

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, May 17, 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 May 10, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

10-200 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from May 10, 2010.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 225.1 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 4 dogs were picked up and 2 dogs were taken by S.P.O.T.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, held a discussion regarding Job and Family Services' draw down of funds and inquired on the Commissioners passing a resolution for non-union Job and Family Service employees pay increase. Commissioners stated they would speak with Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services regarding the draw down of funds. Commissioners signed off on a pay increase last week for union and non-union employees, but a resolution was not fulfilled. The JFS employees forgave their raises last year and the county is bound by contract to give the union employees their raise. A discussion was held concerning prepaying lodging expenses. The county will save money if the departments obtain a county credit card to prepay their lodging expenses; the department will not be required to pay tax. The Commissioners are in support of anything that saves the county money.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, informed Commissioners the Summer Youth program will be starting in June; anticipate serving 40 to 50 youth. Commissioner Reed held a discussion with Vicki concerning JFS draw down of funds, in the amount of \$272,000. The funds were not drawn down last week. Vicki stated she would need to check with her Fiscal Officer.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, and Heidi Burns, Fiscal Officer, Job and Family Services, discussed the process for drawing down funds. The state limits the amount that can be drawn down because of a past debt owed by the county for Children Services in the amount of \$425,000, which occurred in the late 90's. However, Heidi reiterated they are not short of funds, but that the State only lets you perform draw downs at certain times.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, updated Commissioners on OSU programs: the Farmer's Market is up and running; the Master Gardener's are working on the Community Garden project and the summer garden tour, as well as, their community maintenance projects at the library and Malta Park; Dining with Diabetes for 2010 will be held on the following dates/time: September 30th, October 7th, and October 14th, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Presbyterian Church on Liberty. Individuals can call the Extension Office at 740-962-4854, to get their name on the list for the program. "Helping Children Cope with Divorce", is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31st. Individuals can call the Extension Office at 740-962-4854 to register. Chris Penrose

goal this year is to teach ATV Safety to all 4th-6th graders in the school district, spending an hour with each class. Chris has met with South and West Elementary; he will attend East Elementary on May 24th. Chris has spent the last two weeks providing Natural Resource programs on predator control and least hunting; nearly 70 people attended these two programs. Chris will be teaching a safety program at the Farm Bureau Pork Chop BBQ on June 5th. Mr. Penrose is also working with the Morgan County Cattlemen on planning the 10th Annual Ag and Livestock Field Day which will be held on August 9th. Camp Counselors are working hard on planning the 2010 4-H Camp to be held at Camp Hervida, July 26-30, 2010. Older Youth In-Training members are working hard on planning Cloverbud Day Camp to be held on July 21st, 2010. Livestock Quality Assurance Sessions are complete in Morgan County for 2010. Junior Fair Exhibitors that missed the sessions can attend a session in another county. An update was provided for the Family Nutrition Program: Elaine Lindimore, Family Nutrition Program Educator, is continuing to offer a number of programs weekly at a variety of sites. The FY11 grant for this program has been submitted. Amy Grove is working on GOBA (The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure); food, entertainment, shuttle service and activities at the fairground. She will be working with the downtown businesses to prepare them for the people and ways to make riders feel welcome in the community. Amy works with the Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Extension Advisory meeting will be held on July 12th, 7-9pm.

Steve Hook, Engineer, asked Commissioners if they had any questions/concerns for him. Commissioners did not have any at this time.

Scott Brown, Administrator, Village of McConnelsville, inquired on the village joining the county for their health insurance and requested permission to discuss this with Jim Greer; the county and village's local agent. Commissioners granted Scott permission. Scott asked if the Commissioners knew of anyone interested in sludge being applied to their land and asked for interested individuals to contact the village. Commissioner Reed inquired if the fields need to be out of the flood plain. Scott replied they do need to be out of the flood plain.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, informed Commissioners of properties she is working on to be torn down for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. A discussion was held concerning property owned by Kate Love Simpson Library. Shannon acknowledged ABC Manufacturing paid their April payment; however, they still owe for the month of May.

Bernie Kinder, Kinder's Insurance, asked Commissioners if they had any questions/concerns for him. Commissioners did not have any at this time.

10-201 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to enter into Executive Session at 10:19am with Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, as per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1), Employment, Personnel.

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

10-202 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to exit Executive Session at 10:46am with Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, 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

10-203 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following, as submitted by Bret Allphin, Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley, Regional Development District:

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District. Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District is a regional economic development planning district within the State of Ohio, whose purpose is to influence favorable the future economic, development planning programs and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District promotes a cooperative planning process involving local governments, public and private agencies, and individual citizens, toward improving their region within a democratic process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan County Board of Commissioner endorses the 2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), which was prepared by the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional development District, and was approved by members of the General Policy Council at their semi-annual meeting held on April 27, 2010 in Marietta, Ohio.

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

10-204 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following as submitted by Blythe Schubert, Morgan County Kate Love Simpson Library:

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert N. Richmond has served and continues to serve as an outstanding community leader and a trusted veterinarian for Morgan County's four-legged and winged creatures for almost 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richmond has served on the Kate Love Simpson Morgan County Library Board of Trustees for 39 years and as president of the board for 16 years and was instrumental in the building of the new library in McConnelsville and oversaw the renovation of the Chesterhill Branch; in addition,

WHEREAS, Dr. Richmond was instrumental in the founding of the Morgan County Historical Society as well as the Civil War Reenactment in McConnelsville, in Malta, and on his farm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richmond has been a vital member of the Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, the M&M Rotary, the Morgan Shriners, Sons of Union Veterans, Morgan County Regional Airport Authority; and, furthermore,

WHEREAS, Dr. Richmond has served on the Board of Trustees of the Twin City Opera House, as an Elder and Trustee at the First Presbyterian Church in McConnelsville, as an actor at the Burr Oak Lodge dinner theater productions, as the videographer of all dramatic and music productions in Morgan County, giving DVD copies to all participants, as well as providing art lessons, encouraging youth in many endeavors, and being a kind, generous and all-around good guy.

We wish to honor Dr. Richmond and invite all residents of Morgan County to participate in a Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony on May 22 in the Riecker Building Meeting Room; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Morgan County Commissioners by virtue of the authority vested in them by the laws of the State of Ohio do hereby proclaim the day of May 22, 2010, as **Dr. Robert N. Richmond Day** in Morgan County and call upon the people of Morgan County to observe this day with appropriate activities to honor Dr. Richmond's life time of professional service and volunteer activities.

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

10-205 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to enter into Executive Session at 2:29pm with Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, as per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1),Employment, Personnel.

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

10-206 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to exit Executive Session at 2:50pm with Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, 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

10-207 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to allow organizations or individuals who rent the Community Room in the Riecker Building for more than 10 in accumulative hours will receive 2 hours free room usage based on availability.

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

10-208 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve Job and Family Service non-union employees a pay raise in the amount of \$.70. Commissioners would like to thank the union and non-union employees for forgoing their raise last year.

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

10-209 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following transfer of funds in the amount of \$550.00 from 001-0402-5102.00 Courthouse Maintenance and place into 001-0602-5304.00 Recorder Equipment.

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

10-210 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,

Mike Reed, President

Don Reynolds, Vice-President

Andrea Plummer, Clerk

Dean Cain, Member