

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, March 14, 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 March 7, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

**11-108** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from March 7, 2011.

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

Commissioners are in receipt of an application submitted by American Electric Power to span over County Road 22, located in Homer Township, Section No. 7, Morgan County, Ohio to be for an electric line. The Construction of this project will begin on or about April 2011.

Commissioners signed letters in support of Washington/Morgan Community Action and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) to Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob Portman, Congressman Bob Gibbs, Senator Jimmy Stewart and State Representative Debbie Phillips.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 197.3 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 8 dogs were impounded and 1 dog was sold.

Ancil King, Jr., Deputy Dog Warden, reported traveling 22 miles and 2 hours assisting the Dog Warden.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Cathy Apperson and Dee Vandine to Salt Fork on March 29-31, for "Best Practice for Telephone Application & Redetermination Process" training; Dee Vandine and Candi Drake to Worthington on March 28<sup>th</sup>, for "Work Participation Rate" training; Vicki Quesinberry to Tuscarawas County on April 5<sup>th</sup>, for "Canton District Directors" meeting.

**11-109** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a supplemental appropriation in the WIA Stimulus Account \$30,000 into 350-0350-5305.00 Stimulus Rapid Response (Expenditures) and \$30,000 into 350-0350-4005.00 Stimulus Rapid Response (Revenues); as requested by Heidi Burns, Fiscal Supervisor, Job and Family Services.

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

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, noted the office will be closed this afternoon to attend a mandatory training for Transit at the Ohio Department of Transportation. Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Shannon and Traci Baker will volunteer for the Reality Store at Morgan High School. Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, a Broadband meeting will be held in the Community Room at 2pm. Thursday,

March 17<sup>th</sup>, Buckeye Hills will be holding a meeting in the Community Room at 8am. Mrs. Wells informed the Commissioners a Public Notice was released for Transit's Line of Credit; the current line of credit with Citizens National Bank on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Shannon reported the MIS and Vehicle Report were sent to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Last Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Shannon attended the Convention and Visitor's Bureau meeting. Quotes were sought for gear for the Pennsville Volunteer Fire Department for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant; one quote was received from Finley Fire in the amount of \$13,560; one declined to quote and one quote was not received.

**11-110 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to award the gear for the Pennsville Volunteer Fire Department for the 2010 Community Development Block Grant to Finley Fire in the amount of \$13,560.

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

Doug Matheney met with Commissioners to discuss Monsanto seed company.

**11-111 Motion** by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following, as requested by Doug Matheney:

**Whereas**, Ohio and other farming states in the United States will need to increase its agricultural productivity to rapidly increasing demands, and

**Whereas**, world population is exploding and is projected to reach 9 billion people in 2050, and

**Whereas**, new technological innovations such as field boosting seed technologies will be essential to meeting the challenge, and

**Whereas**, Monsanto the seed company that invented roundup ready soybean and corn varieties, is using its monopolistic hold on the seed industry to inhibit innovation, to suppress competition, and increase farms costs, and

**Whereas**, Morgan County farmers and citizens are being harmed by Monsanto's actions, and

**Whereas**, Ohio Attorney General and at least six other Attorney Generals have launched investigations into the business practices of Monsanto

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, Morgan County calls on antitrust authorities to take action to protect innovation and composition in the seed industry.

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

**11-112 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to appoint Shane Roberts to the vacant position on the Board of DD, which expires December 31, 2013.

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

Larry Albert questioned access to the Dog Pound and the meeting with the Attorney General's Office on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Alex Collins, Aspen Energy, met with Commissioners to discuss the Electric and Natural Gas Aggregation Program. Mr. Collins stated the Authorization for Release of Usage Information form needs signed; as well as, copies of all county departments electric and natural gas bills for one month.

**11-113** Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to authorize Alex Collins, Aspen Energy, to obtain quotes for the county's natural gas and electric.

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

**11-114** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4574.00 from personnel costs to the following: \$2664 to General Operating Expenses, \$360 to Program Expenses and \$1550 to Equipment, Jeremy Wells, Interim Director, Office of Probations and Corrections.

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

**11-115** Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the establishment of Fund #053 as Purchase Law Enforcement Vehicle Fund for the Morgan County Sheriff's Office; the establishment of Receipt Line Item 053-0053-4001.00 in order to receive grant payments and Expense Line Item 053-0053-5301.00 in order to expend grant payments and supplementally appropriate \$25,000 to the same, as requested by Katy Chapin, Chief Deputy Auditor.

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

**11-116** Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following invoices as attached to the minutes.

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

**11-117** 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**