

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, February 7, 2011 with the following members present:

Mike Reed, President  
Dean Cain, Vice-President  
Tim VanHorn, Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the January 31, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

**11-75** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from January 31, 2011.

**Vote Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea, Tim VanHorn- yea. Motion Carried**

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 260.9 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 6 dogs were impounded, SPOT took 9 dogs and 8 dogs were euthanized.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Beth Scott informing them of her resignation from the Morgan County Board of DD.

Commissioners approved the request from the Morgan County Re-enactors Association to use the Commons and Grove areas for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Encampment Days to be held July 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and the use of the Community Room from 9:00am – 11:00pm, on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Commissioners granted permission for the NWTF Wolf Creek Chapter to put up banners (one at the Commons and one at the entrance to the old bridge) for their banquet which is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5pm, at the Old Stockport Gymnasium.

Commissioners signed the lease agreement between the Morgan County Commissioners and the Learning Center. The rent was raised to \$150 per month and the lessee will also be responsible for minor repairs not to exceed \$50 per month.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted February 2011 Mandated Share in the amount of \$3973.28 and a supply request for Barnes & Noble in the amount of \$642.00.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, updated Commissioners on the van for the Senior Center, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant and the CHIP Program.

Engineer Hook met with Commissioners to discuss the present conditions of the existing mechanics truck; it is inadequate to carry the amount of weight that is required. The loading includes spare fuel and oil tanks for equipment, tools and other equipment needed to complete the field mechanic's daily chores. There have been several changes in the operating procedures to be more efficient in time utilization and operating costs. In doing so, the mechanics truck has been overloaded to the point it is beginning to literally break apart. Mr. Hook requested permission to purchase a 2006 GMC Topkick Cab & Chassis Model 4500 with

51,498 miles, in the amount of \$24,852.50; this includes title and registration. Commissioner Cain and Darrel Kuntz inspected and operated the vehicle and found it to be in excellent condition. Mr. Hook intends to trade in a 1994 GMC Topkick Dump Truck with 275,558 miles and a 1998 Chevrolet 4x4 Pick-up Truck with 203,627 miles; trade in total \$4000.00. Stevan also requests permission to purchase the following accessory equipment: Harbor Utility Service Body installed in the amount of \$7200.00 and Maxow Lift Gate installed in the amount of \$1750.00. Since the existing mechanic's truck has a fairly new engine and only 109,444 miles; it will be kept as a replacement for the 1998 pick-up being traded in. Commissioner VanHorn received a complaint on the conditions of County Road #24 and discussed the situation with Mr. Hook. Stevan replied there are many County Roads that are in the same condition right now; as far as County Road #24, there has been several loads of gravel put out there.

**11-76 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to grant Engineer Hook permission to purchase a 2006 GMC Topkick Cab & Chassis Model 4500 with 51,498 miles, in the amount of \$24,852.50; this includes title and registration. Total cost of the vehicle with accessory equipment is \$29,532.50.

**Vote Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea, Tim VanHorn- yea. Motion Carried**

The Morgan County Engineer intends to restore the existing wooden covered bridge (installed 1950) on CR #16 (West Morganville Road) known as the "San Toy Covered" bridge in order to preserve the traveling needs of the public. It is anticipated that this project will require a complete closure of this highway at the respective location. Morgan County Engineer will recommend that traffic use the following local detour for 90 consecutive calendar days between July 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012. The County detour established during this closure will follow Union Twp Rd #722 (San Toy Rd) north to the Perry County line running into Monroe Twp Rd #452. Continue north on Twp Rd 452 to Perry County Rd #37 (San Toy Rd), then west on CR #37 to Perry County Rd #16 (Irish Ridge Rd). Take CR #16 south to Monroe Twp. Rd #455, then east on Twp Rd #455 to the Morgan County Line and Morgan County Rd #16. The Morgan County Engineer would appreciate any information regarding potential negative impacts created by the traffic pattern associated with this improvement. In addition, we would like to hear any general concerns you may have in reference to this improvement.

The Morgan County Engineer intends to replace the existing steel beam bridge (installed 1950) on Union Township Rd #106 (Rosseau Hill Lane) in order to preserve the traveling needs of the public. It is anticipated that this project will require a complete closure of this highway at the respective location. Morgan County Engineer will recommend that traffic use the following local detour for 90 consecutive calendar days between July 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012. The County detour established during this closure will follow County Rd #13 (Rosseau Rd) north to State Route 78, then west on State Route 78 to State Route 555, then south on State Route 555 to Union Twp Rd #4106. The Morgan County Engineer would appreciate any information regarding potential negative impacts created by the traffic pattern associated with this improvement. In addition, we would like to hear any general concerns you may have in reference to this improvement.

The Morgan County Engineer intends to replace the existing steel beam bridge (installed 1944) on Windsor Township Rd #48 (Hook Rd) in order to preserve the traveling needs of the public. It is anticipated that this project will require a complete closure of this highway at the respective location. Morgan County Engineer will recommend that traffic use the following local detour for 90 consecutive calendar days between July 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012. The County detour established during this closure will follow State Route 266 west to State Route 792, then east on Ste Route 792 to Windsor Twp Rd #48. The Morgan County Engineer would appreciate any information regarding potential negative impacts created by the traffic pattern

associated with this improvement. In addition, we would like to hear any general concerns you may have in reference to this improvement.

Art Deininger and Tom Bellish, Buckeye Energy Brokers Inc., met with Commissioners and discussed the proposal for the Electric and Natural Gas Aggregation Program. John Wells, Mayor of McConnellsville, was also in attendance. Buckeye Energy has advised over 200 aggregation buying groups, most notable the Federal Government's General Service Administration. They have over 20 years of experience with local utility, third party suppliers, and variety of customers providing a 360-degree view of the energy business. They are a PUCO certified electric and natural gas broker and first to implement the programs. Buckeye Energy Brokers proposes a "partnership approach" with the community and will pay for any election costs. The maximum usage of kilowatt hours is 700,000 for residential and small business. To put in perspective the average home uses 13,000. The average savings to a residential home is 5% and 15% for small business on their electric bills. Commissioners and Mayor Wells addressed their questions to Art and Tom. Commissioner Reed questioned why this needed to be placed on the ballot. It was stated it will be more effective, rather than sending letters out to the community. Even if it is passed on the ballot, a household can opt out of the program. It does not cost the residents of Morgan County any additional money at all. They will only receive one bill and it will still be from AEP; they will only see a reduction on their bill. Commissioner Reed questioned if the local AEP would be able to bid. It was acknowledged that AEP has a retail store and will be offered to bid on the county's electric. Commissioner Cain inquired if there is an additional cost to opt in later. It was mentioned there is no cost. Mayor Wells asked if municipalities were included. Municipalities have the option to opt in, after the county places it on the ballot and it is passed by Morgan County citizens. It was mentioned AEP is merging with Columbus Southern and Ohio Power Company next year which could drive rates up. Commissioners thanked Art and Tom for coming in and stated they need time to discuss their proposal further. Mr. Deininger and Mr. Bellish thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to present their proposal and will be in touch.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, met with Commissioners to discuss the increase in indirect costs assessed to her office. It was mentioned only Job and Family Services, Children Services, the Engineer's Office and the Office on Aging is billed for these costs. Linda inquired why these were the only departments billed. Commissioners explained why the General Fund offices, Board of DD and the Health Department were not required to pay. It was mentioned Transit will be assessed indirect costs next year. Mrs. Sheets declared there are seniors waiting on a list for programs and every year the funding sources for the Office on Aging are being cut. Linda stated if she is required to pay the full amount, employees hours may have to be cut. Linda feels this is an injustice to her department and the seniors. Commissioner Cain stated the Commissioners do everything they can to help the seniors. Commissioner VanHorn inquired if Linda felt she should not have to pay the indirect costs. Mrs. Sheets replied she feels she should not be required to pay when other departments are not. Linda requested the Commissioners check into it and they meet again and hopefully come to an agreement.

**11-77 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 into Fund 017, and distribute into the following line items as requested by MaryAnn Chamberlain, Superintendent, Board of DD:**

017-0017-5306.00	Contracts	\$45,000
017-0017-5309.00	Other Expenses	\$20,000
017-0017-5373.00	Saved Match	\$10,000

**Vote Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea, Tim VanHorn- yea. Motion Carried**

Commissioners attended the Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting at 2pm, at the Noble County Health Department.

**11-78** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM.

**Vote Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea, Tim VanHorn- yea. Motion Carried**

**Commissioners,**

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**Mike Reed, President**

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**Dean Cain, Vice-President**

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**Tim VanHorn, Member**

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**Andrea Plummer, Clerk**