

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, March 8, 2010 with the following members present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

**10-115** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from March 1, 2010.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 159.2 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 15 dogs were impounded, 1 dog was euthanized, 1 dog was sold, and 4 dogs were redeemed.

Miranda Mullen, EMA/OHS, inquired on the county's liability insurance. Commissioners informed Miranda that the commissioners had made a motion to the Planning Commission to declare an excess of funds and transfer to EMA. Realizing the possibility that if Morgan County does not have an EMA Office the county could lose federal money in the case of being declared a disaster area, the motion passed. \$5000.00 will be transferred from Planning Commission to EMA.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted an amendment with The Callos Companies for payroll services for Workforce Investment Youth, Adult and Dislocated Employees Contract. The March 2010, Mandated Share was submitted in the amount of \$5775.99. A meeting request was submitted for Jeanna Hopkins, Tina Work and Kim Reed to "WIA 601- Intensive Services" at the One-Stop in Columbus, on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**10-116** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to approve the following, as presented by Doug Matheney:

WHEREAS, the rising costs of health care in the United States jeopardize fundamental aspects of our economy--from individual patients to the federal budget to the well-being of our nation--and make plain the need for fundamental health care reform:

WHEREAS, commonsense policy reforms that would lower health care costs while expanding access to health insurance have been mentioned in this Congress; and

WHEREAS, the current Congress and administration have neglected those reforms, in favor of a trillion-dollar government plan, rife with tax increases, wasteful spending , surcharges on individuals and businesses, and gross inefficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposals under consideration in Congress would harm small businesses with hundreds of billions of dollars in new taxes, mandates, and hidden costs at the very moment Americans are relying on those small businesses to create new jobs and pull our economy out of recession;

THEREFORE, Morgan County resolves to work with Keeping Small Business Healthy, and its members, to:

- Urge Washington to start over with health care reform and draft a better bill;
- Convince Washington that commonsense reforms that will lower health care costs and expand access to affordable care for all Americans without adding to the national debt- such as tort reform, insurance competition across state lines, and transparent medical costs for consumers- should be included in any new proposals; and
- Help small businesses continue to serve our economy with new jobs, innovative products and services, and investment opportunities, while providing their employees and their families the quality, affordable health coverage they deserve.

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

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, informed the Commissioners the new Transit vehicle is broke down. A discussion was held concerning Transit relocating to the Finley building. Mrs. Wells stated a new mini van will be delivered Wednesday. Transit paid 10%, \$3455.00 out of the Capital Replacement Account. Shannon instructed that Transit's \$100,000 Line of Credit will be paid off this month and a new \$50,000 Line of Credit is requested for this year. Requests for rates were sent out to the local banks. Shannon discussed transferring the Commissioners Crown Vic to Transit's fleet to alleviate some financial burden on the Development Office. Commissioners are reluctant to transfer due to the Commissioners needing the vehicle at their disposal to attend meetings and other departments borrow the vehicle.

Gene Watkins, Rajco (a telecommunications and utility bill auditing service), educated the Commissioners on the services they offer. His company goes back three years worth of bills and will provide the board with recommendations within 60-90 days. Commissioners can accept all or none of the recommendations they provide. Mr. Watkins stated the county will not pay any money for this service if Rajco can't save the county money. Commissioner Reed directed a question to the charges if they can save the county money. Gene replied the county will pay half of what they recover or save for the next two years. Commissioners request time to discuss this.

Bernie Kinder, Kinder's Insurance, Stevan Hook, Engineer, Shannon Wells and Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, and John Sampson, Transit, discussed the county's liability insurance. Commissioner Reed inquired on the deductible and coverage's the county has for liability and inland marine. Mr. Kinder stated the deductible is \$1000.00 and deer claims are waived. The value listed for the vehicles is the replacement cost not the value of the vehicle. Shannon, Steve and John addressed changes that need to be made to their departments. Bernie informed them these changes will take affect next year, as to the county is not billed for additional vehicles that are purchased throughout the year nor will the county receive a reduction in the premium for vehicles removed from the policy.

Christi Lynch, Regional Economic Development Director, Governor's Region 11 Office, Mary Abel, Workforce Director, Governor's Region 11 Office, Julia Graham, Administrative Assistant, Governor's Region 11 Office, met with Commissioners to bring up to date them on Ohio's Incentive Programs and Workforce & Talent Division Programs. Those in attendance were: Shannon Wells and Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, Pam Montgomery and Amy Grove, Morgan County OSU Extension, Mike Workman, Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation, Michael Chapin, and Mike Oliver.

**10-117 Motion** by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to authorize Stevan Hook, Engineer, to purchase salt from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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

**10-118 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to appoint Ancil King as Deputy Dog Warden, effective Monday, March 8, 2010.

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

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, informed Commissioners they will transport an individual on the weekend for a doctor's appointment.

Commissioners granted permission to the Morgan County United Ministries to use the area in front of the Morgan County Courthouse on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, from 11:00am-1:30pm, for the National Day of Prayer event.

**10-119 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5000.00 from Workers Compensation Account (k-22) 004-0004-5369.00 and place into Large Equipment Account (k-13) 004-0004-5304.01, as requested by Stevan Hook, Engineer.

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

**10-120 Motion** by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the establishment of new line items for the 085 Revolving Loan Fund, as requested by Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

Septic Loan Repayments	085-0085-4005-00
RLF Salary	085-0085-5102-00
RLF PERS	085-0085-5367-00
RLF Medicare	085-0085-5368-00
RLF Workers Comp.	085-0085-5369-00

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

**10-121 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4853.80 from A-9-c-6 and place into 001-0903-5370-00, as requested by John Kitts, Morgan County Veterans Service Officer.

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

**10-122** Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed 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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**Mike Reed, President**

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**Don Reynolds, Vice-President**

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**Dean Cain, Member**

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**Andrea Plummer, Clerk**