

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Thursday, July 16, 2009 with the following members present:

Dean Cain, President
Don Reynolds, Vice-President
Mike Reed, Member

09-336 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to reconvene the meeting at 9:00AM, to address the General Fund Budget crisis.

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

The Commissioners took an additional 4% from most General Fund appropriations. The Commissioners discussed funding for the Southeastern Ohio Regional Joint Jail with Auditor Gary Woodward.

09-337 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve the following:

A RESOLUTION supporting restoration of competition within the biotechnology industry and agriculture seed markets.

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners supports competition and the freedom of choice within the agricultural seed market; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County farmers are more competitive in the global marketplace when given increased access to new biotechnology and seed products; and

WHEREAS, competitive biotechnology and seed markets benefit Morgan County farmers by creating additional choices and lowering input costs; and

WHEREAS, anti-competitive behavior in the biotechnology industry inhibits yield-increasing research and innovations; and

WHEREAS, further advancements in agricultural productivity are dependent on having a complete set of innovative and diverse technologies available on the open market; and

WHEREAS, lack of competition in the biotechnology industry and seed market leads to increased pricing for farmers; and

WHEREAS, increased pricing for farmers can be passed along to consumers everywhere in the form of higher food and commodity pricing;

Resolved, That the Morgan County Board of Commissioners

1. Morgan County farmers require and deserve a wide array of innovative technological options in order to meet the growing global demand for agriculture; and
2. Supports efforts to increase competition within the biotechnology industry and seed markets for the purpose of bringing greater choice and lower costs to Morgan County farmers.

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

09-338 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

Commissioners,

Dean Cain, President

Don Reynolds, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Andrea Plummer, Clerk