

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 with the following members present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the August 31, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

**09-423** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from August 31, 2009.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 179.3 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 8 dogs were picked up, 3 dogs were euthanized, 2 dogs were redeemed, and 9 dogs were found in a cage at the pound. Ms. Thompson stated she there was a dog bite by a Pit-bull in Malta. The dog was euthanized.

Commissioners are in receipt of the Morgan County Jail usage for the month of August 2009 to reduce costs at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Joint Jail. The total bed days for month of August were 156. This count is prisoners held here for at least one day each and other prisoners were also brought for court and returned are in addition to these figures.

A request was submitted by American Electric Power, to span over County Road 79, located in Marion Township, Section No. 12, Morgan County, Ohio, for an electric line. Construction of this project will begin on or about September, 2009. Permission granted upon approval by the Morgan County Engineer.

Jeff Howell, Donald Webb, W. Wallace and Mike McGee discussed extending the temporary closure of County Road 11. Mr. Howell wanted confirmation that the road was not going to be permanently closed. Commissioner Cain declared the road would not be closed permanently. Commissioner Reed expressed his desire to see County Road 11 settled before his term ends. Mr. Webb wants to know why the road is considered unsafe. Commissioner Reed discussed incorporating a fine for each day the road is not ready when the road is set to open. Commissioners will make a decision today on whether to grant an extension. Commissioner Cain explained the gentlemen's comments would be taken into consideration. The extension will be un-tabled this afternoon.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor, stopped in to see if Commissioners had any questions. Commissioner Reed inquired on the legality of creating an agreement that imposes a fine on County Road 11 for every day the road is not ready when the road is set to open. Commissioner Reed also inquired on having a State Engineer evaluate the road's readiness for public traffic and confirming the road meets the State's requirements. Prosecutor Howdyshell does not perceive there would be a problem with incorporating a fine nor having the road evaluated for its' readiness. Prosecutor Howdyshell inquired on additional cutbacks and additional days closed. Commissioners stated there should not be any more cuts to departmental budgets

thus far and there will not be any additional days closed. Commissioner Cain inquired if Prosecutor Howdysshell spoke with the judges regarding reducing the jail expenses. Prosecutor Howdysshell explained he has been working with Sheriff Thomas C. Jenkins and Brad Bond.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, discussed the Transit budget. Commissioner Reed expressed his belief that this is a billing issue not a financial or budgetary issue. Commissioner Reed stated he spoke with Shannon Wells and Transit will be receiving their additional line of credit today. Mr. Woodward exclaimed he would not pay any more out of a negative account. Commissioner Reed stated the line of credit would be at hand as a backup. Mr. Woodward declared Transit is out of appropriations and need funds now and reminded Commissioners they will be obligating the General Fund \$100,000 for Transit's line of credit. Mr. Woodward inquired on the 2009 de-appropriations and the 2010 Commissioner departmental budget. The Auditor's office has not received the Commissioners 2010 departmental budget. Mr. Woodward stated he would reprint them for the Commissioners to fill out. Commissioners stated they will be informing the department heads of their 2009 de-appropriations today. Mr. Woodward questioned Commissioners on the status of OSU's carryover. Commissioner Reed stated a meeting was scheduled with OSU attorneys and the County Commissioner's Association.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, discussed the layoff in social services and the reclassification of an employee.

Mike Vynalek, Citizens National Bank, submitted Transit's line of credit in the amount of \$100,000 for Commissioners to sign. Mr. Vynalek stated the new line of credit replaces the \$50,000 that Transit originally had. Mr. Vynalek confirmed Transit pays interest each month and pays the principle off during the month of February. Gary Woodward, Auditor, informed Commissioners the 2009 financial statement did not show Transit's original \$50,000 line of credit. Commissioners invited Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, to join the discussion on Transit. Commissioner Reed questioned Mrs. Wells on Transit paying off their line of credit during the month of February and Transit paying interest every month. Commissioner Reed reminded Mrs. Wells the General Fund is responsible for payment if Transit does not pay. Mrs. Wells stated Transit pays interest every month and the line of credit is paid off during the month of February after Transit reconciles with the Ohio Department of Transportation. The current line of credit will be closed in February and a new line of credit will be opened.

**09-424 Motion** by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve Transit's new line of credit in the amount of \$100,000 which replaces Transit's original \$50,000 line of credit and approve Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, to draw down from it.

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

Doug Matheney inquired if Commissioners would support and pass a resolution to oppose the Cap and Trade legislation. Mr. Matheney would like to submit a copy of said resolution to Ohio's Senators.

Shannon Wells and Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed contractors needing a General Liability and/or a Performance Bond for the septic system program. There is some discrepancy to what the contractors are required to have. Mrs. Wells is waiting for an answer from the EPA. Mrs. Wells discussed the Formula Grant project for the Senior Citizen's Center and noted her office received \$60,000 next year for the Micro-enterprise grant. Mrs. Wells stated today is the deadline for the replacement project for Pennsville. If Pennsville cannot acknowledge a replacement project, Commissioners will review the list of projects that were not funded and determine which project will be awarded the grant money. Quotes were received for Rose Reynolds and Robert Finley septic system projects. For Rose Reynolds, quotes were received from: Cy Copeland in the amount of \$6090.00, Jerry

Apperson in the amount of \$4750.00, and Eddleblute Excavating in the amount of \$5500.00. For Robert Finley, quotes were received from: Eddleblute Excavating in the amount of \$5000.00 and Newberry Excavating in the amount of \$5500.00.

**09-425** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to table the quotes received for the Rose Reynolds septic system project, quotes were received from: Cy Copeland in the amount of \$6090.00, Jerry Apperson in the amount of \$4750.00, and Eddleblute Excavating in the amount of \$5500.00, and to table the quotes received for the Robert Finley septic system project, quotes were received from: Eddleblute Excavating in the amount of \$5000.00 and Newberry Excavating in the amount of \$5500.00., for further review by Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

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

Tim Friedburg discussed back taxes owed to Morgan County.

**09-426** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to extend the temporary closure of County Road 11 through September 30, 2010 with failure to meet Engineer approval that the road meets minimum state requirements there will be a fine implemented in the amount of \$200.00 per day until the road is opened.

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

Jim Greer, Greer Insurance, discussed the County's Health Insurance currently with Medical Mutual of Ohio.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, informed Commissioners the Senior Citizens Center will be closed Friday and her office will be transporting seniors one day to the Lancaster Fair. Dates for the Lancaster Fair are October 11-17.

A discussion was held concerning de-appropriating the General Fund offices original 2009 appropriation by 4%. A memo was sent out informing said offices of the de-appropriation.

Peggy Barnes, Recorder, discussed the memo sent by Commissioners regarding de-appropriating the offices original 2009 appropriation by 4%.

**09-427** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds from 073-0073-5309.00 Other Expenses and place into 073-0073-5369.01 Unemployment, as requested by Terry McGrew, Health Department.

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

**09-428** Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$865.00 out of Laborers account (k-11A) 004-0004-5102.01 and place into Engineer's payroll account (k-1) 004-0004-5101.00, and \$50,000.00 out of Laborers account (k-11A) 004-0004-5102.01 and place into Materials account (k-12) 004-0004-5330.00, and \$15,000.00 out of Other Expenses account (k-37) 004-0004-5309.02 and place into Materials account (k-12) 004-0004-5330.00, and \$5000.00 out of PERS account 004-0004-5367.01 and place into Bridge account (k-26)

004-0004-5330.01, and \$10,000.00 out of Group Employee Insurance (k-11b) 04-0004-5365.00 and place into Bridge account (k-26) 004-0004-5330.01, as requested by Stevan Hook, Engineer.

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

**09-429** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$200.00 from 001-0207-5102.00 Salaries Employees and place into 001-0207-5321.00 Other Fees, as requested by Alma Tennent, Clerk, County Court.

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

**09-430** Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM

**Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- 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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**Mike Reed, Member**

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**Andrea Plummer, Clerk**