

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Tuesday, February 22, 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 February 14, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

**11-88** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from February 14, 2011.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 167.9 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 5 dogs were impounded, SPOT took 4 dogs, 2 dogs were redeemed and 3 dogs were euthanized.

Stevan Hook, Engineer, held a discussion with Commissioners concerning leases for gas and oil extraction into the Marcellus shale; the county needs to have a policy in place prior to the process starting. Engineer Hook submitted the Annual Report for 2010. The total receipts for 2010, consisting of license and gas taxes, sales, interest, etc. were \$3,352,011.37. This total was up \$14,304.97 from 2009. Steve mentioned steady revenues combined with the ever increasing construction material costs are making for a very challenging situation. To meet the necessary requirements for the 344 miles of roadway and the 209 bridges that must be maintained; Steve had to balance labor, equipment, operating techniques, and available funding to get the best overall results for the entire County. In doing this; some areas of the County have gained, but others have lost, but overall we are in better shape than at this time last year. Total wages and benefits were: \$1,557,158.90 (same as 2009). Overtime pay was \$17,056.21 (1.60% of the total payroll costs). Approximately 90% of this overtime was the result of snow removal or callouts due to storm damage; the remainder was used to more efficiently complete some daily work. Total improvements (paving, bridge work, new culverts and asphalt): \$872,114.88. Total road maintenance (salt & cinders, signs & posts, stone, and sealing materials): \$502,950.10. Total overheads: \$660,005.58. Total new equipment: \$221,911.80. A total of 13.51 miles in new pavement projects were completed in 2010; County Roads 4, 92, 39 and 89. All of these were co-funded with Issue-I Funds administered thru Buckeye Hill's for the Ohio Public Works Projects. A total of 4.60 miles in grader patch with new chip and seal projects were completed in 2010; County Road 52 and 110. A total of 23.19 miles in grader patching projects with HMA only were completed in 2010; County Roads 4, 14, 15, 38, 40, 84 and 85. A total of 4.28 miles in preliminary leveling for 2011 "Chip and Seal" projects were completed in 2010; County Road 31 and 54. A total of eight bridges were replaced during 2010. Two new bridges were constructed with Federal/ODOT funding, four were upgraded with local forces to meet all legal load requirements, and two old bridges were replaced with two large culverts. Each of the County's 209 bridges are rated from (1 to 100%) based upon its condition from the bridge inspection that is completed annually. The 2010 overall average sufficiency rating is 72% up from 68.8% in 2004. During 2010 a total of 4,088 feet of small diameter culvert was installed on County Road 4, 56, 92 and 100; plus 23 other county roads. \$27,458.54 was spent on County Roads 4 and 39 for slip repair.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, updated Commissioners on Agricultural and Natural Resources: OSU hosted one evening of the Ohio Beef School- a five part series that is being broadcasted to 17 sites and over 200 people around the country; on Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, OSU Extension provided an informational meeting on the potential of oil & gas drilling in the Marcellus and Utica shale here in Morgan County- 100 people attended the meeting to learn about the pros and cons; pesticide recertification will be Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> for restricted use pesticide operators; pesticide testing will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup> for those that want to obtain a license; Master Gardner's will meet February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am, at the Historical Society; a parasite control meeting for sheep and goat producers will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, at the High School Vo-Ag room; Morgan County Cattleman's meeting will be held April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the High School Vo-Ag room; Morgan and Washington County Extension Offices will have a six week Farm Financial Planning program for women (Annie's Project) beginning March 31<sup>st</sup> (interested persons need to call for reservation); Amy Grove will begin to work on Community Garden plots next month. Pam updated Commissioners on 4-H: 14 individuals have requested new 4-H volunteer packets for 2011 (eleven have returned the packets and completed their interviews); Junior Fair Board reorganized on January 18<sup>th</sup>; Camp Counselors have had two training sessions: 4-H Advisory Committee reorganized on January 24<sup>th</sup> (the committee is still looking for new members); Junior Fair Livestock Sale Committee reorganized for 2011 on January 27<sup>th</sup>; Junior Leaders will be sponsoring a 4-H Ohio House on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm, at the Extension Office; Older Youth in Training held their first meeting for the year on February 14<sup>th</sup>; Fashion Board reorganized for the year on February 15<sup>th</sup>- the members are planning on attending the 38<sup>th</sup> Sewing Smorgasbord on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Sheridan Middle School; Fifteen 4-H volunteers will be attending the Ohio Volunteer Conference on March 12<sup>th</sup> (Amy Grove and Pam Montgomery will also be attending and transporting the youth); the Risk Management Program for 4-H Club Advisors will be offered on March 24<sup>th</sup>; 4-H Clubs are beginning to pick up their enrollment packets for 2011- Parents or youth interested in becoming a 4-H member can call the Extension Office if they have questions. Pam mentioned Amy Grove attended the Heartland Travel Showcase in Detroit for the Convention and Visitor's Bureau this past weekend. Mrs. Montgomery provided Family and Consumer Science Updates: Co-Parenting for Never Married Co-Parents is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>; there are two programs set for next month with Job and Family Services and Morgan County United Ministries for the Family Nutrition Program. The next Extension Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>; Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, discussed the debt of nearly \$500,000 owed to the state. A meeting has been set with Attorney General Mike DeWine's office, Ohio Job and Family Services representatives, and Morgan County Officials on March 23, 2011; at 1pm. Vicki submitted a position statement in response to the letter received from the Attorney General's Office for Commissioners to review. Ms. Quesinberry stated union negotiations for 3560 start on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The OJT Agreement with Mahle was submitted for Commissioners signature. A discussion was held concerning HB1 and HB5. Vicki noted testing and interviewing was complete for the Account Clerk 2 position; Crystal Moler was recommended for the position.

**11-89 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to accept the recommendation by Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, and hire Crystal Moler for the Account Clerk 2 position.

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

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by MaryAnn Chamberlain, Superintendent, Board of DD, concerning appointment of a board member in regards to the vacancy for the unexpired term of Beth Scott. This term expires December 31, 2013. A recommendation was submitted for Ms. Mavis D. Hooper.

Notice of this vacancy for the unexpired term must be advertised on at least two separate dates in one or more newspapers.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Kathy Smedley, Secretary, Chesterhill Volunteer Fire Department inviting the Commissioners to the Squad and Fire Department Appreciation Banquet on March 5, 2011, at Burr Oak Resort, at 6:00pm.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, noted the new van for the Senior Citizens Center should be delivered within 8-10 weeks. Shannon stated Transit is going to seek bids for dispatching software. Mrs. Wells stated she attended a Broadband meeting last week and she will be attending the Convention and Visitor's Bureau meeting Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 4pm, at the Historical Society. Shannon stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant for the Village of McConnelsville Water/Sanitary Sewer will be held March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10am.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reynolds discussed fraudulent attacks on Senior Citizens.

Larry Albert requested to meet a Commissioner at the Dog Pound. Commissioner Reed asked for Larry's phone number and stated he would contact him and set up a time to meet at the pound.

Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, discussed Indirect Costs.

**11-90 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a Then and Now Resolution to pay a Staples Credit Plan invoice; as requested by Thomas C. Jenkins Sr., Morgan County Sheriff.

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

**11-91 Motion** by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the establishment of a new equipment line item 085-0085-5304.00 in the 085 Revolving Loan Fund Account and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$32,300.00 into this line item; as requested by Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

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

**11-92 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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**Andrea Plummer, Clerk**

**Tim VanHorn, Member**