

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, January 4, 2010 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 28 and 31, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

10-01 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from December 28 and 31, 2009.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 158.7 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 2 dogs were picked up, 4 dogs were euthanized, and 1 dog was sold.

Commissioners are in receipt of the Morgan County Jail usage for the month of December 2009 to reduce costs at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Joint Jail. The total bed days for month of December were 79. 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.

Steve Hook, Engineer, discussed the Indirect Cost bill for his office and Preliminary Legislation for a bridge replacement project on County Road 53.

10-02 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the LPA/STATE has identified the need for the described project:

Bridge replacement project. Replace structure 40 feet in length over Goshen on County Road 53. Work includes new abutments, wing walls and superstructure. Structural file number is 5834554.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio.

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

Della Bratton telephoned Commissioners to discuss the county's financial hardship and inquire on the county going bankrupt. Ms. Bratton suggested the Commissioners stand their ground and do the best they can with what they have. Commissioners thanked Della and stated they do not believe the county is close to being bankrupt as long as the County Department Heads stay within their 2010 appropriation.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, submitted Environmental Reviews for Commissioner Cain's signature. Mrs. Wells stated Muskingum Valley Health Center was awarded the \$200,000 grant. Shannon stated she is going to have a meeting with Sheriff Jenkins, Sr. to discuss the appropriation request for federal dollars for a new jail.

Commissioners signed the Lease Agreement for First Settlement Physical Therapy for space located within the Riecker Building.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family, submitted meeting requests for Kim Reed to Caldwell, on January 19th, to attend Area #15 Program Operators meeting.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Miranda Mullen, EMA, stated due to no 2010 appropriation the EMA has lost a valuable employee due to the cut and requested if any funding becomes available the EMA would like to be considered for an appropriation.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Miranda Mullen, EMA, requesting a blanket "Travel Request" for the year 2010. This request would be for in-state travel only and used only for business pertaining to the EMA. Commissioners approved the request.

10-03 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve a Then and Now resolution for the following amounts: \$342.65 Contracts 009-0009-5306.00, as requested by Miranda Mullen, Director, EMA.

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

10-04 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a Then and Now resolution for the following amounts: \$69.30 Contracts 029-0029-5306.00, as requested by Miranda Mullen, Director, LEPC.

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

10-05 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve the establishment of a new fund titled: BluMed Equipment, with the following line items (Receipts and Equipment), in the amount of \$172,669.00, as requested by Miranda Mullen, Director, EMA.

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

10-06 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a Then and Now resolution for the following invoices, as requested by Stevan Hook, Engineer:

Sharon Stone	\$1009.07	004-0004-330.00
Wolfe Radiator	\$170.00	004-0004-330.02
Morgan Meigs Water	\$37.50	004-0004-309.00
Penny Smith	\$74.99	004-0004-309.02
Randall Duskey	\$85.00	004-0004-309.02
Morris Hardware	\$10.34	004-0004-309.02

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

10-07 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve a Then and Now resolution to pay the following invoices from the ARRA-EPA Septic Program Stimulus 115 fund: as requested by Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

King's Future Builders, Inc. \$2656.50

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

10-08 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a Then and Now resolution to pay the following invoices from the Morgan County Transit 113 fund, as requested by Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

Century Link \$60.64
Unique Designs \$1012.00
Citizens National Bank \$380.49
Morgan County Herald \$27.50

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

10-09 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