

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, March 21, 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 14, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

11-118 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from March 14, 2011.

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

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 209.7 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 16 dogs were impounded, 8 dogs were euthanized and 1 dog was redeemed.

Commissioners granted permission for the Port-O-Morgan Boat Club to put up a banner advertising the Malta Flea Market at the Commons on April 1st – May 10th; as requested by Connie Clark.

Commissioners granted permission for Morgan County United Ministries to use the area in front of the Morgan County Courthouse on Thursday, May 5th, from 11:00am to 1:30pm, for a National Day of Prayer; as requested by Myra Beers.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Masel Johnson expressing her interest in being appointed to the Morgan Meigsville Rural Water Board.

Commissioners are in receipt of a letter submitted by Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor, concerning the Commissioners Morgan County DD Board appointment. Morgan County DD Superintendent requested Mr. Howdyshell review the appointment.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, updated Commissioners on Agricultural and Natural Resources: Pesticide Recertification was held on February 22nd with 23 in attendance; Pesticide Testing was held on February 25th (25 participants took the test); a total of 16 attended the five session beef school that was completed March 3rd; Master Gardeners' will meet at Embree Park in Pennsville on March 24th at 9:30am; Parasite Control meeting for sheep and goat producers will meet on March 29th at 6:30pm at the Morgan HS Vo-Ag Room; Annie's Project, a farm financial management program will be held for six Thursday's beginning March 31st; Morgan County Cattleman's Association will be held Monday, April 4th at 7pm at the Morgan HS Vo-Ag Room. A 4-H update was provided: Junior Fair Board held their 2nd meeting of the year on March 15th; Camp Counselors have had three training sessions (a workday is scheduled for March 29th from 4:30-ppm); 4-H Advisory Committee reorganized on January 24th and the next meeting will be held on March 28th; Junior Leaders have had three meetings in 2011; on March 24th there will be an upcoming training session for 4-H volunteers from 6:30-8:30pm; Fashion Board reorganized for the year on February 15th; 4-H Clubs are beginning to pick up their enrollment packets for 2011; Parents or youth interested in

becoming a 4-h member in 2011 can call the office if they have questions regarding how to get involved in the 4-H program; 4-H CARTEENS organized for the year on March 8th. Mrs. Montgomery noted the Farmer's Market begins in April and provided the Family and Consumer Sciences updates: new for 2011 the Food and Nutrition Program will be at the Farmer's market starting with some hands on food demonstrations and a small presentation is planned for the Family and Children's First Council in April.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted the mandated share in the amount of \$3973.28 for March 2011 and a meeting request for Dee Vandine to Dublin on April 3-5, for training and assistance for child support.

11-119 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a Then and Now resolution in order to pay a Public Assistance billings to Treasurer of State in the amount of \$278.65; as requested by Heidi Burns, Fiscal Supervisor, Job and Family Services.

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

11-120 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the following as requested by Misty Casto, Buckeye-Hills Hocking Valley Regional Development District:

**Resolution of Support for the State Appalachia Fund and
The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**

WHEREAS, Morgan County is served by the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District (including the counties of Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry and Washington) as its Local Development District for The Appalachian Regional Commission;

WHEREAS, the ARC is a model for federal economic development programs and has assisted the eight-county region to improve the social and economic climate and improve critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the State Appalachia Fund provides much needed economic development project funding in the region and has also assisted communities to improve the social and economic climate and improve critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the ARC and the State Appalachia Fund provide funding for business development, education and job training, telecommunications, infrastructure, community development, housing, and transportation projects creating new jobs; improvements to local water and sewer systems; increasing school readiness; expanding access to health care; assisting local communities with strategic planning; and providing technical and managerial assistance to emerging businesses;

WHEREAS, Ohio is the ONLY state in the 13-state ARC region that matches federal project funding with state funding to ensure the monies go even farther toward serving the region;

WHEREAS, without the ARC and the State Appalachia program and their ability to consider a county or community's current assets and ability to "match" funding, many projects would go unfunded because counties simply do not have local funds to complete the projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ohio's LDDs administered 46 ARC and State Appalachia Fund projects totaling over \$75,446,795 in total project costs and resulting in 693 new jobs and another 5,876 jobs retained in the region with funding provided by the State Appalachia Fund and the federal ARC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Commissioners for Morgan County hereby supports continued funding of the State Appalachia Fund Program, The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Ohio's Governor's Office of Appalachia and Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District.

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

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed the Broadband meeting last week and contracting with Ben Kenny, WSOS, for the purpose of conducting a study analysis for competitiveness for Fair Housing. Commissioners approved the contract with WSOS and voted to support the Broadband project as presented using Chesterhill Wireless. Shannon informed the Commissioners of the press release from Connect Ohio concerning the broadband expansion model to Morgan County Officials; Connect Ohio's model would allow high-speed Internet to reach a majority of Morgan County households.

A Bid Opening was held in the Commissioner's Office at 10:00am for Dispatching Software for Transit. Three Bids were received: Route Match in the amount of \$33,745; Trapeze in the amount of \$34,150; and Easy Rides in the amount of \$21,900.

11-121 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to table the bids received for Dispatching Software for Transit from Route Match in the amount of \$33,745; Trapeze in the amount of \$34,150; and Easy Rides in the amount of \$21,900; as requested by Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

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

11-122 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to support the Broadband project as presented using Chesterhill Wireless.

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

A Bid Opening was held in the Commissioner's Office at 11:00am, for asphaltic concrete for use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011. Bids were submitted by Mar-Zane Inc. and Shelly Materials Inc.

11-123 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to table the bids received for asphaltic concrete for use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011, by Mar-Zane Inc. and Shelly Materials Inc; for further review, as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer.

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

A Bid Opening was held in the Commissioner's Office at 11:10am, for liquid bituminous materials for the use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011. One bid was submitted by Asphalt Materials, Inc.

11-124 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to table the bids received for liquid bituminous materials for use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011, by Asphalt Materials Inc; for further review, as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer.

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

Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed the quote received for the Park Improvements Project for the Village of Malta as follows from Service Supply in the amount of \$33,372; a state term contract and no shipping charge applied.

11-125 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to accept the quote received from Service Supply in the amount of \$33,372 for the Park Improvements Project for the Village of Malta.

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

Stevan Hook, Engineer, requested the bids be un-tabled for asphaltic concrete and liquid bituminous materials for use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011.

11-126 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to un-table the bids receive for asphaltic concrete for use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011, by Mar-Zane Inc. and Shelly Materials Inc; as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer.

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

11-127 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to accept all bids received for asphaltic concrete due to high cost of fuel and transportation, with the understanding that the plant location utilized for a given project will be determined by the lowest total cost (asphalt + transportation) to that project, as recommended by Stevan Hook, Engineer.

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

11-128 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to un-table the bids received for liquid bituminous materials for use by the Morgan County Highway Department for the year 2011, by Asphalt Materials Inc; as requested by Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer.

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

11-129 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to accept the bid submitted by Asphalt Materials, Inc., for liquid bituminous materials, as recommended by Stevan Hook, Engineer. The bids were all the same as last year's quotes. Thus, no cost comparison was needed.

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

11-130 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the following as requested by Dee Ann Vandine, Job and Family Services:

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners do hereby resolve that: Pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 3125.13 and 3125.14 of the Ohio Revised Code and rule 5101:12-10-45 and its supplemental rules of the Ohio Administrative Code promulgated by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Service, the Morgan County CSEA is authorized to contract with public or private agencies for the purchase of services. This particular resolution will allow for contract service with the Morgan County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division.

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

Steve Williams, District Deputy Director for the Ohio Department of Transportation, Debbie Fought and Saleh Eldabaja, ODOT representatives, met with Commissioners to discuss the Township Road 209 project. Also in attendance were: Mike Workman and John Wilson, Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation, Stevan Hook, Engineer, Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, Ancil King Jr., Rodney Hanson and Darel Kuntz, Morgan Township Trustees, Barbara Bucey, Morgan Township Clerk.

11-131 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,

Mike Reed, President

Dean Cain, Vice-President

Tim VanHorn, Member

Andrea Plummer, Clerk