

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, December 14, 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 December 7, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

09-594 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from December 7, 2009.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 158.2 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated five dogs were picked up, five dropped off at pound, one dog went to S.P.O.T., and eight dogs were euthanized.

A request was submitted by Morgan Meigsville Water, to bore under County Road 11, located in Meigsville Township, Morgan County, Ohio, for 3/4 inch diameter water line. Construction of this project will begin on or about December 14, 2009 and will be completed by December 18, 2009. Permission granted upon approval by the Morgan County Engineer.

Stevan Hook, Engineer, noted the landfill was mowed. A discussion was held concerning replacement of a bridge on County Road 62. Mr. Hook updated Commissioners on dates for future bridges to be replaced. Commissioner Reed informed the Engineer comments made by the public concerning the Helmick Bridge; the bridge looks great but it's already being vandalized.

09-595 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following:

F I N A L R E S O L U T I O N

The following Final Resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, **Morgan** County, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project.

WHEREAS, on **16th day of November, 2010**, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

Replacement of single span steel beam bridge with a single span prestressed box beam bridge, including abutments and approaches and road realignment of both approaches on County Road 62, lying within Morgan County.

WHEREAS, the LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The County agrees to assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the improvement, less the amount of Federal-aid funds, including credit bridge funding set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and further, the County agrees to assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way, excluding in-house preliminary engineering and Right-of-Way charges incurred by the State.

In view of the fact that the LPA's share of the project is now estimated in the amount of **Zero and - - - - 00/100 Dollars (\$0.00)** therefore, the County will not be required to deposit any funds at this time. The LPA's ultimate share of the cost will be determined when final actual costs and allocations are determined.

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of same to this legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, This legislative authority desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be It resolved:

- I. That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.
- II. That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that **President** be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract for improving the described project.
- III. That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.

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

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, stated Chris Penrose will be providing a program, Annie's Project, to help farm women develop their management and decision-making skills in the complex dynamic world of agriculture. The project includes six different classes. Classes begin January 25th. Any interested individuals are urged to contact the Extension Office to register. Thirteen packets have been mailed or handed out to potential new 4-H advisors for 2010. Interviews and training begin in January. The 2010 4-H calendar is complete and will be mailed out to 4-H advisors in the December 2009 newsletter. 2010 Junior Fair Board 4-H representatives have been selected and on January 5th, Junior Fair Board members and advisors will travel to the Columbus Convention for the Junior Fair Day at the Ohio Fair Managers Conference. It is not too early for youth or their parents to call the Extension Office to get information on being a 4-H member in 2010. The enrollment deadline is April 1st. The final CARTEENS program of 2009 will be held at the Courthouse on December 15th, from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Elaine Lindimore, FNP program assistant, started

nutrition education programming at MCUM. The 2010 calendar for Helping Children Cope with Divorce and Co-Parenting for Never Married Co-Parents programs has been finalized and individuals that need to schedule one of the programs can call the Extension Office to register. Mrs. Montgomery encouraged the Commissioners to visit the Extension Office and staff to learn more about their programs. The Extension Advisory meeting dates for 2010 have been finalized; Commissioners are encouraged to attend. The first meeting is scheduled for January 12th.

Kelly Caldwell, S.P.O.T., informed Commissioners the position of County Humane Agent is a volunteer position. She nor Catherine Christman have received a paycheck, been reimbursed for mileage, nor reimbursed for expenses. Their goal is to help residents in Morgan County by providing them with the proper tools. Ms. Caldwell stated S.P.O.T. continues to provide low income spay/neuter clinics. Kelly acknowledged Becky Thompson, County Dog Warden, is doing a great job. Together S.P.O.T. and the Dog Warden have helped numerous families and are making a difference.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, stated the county mandated share for Fiscal Year 2010 is \$69,326.00. The county mandated share for December 2009 is \$5,775.99. Ms. Quesinberry reminded Commissioners the Morgan County Health Department will be here today providing the H1N1 shots to employees.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, and Ben Kenney, WSOS Community Action Commission, discussed the Economic Strategic Plan for Morgan County. Mrs. Wells stated it's been eight years since the last Economic Strategic Plan was done. A committee was formed and met for the first time in October. The second meeting is this afternoon. Mr. Kenney will be spending the next two nights in Morgan County meeting with various individuals during the day to inquire on their opinions on the county's economic development. Mr. Kenney directed questions to the Commissioners regarding the county's economic changes, county's most important assets, locations for growth, etc. The county has seen significant changes in the last five years with EZ Grout, Miba, Finely Fire, Mahle, and ABC Manufacturing; there is still an unemployment problem in the county, as stated by Commissioner Cain. Water is an issue in the county as well as no existence of a four lane highway. Commissioner Reed stated the county's most important assets are the people; good trainable workforce. Commissioner Cain stated Morgan County is a safe environment, great place to live, and offers tourist's places. Commissioners also noted the county has new schools, cost of living is low and the Opry as being important assets of the county. Commissioners affirmed the county has a lot of beauty, a great history, friendly people, and offers great hunting. A discussion was held concerning an Industrial Park to be located off 209. Mrs. Wells acknowledged the county was awarded the Micro-enterprise in 2008 for the first time and the Revolving Loan in 2007.

A bid opening was held in the Commissioner's Office at 11:00am for Aggregate for the use by the Morgan County Highway- The following townships: Bristol, Deerfield, Homer, Malta, Morgan, Penn, Union and Windsor. Those in attendance were: Commissioner's Cain, Reynolds and Reed, Commissioner's Clerk, Andrea Plummer, Stevan Hook, Engineer, Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, and Ben Kenney, WSOS Community Action Commission. Bids were received from Cumberland Limestone, Sharon Stone Co., Shelly Materials, and S&S Aggregate.

09-596 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to table the Aggregate bids received from: Cumberland Limestone, Sharon Stone Co., Shelly Materials, and S&S Aggregate, for further review by Stevan Hook, Engineer.

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

09-597 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to untable the Aggregate bids received from: Cumberland Limestone, Sharon Stone Co., Shelly Materials, and S&S Aggregate.

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

09-598 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to accept all four bids received for Aggregate from: Cumberland Limestone, Sharon Stone Co., Shelly Materials, and S&S Aggregate, as recommended by Stevan Hook, Engineer; and usage will be based upon location and job requirements to obtain the most overall cost effective result.

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

Tom Redfern, Rural Action, asked Commissioners for a letter of support for Rural Actions efforts to purchase the Chesterhill Produce Auction, and the use of Appalachian Regional Commission funding to assist in doing so.

09-599 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approved a letter of support for Rural Actions efforts to purchase the Chesterhill Produce Auction, and the use of Appalachian Regional Commission funding to assist in doing so.

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

The contract for McConnel Run Pump Station-Materials was presented for Commissioner Cain signature, by Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, and John Sampson, Transit, discussed Transit's budget for this year and for next year: \$290,000.00.

09-600 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to enter into Executive Session at 2:13pm with Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, and John Sampson, Transit, as per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1),Employment, Personnel.

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

09-601 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to exit Executive Session at 2:25pm with Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, and John Sampson, Transit, as per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1),Employment, Personnel. No action was taken.

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

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor, Gary Woodward, Auditor, and Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed Transit's contract and its' revenue sources; Genesis, Morgan County Board of DD, Job and Family Services, and general fares.

Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor, discussed his appropriation for 2010.

09-602 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the 2010 General Fund budget of \$3,140,549.00 and the 2010 appropriations per department.

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

Dawn Rauch, Washington-Morgan Community Action, submitted a new Habitat project for environmental review to be signed by Commissioner Cain.

09-603 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from 017-0017-5371.00 Insurance and place into 017-0017-5370.00 Unemployment, as requested by Diana Cline, Morgan County Board of DD.

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

09-604 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$13000.00 from 017-0017-5371.00 Insurance and place into 017-0017-5307.00 Travel, as requested by Diana Cline, Morgan County Board of DD.

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

09-605 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$11.40 from 015-0015-303.00 and place into 015-0015-306.00, as requested by Sandy Lahmers, Soil and Water Conservation District.

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

09-606 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,

Dean Cain, President

Don Reynolds, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Andrea Plummer, Clerk