

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, September 20, 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 September 13, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

10-367 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from September 13, 2010.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 161.9 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 6 dogs were impounded, 3 dogs were sold, and 2 dogs were found in outside cage.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, updated Commissioners on Agricultural and Natural Resources; the 2010 Junior Fair Sale generated \$235,167 (this was a 1% increase over last year); Master Gardener training is scheduled to begin September 28th and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday through October; Morgan County Cattleman will meet October 4th at 7pm at the High School Vo-Ag room; Farmer's Market will continue through the last Friday in October (average of seven vendors each week); the Chesterhill Produce Auction under the new ownership of Rural Action continues a successful season with sales up from 2009 (auctions are held Mondays and Thursdays beginning at 4pm). The following are 4-H updates: 4-H Committee meets tonight at 7pm, 4-H staff members have started working on the 2011 4-H calendar, school enrichment programs available to all the elementary schools for use in the 2010-2011 school year; CARTEENS program will be held November 9th at the Courthouse, from 6:30pm-8:30pm; 2010 Camp Counselors and Older Youth In Training will have wrap-up meetings in October. The following are Family and Consumer Science Updates: Dining with Diabetes program scheduled for September 30, October 7 and 14, currently has 7 individuals registered; Helping Children Cope with Divorce scheduled for November 8th (individuals can call the Extension Office 962-4854 to register); Family Nutrition programs were presented at the Department of Job and Family Services, Morgan County United Ministries and The Kids Shop. Mrs. Montgomery stated Amy Grove continues to work with the Morgan County convention and Visitors Bureau and reports they were present at the Muskingum Valley Outdoor and Gun Shop at the Longaberger Homestead and at the Paw Paw Festival at Lake Snowden. Plans are made to exhibit at the Little Cities of Black Diamonds Day in Hemlock and at the AAA and Heartland Travel Showcase in the winter of 2011. A new CVB website is being developed and they are preparing to produce the 2011-2012 Visitor's Guide. The next Extension Advisory Committee will be held on October 11, 2010, from 7-9pm.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, held a discussion on determining eligibility for Food Stamps and Medicaid. There was an ad in the paper stating the Ohio Benefit Bank can determine eligibility; however, they can fill out or help fill out application but they can not determine eligibility for Food Stamps and Medicaid. They can give rough estimates on benefits. Anyone interested must still contact their local

Job and Family Services for actual benefits and what documentation is needed. A discussion was held concerning the Law Library Resources Board.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, informed Commissioners she will be submitting an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding the purchase of the four vehicles from the Board of Developmental Disabilities. There will be a CHIP grant contractor meeting at 8:30am, on the 3rd floor of the Riecker Building in the Conference Room. Mrs. Wells will be attending the Township 209 meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2010, from 10am-12:00pm; and the Connect Ohio meeting at 3pm. On Wednesday, September 22nd, there will be a Transportation Advisory meeting located at Transit's Office, at noon.

10-368 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following, as submitted by Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

A resolution authorizing the filing of (an) application(s) with the Ohio Department of Transportation by the Morgan County Commissioners for grants through the US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as authorized under Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5310, Specialized Transportation Program and executing a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation upon project approval.

WHEREAS, the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants for the Specialized Transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under 49 USC Section 5310 the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Morgan County Commissioners

1. That Mike Reed, President is authorized on behalf of the Morgan County Commissioners;

a. to execute and file

- i. Proposals to aid in the financing of capital assistance projects
- ii. Grant agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of capital assistance projects
- iii. An assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- iv. Set forth affirmative disadvantage business policies in connection to any procurement made as part of the project

2. That Mike Reed, President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with the proposal for the program of projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

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

Jennifer and Bobby Mayle discussed a dog bite incident that involved their daughter. Jennifer articulated the events as she recalled them. The incident was reported to the Dog Warden, occurred at Jennifer's parent's house, however; the dog (a boxer) belongs to Jennifer's oldest daughter whom resides at the same address as Jennifer's parents. Jennifer stated the dog is up to date on shots but has bitten two other children. Jennifer transported her daughter to the Emergency Room in Zanesville. Jennifer remarked she is upset with the Dog Warden and questioned why dogs remained on property. Jennifer and Bobby questioned what their options were to ensure this don't happen again. Commissioner Cain inquired if Jennifer would see if her oldest daughter would give up the dog. Jennifer stated her daughter will not give up the dog, she loves it, however; this is creating quite a family feud. Commissioners stated they will speak to the Dog Warden and get her perspective on the incident and find out what is going on with the dog.

Rick Walters and Aaron Nesselroad, Dietz, Futrell & Walters Insurance, Inc., informed the Commissioners of additional information they will need to quote the county's health insurance. Commissioners discussed the opt out option they are going to offer to county employees whom are funded through the General Fund and can obtain other insurance either through a spouse or partner. Mr. Walters stressed to insure that any employee that chooses to opt out provides proof of coverage of other insurance. Commissioner Reed mentioned this is the first time this has been offered to the county employees and if at least two persons sign up, this will save the county a lot of money.

Bernie Kinder, Kinder's Insurance, discussed what he will need in order to quote the county's health insurance. Mr. Kinder is affiliated with the Ohio Plan.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, discussed a resolution that was passed in 2003 relating to PERS being taxed now or taxed when a county employee retires. The wrong resolution was passed. This affects fifteen employees. Gary stated he will supply the correct resolution that needs to be passed.

10-369 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

Dean Cain, Member

Andrea Plummer, Clerk