

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, November 15, 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 November 8, 2010 meeting were read and approved.

10-458 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from November 8, 2010.

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

Commissioner-Elect Tim VanHorn sat in during Commissioner's regular session.

Stevan Hook, Engineer, asked if Commissioners had anything for him. Commissioners stated they do not have anything for him at this time.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 122.5 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 4 dogs were impounded, 4 dogs were taken by SPOT, and 10 dogs were euthanized.

Commissioners approved the McConnelsville Christian Fellowship to use the Grove/Commons area on December 24th, 2010; from 5:30pm-6:30pm; for Christmas Eve Services; as requested by Terri Caldwell.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Missy Fisher, Director, Board of Elections, concerning Diebold Settlement.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, updated Commissioners on Agricultural and Natural Resources; Chris Penrose will be teaching ATV Safety next week to all forth thru six grade students at South Elementary; plans are to be at West and East Elementary next spring. Morgan County Cattleman will meet December 6th at 7pm at the High School Vo-Ag room; the Master Gardeners will meet Wednesday, January 5th, at 11am at the Historical Society for their 2011 Kick-off meeting. Morgan County Master Gardeners are moving forward with the Morgan County Community Garden, which will be located behind Riverside Country Care Center and next to the Junior High School. The Ag students at Morgan High will begin building fence around the garden this month with plans to finish the paths and beds in early spring. Funding for the project is coming, in part, from a \$600.00 grant from Buckeye Hills RC&D. In addition to Master Gardeners, and the students, other in-kind contributors to the project include Lindimore Lifetime Fencing and OSU Extension. Mrs. Montgomery thanked the Commissioner for allowing the Master Gardeners to use the space for this project. Anyone interested in helping with the project or getting more information about renting a space can contact the Extension Office 962.4854. Pesticide training and testing is planned for late January and re-certification is planned for February 22nd. The following are 4-H updates: the 2011 4-H calendar has been drafted, school enrichment programs available to all the elementary schools for use in the 2010-2011 school year; Letters to Older Youth (4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1st, 2011)

have been mailed out; Interviews for Older Youth activities are scheduled for December 8th and 9th. The following are Family and Consumer Science Updates: Helping Children Cope with Divorce scheduled for 2011: (January 31, August 29 and November 15). Co-Parenting for Never Married Co-Parents classes have been scheduled for 2011: (September 13 and October 18). Family Nutrition programs were presented at the Department of Job and Family Services, Morgan County United Ministries and Morgan County Office on Aging, Head Start, The Kids Shop and Women Infant and Children. Mrs. Montgomery provided an update on the Convention and Visitors Bureau: for the first season under the new ownership of Rural Action the Chesterhill Produce Auction (CPA) grossed 40% more than in 2009 for a total of \$90,000; with \$74,700 going to growers. The CPA averaged 70 customers per auction and held 41 total auctions including on consignment auction. The season closed on October 14th with 770 registered buyers, up from 400-registered buyers in 2009. These customers come from throughout Southeast Ohio, as well as West Virginia and other areas of Ohio. Fifty-eight producers sold produce in 2010, and 27 of these growers brought produce to 20 or more auctions this year. These growers were predominantly from Morgan County, but also included growers from Athens, Muskingum, Washington, Gallia, Meigs and Fairfield counties. The next Extension Advisory Committee will be held on January 10, 2011, from 7-8:30pm.

Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting request for Reuben Kittle to Athens on December 10th, for “Lessons in Loss of Child” training; Vicki Quesinberry to Stark County on December 7th, to attend the “Canton District Director’s” meeting; Kari Schaad to Athens on December 14th, for “Adoption” training; Kari Schaad to Athens on December 6th, for “Child Suicide” training; Kim Reed to Caldwell on November 17th for “One Stop” meeting.

10-459 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following de-appropriations within the line items of the Public Assistance Account, as requested by Heidi Burns, Job and Family Services:

Revenue

006-0006-4002.00	Other H-3	\$14,000.00
006-0006-4003.00	Refunds H-7	\$30,000.00
006-0006-4010.00	Social Service	\$70,000.00

Expenditure

006-0006-5102.00	H1 Salaries	\$10,000.00
006-0006-5102.02	H25 Salaries	\$ 2,000.00
006-0006-5305.00	H4 Contract & Repair	\$ 5,000.00
006-0006-5307.00	H11 Travel & Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
006-0006-5307.01	H30 Travel & Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
006-0006-5309.00	H15 Other Expenses	\$20,000.00
006-0006-5309.01	H34 Other Expenses	\$50,000.00
006-0006-5340.00	H5 Public Assist.	\$11,000.00
006-0006-5345.00	H33 Purchase of Serv.	\$ 9,000.00

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

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners’ Development Office, discussed full-time work schedules for Transit drivers and Center Township’s Formula 2009-Community Development Block Grant handicap ramp project. Shannon requested to apply some Revolving Loan Fund money to contribute to the completion of the project in addition to Center Township using some of their funds. Mrs. Wells requested to un-table the bids received for the Senior Center’s Re-roof project.

10-460 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to un-table the bids received for the Morgan County Senior Center Re-Roof Project from: Industrial First Inc. in the amount of \$31,700; EW Drake Inc. in the amount of \$19,953 and \$2.46 per square foot for wood deck replacement; Saup/Hartley in the amount of \$19,642 and \$2.75 per square foot for wood deck replacement; King’s Future Builders in the amount of \$19,954.67 and \$5.47 per square foot for wood deck replacement and Hittle Roofing in the amount of \$20,474.59 and \$2.75 per square foot for wood deck replacement, as requested by Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioner’s Development Office.

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

10-461 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to accept the bid received by Saup/Hartley in the amount of \$19,642 and \$2.75 per square foot for wood deck replacement.

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

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Mary Ann Chamberlain, Superintendent, Morgan County Board of DD, requesting the re-appointment of Mr. Dennis Ponchak as a Community Member-non-relative; to the Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four year term commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2014.

10-462 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to re-appoint Mr. Dennis Ponchak to the Morgan County Board of Developmental Disabilities for a four year term commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2014; as requested by Mary Ann Chamberlain, Superintendent, Morgan County Board of DD.

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

10-463 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Mike Totman, Court Administrator and Chief Probation Officer:

From:	To:	Amount:
001-0202-5305.00	001-0202-5309.00	\$121.53
001-0202-5323.00	001-0202-5309.00	\$68.00
001-0203-5305.00	001-0202-5309.00	\$76.44
001-0204-5310.00	001-0202-5309.00	\$110.00

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

Commissioners attended a Public Viewing to vacate a portion of Township Road 216 located in Lot 74 and Fractional Lot 33 of Windsor Township at 11:00am.

Commissioners attended a Public Viewing to vacate a portion of Township Road 179 located in Windsor Township, Lots 14 and 1042 between County Road 6 and County Road 36 at 11:15am.

Commissioners attended a Public Viewing to vacate a portion of Township Road 179 located in Lots 51, 54 and 55 of Windsor Township at 11:30am.

A Public Hearing was held in the Commissioner’s Office at 1:30pm to vacate a portion of Township Road 216 located in Lot 74 and Fractional Lot 33 of Windsor Township. Those in attendance were:

Commissioner Mike Reed, Commissioner Dean Cain, Commissioner Don Reynolds, Andrea Plummer, Commissioner's Clerk, Mark Murphy, Windsor Township Trustee, James Locke. There was no objection to the vacation; Commissioners passed the following resolution.

10-464 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to vacate the portion of Township Road 216, located in Lot 74 and Fractional Lot 33 of Windsor Township. Beginning at the intersection of State Route 376 and the unused, un-maintained portion of Township Road 216 (this property is currently in the name of Gregory Hanson and was formerly the residence of Betty Hanson), thence for this petition request, in a general north course following the old roadbed of Township Road 216, 0.17 mile to the Windsor / Meigsville Township Line and the terminus of this vacation request. It is the intention to vacate all of the unused, un-maintained right-of-way of Township Road 216 in Windsor Township.

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

A Public Hearing was held in the Commissioner's Office at 1:35pm to vacate a portion of Township Road 179 located in Windsor Township, Lots 14 and 1042 between County Road 6 and County Road 36. Those in attendance were: Commissioner Mike Reed, Commissioner Dean Cain, Commissioner Don Reynolds, Andrea Plummer, Commissioner's Clerk, Mark Murphy, Windsor Township Trustee, James Locke. James Locke objected to the vacation stating it is the only way in and out of his property; Commissioners passed the following resolution.

10-465 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to deny the petition to vacate a portion of Township Road 179 located in Windsor Township, Lots 14 and 1042 between County Road 6 and County Road 36. Beginning at the present day intersection of County Road 36 (Point Lookout Road) and Township Road 179 (Ash Road), thence in a general westerly course, following the old roadbed 1.35 miles to County Road 6 and the terminus of this vacation.

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

A Public Hearing was held in the Commissioner's Office at 1:40pm to vacate a portion of Township Road 179 located in Lots 51, 54 and 55 of Windsor Township. Those in attendance were: Commissioner Mike Reed, Commissioner Dean Cain, Commissioner Don Reynolds, Andrea Plummer, Commissioner's Clerk, Mark Murphy, Windsor Township Trustee, James Locke. There was no objection to the vacation; Commissioners passed the following resolution.

10-466 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to vacate a portion of Township Road 179 located in Lots 51, 54 and 55 of Windsor Township. Beginning at the dead end of Township Road 179 (Ash Road) 1.433 mile south and east of County Road 36 (Point Lookout Road), thence following the old roadbed (unused and un-maintained) in a southeasterly course 0.060 mile to the old roads intersection with State Route 266. It is the intentions of this petition to vacate all of the right-of-way of Township Road 179 (Ash Road) that is unused and un-maintained southeast of the dead end.

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

Larry Albert discussed dog postings at the pound. Commissioner Reed informed Mr. Albert that he assumes all dogs are being posted properly. Commissioner Reed told Mr. Albert he had visited the pound several times in the past few weeks to check the postings and the postings at the pound matched the reports submitted by the Dog Warden. Mr. Albert then asked to see two owner release forms; Commissioner Reed

said will inquire about the forms. Mr. Albert then made a public record request for Commissioner minutes dated August , 2010 thru November 8, 2010.

Barb Lowry and Lori Rossio, Pitney Bowes, talked about leases on electronic equipment the county uses. They discussed possible savings using the certified mailing system and court green cards. The contract lease for equipment expires December 30, 2010.

10-467 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