

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, May 2, 2011 with the following members present:

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 April 25, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

**11-165** Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from April 25, 2011.

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

Commissioners are in receipt of a resolution by the Malta Post 4713 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars requesting an appropriation not to exceed three hundred dollars to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 135.8 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 6 dogs were impounded, 8 dogs were euthanized and 2 dogs were redeemed.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Cindy Kuntz and Dee Vandine to Athens on May 3-5, to “Sets Financial Training”; Vicki Quesinberry to Caldwell on May 2, to “Area #15 One-Stop Board Members/Partners” meeting; Vicki Quesinberry, Cathy Apperson, Dee Vandine, Mary Woodward, JoAnn Bloomfield, Cheryl Bailey and Reuben Kittle on May 23-25, to “Annual Training” in Columbus. The May, 2011 Mandated Share was submitted in the amount of \$4973.28. The contract between Transit and Job and Family Services was submitted for signature.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners’ Development Office, discussed the 2008 CHIP Grant.

Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners’ Development Office, informed the Board a Transit employee was coming off of probation.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, discussed the Development Office contracting with Vinton County for the administration of the 2010 CHIP Grant. Commissioner Cain informed Gary the Commissioners were aware of the contract. This is the first year the Development Office has been awarded the CHIP Grant; as a result, the Development Office contracted with Vinton County to coach them in the administration of the grant.

Commissioners congratulated Sheriff Tom Jenkins, Sr. on the recent drug bust involving Morgan and Washington counties.

Commissioner Cain mentioned to Engineer Hook of a complaint of road conditions on County Road 60. Engineer Hook expressed nothing can be done at this time due to weather conditions.

Bernie Kinder and Ray McComas, The Ohio Plan, dropped off a copy of the county's liability insurance policy.

Della Bratton telephoned Commissioners to discuss the recent drug bust involving Washington and Morgan counties. In addition, she discussed the Southeastern Regional Joint Jail and the County's Jail. Linda Sheets, Office on Aging, talked about the growing problem of cigarette butts in front of the Senior Center. Commissioner Cain instructed Linda to speak with Mayor John Wells. Linda reminded the Commissioners of Morgan County's Senior Citizen's Day on May 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room at lunch at noon and a program will follow to celebrate Older Americans Month and special recognition of seniors 90 years and older. A transfer of funds was submitted.

**11-166 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4000.00 from Health Insurance line item and place into Van Maintenance line item, as requested by Linda Sheets, Director, Office on Aging.

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

Senator Jimmy Stewart met with Commissioners to discuss various topics including: Morgan County's past debt with the State of Ohio Job and Family Services, a discussion was held concerning the recent fire/hate crime that killed 8 horses and the drug bust involving Washington and Morgan Counties. Senator Stewart remarked the Budget from the House of Representatives should be finalized this week. Commissioners inquired on any changes to the required Mandated Share.

**11-167 Motion** by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to recess the Commissioners regular session at 12:15pm in order for the Commissioners to travel to Caldwell to attend the Southeastern Ohio Joint Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors meeting at 1:00pm.

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

**11-168 Motion** by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to reconvene the Commissioners regular session at 3:00pm.

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

**11-169 Motion** by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following invoices as attached to the minutes.

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

**11-170** Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM.

**Vote Mike Reed- absent, 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**