimmy Stewart toured the ABC Manufacturing facility. Commissioner Reynolds attended the Area Agency on Aging meeting.

Commissioners are in receipt of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, IV-D Contractor Monthly Expense Report.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, concerning a current \$59,581.51 escrowed for Morgan County in the Wireless E9-1-1 Government Assistance Fund. Nine months remain for Morgan County to obtain these funds. There is \$.32 charge assessed to each

wireless phone number which is remitted to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and deposited into the Wireless Government Assistance Fund. In order for Morgan County to receive monthly disbursements of said fund, the countywide 9-1-1 plan must be implemented. Commissioner Shriver reported that wireless 9-1-1 is currently being tested by wireless carriers. The final step to receive the funds will require a meeting of the local Technical Advisory Council (TAC). The TAC must agree on the new equipment and software for the 9-1-1 system, as the funds will be used in part to replace the aging present system.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Jan Snouffer to "Neglect, Impact and Intervention" training, on March 27th and 28th, in Athens; Mary Woodward to "Food Stamp Basic" training, on March 25th - 27th, in Columbus; Mary Woodward to "OWF Basic" training, on April 22nd - 25th, in Columbus. The Subgrant Agreement for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Morgan County Board of County Commissioners was discussed.

The Records Commission met in the Commissioners Office. The Records Commission meets throughout the year to determine which public records must be maintained, archived, or disposed of according to Ohio Revised Code. The County works with the Ohio Historical Society to assure that records are properly stored and maintained for future research purposed.

Becky Cooley, Recorder, announced her retirement as of June 1st, 2008, and recommended Peggy Barnes as Interim Acting Recorder for the remainder of her term.

Steve Hook, Engineer, provided updated pictures on improvements to the Helmick covered bridge. The bridge has been dismantled down to its framework and is being assessed for structural integrity. The bridge will be re-assembled and restored to near original appearance, and will be structurally sound for heavier traffic. Mr. Hook received a call from a landowner concerning a slip on County Road 54. Mr. Hook believes the landowner bears responsibility due to excavating and a tree removal within the right-of-way of the road. Mr. Hook stated that ground adjacent to the road was de-stabilized by the work. Mr. Hook reported that by the end of April, all work will be done in the Engineer's Office in preparation for the new 9-1-1 mapping and address database.

08-139 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to untable the truck bids received by WMD Motors and Marietta Truck Sales and Service, Inc., for the Engineer's Office.

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

08-140 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Rick Shriver to accept the bid received by WMD Motors for a 2008 GMC TC5500 Crew Cab 2WD, as recommended by Steve Hook, Engineer.

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

Jim Baker, Washington-Morgan Community Action, submitted a Community Housing Improvement Plan proposal. The Commissioners will issue a formal request for proposals for the CHIP program within the next two weeks. Mr. Baker stated that the plan will again include some funding for Habitat for Humanity, and asked for input from the Commissioners on how that money should be allocated. Commissioner Shriver said that he believed that the process used in the previous grant, in which the CHIP funds were used for site acquisition, preparation, and foundations had worked well. It allowed for easy tracking and reporting as required by the program's provisions. Site acquisition was discussed. Habitat for Humanity continues to face challenges in finding a reasonably priced building site with public water and sewer.

Shannon Wells and Traci Kidd, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed a grant involving broadband connectivity. The project, which is funded by the United State Department of Agriculture must be in an area that doesn't have access to DSL or cable broadband. A similar project operated by the Guernsey-Monroe-Noble Community Action Agency has been very successful in providing connectivity in rural areas of those counties.

Local Contractor, Cliff Littlefield, discussed problems with repairs on the canopy at Learning Center. The canopy was damaged when a delivery vehicle hit it. The materials in the canopy ceiling are no longer available, and Mr. Littlefield made recommendations on how the repairs could be made at a reasonable cost. The repairs will require some fabrication – but will be more cost-efficient than any alternative. The repairs will be paid for by the delivery company's insurance.

Chris Penrose, OSU Extension, discussed a phone call he received from a concerned citizen involving an Apiary Inspector for the county. Commissioner Cain noted that due to the budget cuts again this year, the funding for the Apiary Inspector had to be cut. Mr. Penrose also reported Grafting School will be April 1st, at Morgan County High School. The 4-H registration deadline is April 1st. Mr. Penrose will be attending the Farm Bureau, Land Trust and Easements meeting, on April 21st. Commissioner Shriver commented that there needs to be a workshop concerning other real issues related to farms, such as understanding and setting up life estates, and explaining line fence laws. Shriver cited an example in which confusion on the legal status of "crops" was in dispute in a life estate. The disagreement centered on whether timber can be considered a crop and can be sold from a farm held in a life estate. Commissioner Shriver stated that different attorneys gave him completely different answers. These issues affect many farmers in Morgan County as they plan their estates, and try to preserve their family farms for future generations.

08-141 Motion by Mr. Rick Shriver and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$5000.00 into 063-0063-5309.00 Other Expenses, as requested by Terry McGrew, Health Department.

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 142.8 miles responding to dog calls.

08-142 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following invoices:

| VENDOR NAME | DEPARTMENT | CODE | FUND | AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|------------|
| Muskingum Valley Grocery | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$117.82 |
| C.N.B. | Auditor | Payroll | Medicare | \$2,606.41 |
| Morgan County Herald | MRDD | 017 | Other Expenses | \$24.40 |
| Delille Oxygen | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$84.00 |
| T & K Auto Parts | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$693.19 |
| T & K Auto Parts | Transit | 113 | 113 | \$5.29 |
| AEP | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$730.54 |
| AEP | Dog and Kennel | 005 | D & K | \$18.78 |
| AEP | MRDD | 017 | Utilities | \$533.47 |
| Embarq | Auditor | 080 | Administration | \$110.41 |
| Embarq | Auditor | 001 | General | \$192.16 |

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| Embarq | MRDD | 017 | Utilities | \$283.80 |
| Columbia Gas | Auditor | 274 | Riecker | \$74.14 |
| Mary Tom | Prosecutor's Office | 345 | Ohio Crime Victims | \$34.92 |
| P.E.R.S. | Auditor | Payroll | Feb. Retirement | \$59,940.97 |
| Richard Welch, Pros. Atty. | Job and Family Services | 090 | 202-85 | \$3,831.50 |
| Snap On | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$33.67 |
| Jeff Driggs | Dog and Kennel | 005 | D & K | \$32.27 |
| Six County Inc. | Job and Family Services | 006 | 020-20 | \$142.00 |
| Morgan County Health Department | Job and Family Services | 006 | 254-53 | \$2,443.90 |
| Morgan County Health Department | Job and Family Services | 006 | 254-53 | \$1,714.20 |
| Morgan County Health Department | Job and Family Services | 006 | 430-30 | \$9,520.00 |
| Morgan County Commissioners | Auditor | 099 | 099 | \$15.91 |
| GEI Sanitation | Auditor | 001 | General | \$60.00 |
| GEI Sanitation | MRDD | 017 | Building/Repair | \$160.00 |
| Warren's Morgan County IGA | Senior Citizen's | 028 | Senior Citizens | \$26.02 |
| O.D.H. | Auditor | 001 | General | \$545.84 |
| S.E.O.E.M.S. | Auditor | 327 | Amb. Contract | \$317.20 |
| John Kitts | Veteran's Service Department | 001 | General | \$45.60 |
| John Kitts | Veteran's Service Department | 001 | General | \$89.99 |
| John Wells | Indigent Defense | 001 | Indigent Defense | \$1,121.64 |
| Morgan Metropolitan Housing | Auditor | 080 | FCF Administration | \$100.00 |
| Crescent & Sprague | Auditor | 274 | Riecker | \$94.81 |
| U.S.P.S. | Auditor | 001 | General | \$5,000.00 |
| Malta Tire Shop | Job and Family Services | 006 | 230-53 | \$300.00 |
| Amerigas | Job and Family Services | 006 | 254-53 | \$678.10 |
| George Harman | Veteran's Service Department | 001 | General | \$45.60 |
| Morgan County Sheriff | Job and Family Services | 006 | 020-20 | \$15.00 |
| Lawson Products | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$106.35 |
| Milestones | Job and Family Services | 050 | 845-50 | \$1,740.00 |
| AFLAC | Auditor | 001 | General | \$48.00 |
| Sanitary Linen | Auditor | 001 | General | \$153.28 |
| Reliable Office | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$88.47 |
| Washington State Community College | Transit | 113 | 113 | \$96.75 |
| Thomson-West | Auditor | 001 | General | \$884.48 |
| Wisecarver Environmental | MRDD | 017 | Building/Repair | \$135.00 |
| Columbus Equipment | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$1,300.93 |
| Centre Supply Co. | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$1,704.62 |
| Greuey's Fuel and Farm Supply | Veteran's Service Department | 001 | General | \$337.00 |

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| Quick 60 | Transit | 113 | 113 | \$28.05 |
| First Communications | MRDD | 017 | Utilities | \$22.48 |
| First Communications | Auditor | 001 | General | \$12.18 |
| Treasurer, State of Ohio | Sheriff's Department | 031 | Sheriff's Concealed Handgun | \$535.00 |
| Treasurer, State of Ohio | Sheriff's Department | 031 | Sheriff's Non Concealed Carry | \$264.00 |
| Jan Snouffer | Job and Family Services | 006 | 030-20 | \$138.40 |
| Genesis Healthcare | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$156.00 |
| Genesis Healthcare | MRDD | 017 | Other Expenses | \$43.00 |
| Belmont Aggregates | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$675.92 |
| Iddings Trucking | Engineer's Office | 04 | G & M | \$2,540.65 |
| VISA | Auditor | 001 | General | \$125.00 |
| Fort Dearborn | Auditor | 001 | General | \$38.18 |
| Shelly Material | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$1,978.35 |
| AEP | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$1,042.16 |
| Clemans Nelson | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$175.00 |
| Clemans Nelson | Job and Family Services | 006 | 010-20 | \$3,693.08 |
| Gasco | Auditor | 001 | General | \$31.43 |
| Reuben Kittle | Job and Family Services | 006 | 030-20 | \$454.40 |
| Timmy V's | Job and Family Services | 006 | 850-53 | \$70.00 |
| Timmy V's | Job and Family Services | 006 | 531-30, 850-53 | \$60.00 |
| Glouster E-Z Mart | Job and Family Services | 006 | 850-53 | \$120.00 |
| Terminix | Auditor | 001 | General | \$30.00 |
| Double E Construction | Auditor | 110 | CHIP/HOME | \$25,401.66 |
| Hall Signs | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$194.00 |
| Heartland Petroleum | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$1,080.00 |
| Roger Jordan | Veteran's Service Department | 001 | General | \$200.00 |
| Sharon Travis | Job and Family Services | 006 | 254-53 | \$300.00 |
| Cantwell Machinery | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$112.09 |
| Metaltech Steel | Engineer's Office | 004 | G & M | \$539.27 |
| Kyra McMillen | MRDD | 017 | Contract Services | \$123.00 |
| Ohio Public Defender | Auditor | 001 | General | \$190.00 |
| The Little Dog Deli | Sheriff's Department | 036 | Law Enforcement Trust- Other Expenses | \$60.33 |
| Morgan County Transit System | Job and Family Services | 006 | 850-53, 531-30, 395-30, 214-53, 020-20 | \$10,585.36 |
| Apple Time, inc. | Sheriff's Department | 036 | Law Enforcement Trust- Supplies | \$624.74 |
| Betty Scott | Job and Family Services | 006 | 312-53 | \$491.89 |
| Shirley Stewart | Auditor | 080 | FCF Parent Involvement | \$35.00 |

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| Crystal Moler | Job and Family Services | 090 | 020-20 | \$88.80 |
| Andrea Plummer | Senior Citizen's | 028 | Senior Citizens | \$21.90 |
| CMH Morgan Properties, Ltd | Transit | 113 | 113 | \$160.00 |
| The Billing Connection, Inc. | MRDD | 017 | Contract Services | \$225.75 |
| Dollar General | Auditor | 274 | Riecker | \$21.00 |
| Zanesville Muskingum Safety Council | Commissioners | 001 | General | \$20.00 |
| Carfax, Inc. | Job and Family Services | 006 | 010-20 | \$50.00 |
| Warren's IGA Express | Job and Family Services | 050 | 420-53 | \$44.25 |
| Warren's IGA Express | Job and Family Services | 006 | 850-53, 500-53 | \$90.00 |
| Rocvest, Inc. | Auditor | 110 | CDBG Distress | \$360.00 |
| David Sincoff M.A. | MRDD | 017 | Contract Services | \$400.00 |
| Gloria Hare | Job and Family Services | 006 | 312-53 | \$116.51 |
| Morning Glory Press | Auditor | 080 | Wellness | \$311.96 |
| Nutrition Graphics | Auditor | 080 | Wellness | \$64.00 |
| ETR Associates | Auditor | 080 | Wellness | \$84.00 |
| Teresa Ponchak | Auditor | 304 | Und. Gen. | \$338.36 |
| Tracy Copeland | Auditor | 319 | Uncl. | \$29.50 |
| David Hill | Dog and Kennel | 005 | D & K | \$325.00 |
| Hellen Conaway | Auditor | 304 | Und. Gen. | \$104.18 |
| Cindy Tuttle | Board of Elections | 001 | Contracts | \$461.58 |
| Chris Robison | Board of Elections | 001 | Contracts | \$20.00 |
| Bloom Twp., etal | Auditor | 702 | Excess M.V.I.R.P. | \$5,050.09 |
| Bloom Twp., etal | Auditor | 702 | Gas Tax | \$34,991.46 |
| Bloom Twp., etal | Auditor | 702 | Motor Vehicle & M.V.P.T. | \$13,351.55 |
| Malta Corp., etal | Auditor | 332 | Motor Vehicle | \$281.88 |
| Malta Corp., etal | Auditor | 332 | Motor Vehicle | \$1,713.28 |
| | | | TOTAL | \$209,274.10 |

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

08-143 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,

Dean Cain, President

Don Reynolds, Vice-President

Rick Shriver, Member

Andrea Plummer, Clerk