

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, March 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 February 28, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

**11-102** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from February 28, 2011.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 185.9 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 17 dogs were impounded, 4 dogs were euthanized, 1 dog was redeemed, and SPOT took 15 dogs.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, discussed Senate Bill 5 (state employees collective bargaining) and House Bill 1, Workforce Investment Act Funding. Jim Konkoly, reporter for the Morgan County Herald was also in attendance.

**11-103** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the following, as submitted by Jeff McInturf, Engineer's Office:

The following resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project.

**SECTION I - Project Description**

WHEREAS, the LPA/STATE has identified the need for the described project:

Bridge replacement project over Buck Run. Replace 27 ft. span concrete bridge (SFN 5837197). Begin 1.50 miles NW of State Route 78 and 0.85 miles SE of Morganville.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio.

**SECTION II - Consent Statement**

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project.

**SECTION III - Cooperation Statement**

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The County does hereby propose to assume and contribute the entire cost and expense of the improvement, less the amount of Federal Aid Funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for financing this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, and further, the County agrees to bear one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the following items:

- 1) Rights-of-Way
- 2) All costs for added construction items generating extra work contracts under Ohio laws, unless performance is approved by the State of Ohio and Federal Highway Administration before work is authorized.

#### **SECTION IV - Utilities and Right-of-Way Statement**

The LPA agrees that all right-of-way required for the described project will be acquired and/or made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The LPA also understands that right-of-way costs include eligible utility costs.

The LPA agrees that all utility accommodation, relocation and reimbursement will comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

#### **SECTION V - Maintenance**

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for such maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the Right-of-Way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

#### **SECTION VI - Authority to Sign**

The County Engineer of said Morgan County is hereby empowered on behalf of the Board of Morgan County Commissioners to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation necessary to complete the above described project.

This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project(s) and to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

The second Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant for Water/Sanitary Sewer funding for the Village of McConnelsville was held in the Commissioner's Office at 10:00am. Those in attendance were Commissioner Reed, Commissioner Cain, Commissioner VanHorn, and Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed last weeks awarding of quotes received for the Park Improvements Project for the Village of Malta. It was found that preparation work needed to be done before the improvements could be completed; as a result, the quotes that were awarded have to be rescinded. Shannon also informed the Commissioners she would be attending a meeting in Columbus, on Thursday, with the Finance Fund and other Financial Institutions.

**11-104 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to rescind the following quotes received for the Park Improvements Project for the Village of Malta as follows: Global Industrial in the amount of \$541.00 for a message board; UpBeat Site Furnishings in the amount of \$850.00 for picnic tables; UpBeat Site Furnishings in the amount of \$495.00 for benches; Component Playgrounds in the amount of \$2008 for a swing set; Detailed Play Systems Pro in the amount of \$23,650 for a playground.

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

A representative from Sam's Club telephoned the Commissioners and inquired on offering the county employees a discounted membership. A representative from Sam's Club will be in the Riecker Building tentatively on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thomas C. Jenkins, Sr., Sheriff, met with Commissioners.

**11-105 Motion** by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to enter into Executive Session at 2:00pm with Thomas C. Jenkins, Sr., Morgan County Sheriff, as per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(4), Collective Bargaining Matters.

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

**11-106 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to exit Executive Session at 2:30pm with Thomas C. Jenkins, Sr., Morgan County Sheriff, as per O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(4), Collective Bargaining Matters.

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

Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Sunday Creek Watershed, provided an annual update for the group; focusing on acid mine drainage, improperly treated wastewater, illegal dumping and sedimentation over 139 square miles covering Morgan, Perry and Athens counties. The Commissioners were invited to their spring watershed tour on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This tour is open to the public and will be from 9:30am-3pm. Also, Mrs. Leasure-Earnhardt and Amy Grove, OSU Extension, discussed the Chesterhill Produce Auction and Farmers March at the Commons.

Tate Anderson, Maximus, met with Commissioners to go over indirect costs. Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, was also in attendance.

Kent Moore, District Representative for Senator Portman, met with Commissioners and discussed assorted issues concerning Morgan County; additional funding for the Township 209 project, funding for WIA and medical treatment for veterans.

**11-107** 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**