

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Tuesday, May 31, 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 May 23, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

11-200 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from May 23, 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 6, located in Meigsville Township, Section No. 28, Morgan County, Ohio to be for an electric line. The construction of this project will begin on or about by June/July, 2011; and will be completed by two days.

Kelly Caldwell, Humane Agent, met with Commissioners in support of the Dog Warden, Becky Thompson. Kelly addressed Commissioner VanHorn involving comments made to Becky. Commissioner VanHorn expressed he has done nothing but support Becky and stated this is a big misunderstanding.

Becky Thompson, Dog Warden, reported traveling 209.3 miles responding to dog calls. Mrs. Thompson stated 4 dogs were impounded. Commissioner VanHorn apologized to Becky concerning a misunderstanding.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, submitted meeting requests for Angie Westfall and Laura Kloh to Columbus on June 21-23, for "SETS Financial Training". A discussion was held concerning items not brought to the table during union negotiations involving two employees who has been Morgan County JFS employees since 2001, bringing time served from another county's JFS; this would allow them to accumulate vacation time at a higher rate. Commissioners are not supportive of approving any alterations to the current union contract; this only affects two employees not the entire union. Vicki requested permission to increase the county agency credit card limit. The current limit is \$3000.00. Commissioner Cain inquired on what the agency uses the credit card for. Ms. Quesinberry replied: training, supplies, computers, office equipment/supplies, hotel rooms, etc.

11-201 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve an increase in Morgan County's Job and Family Services agency credit card from \$3000.00 to \$5000.00.

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

Judge Favreau, Common Pleas Court, submitted indigent defense vouchers and introduced, Rachael Bentley, whom just finished her first year at Ohio Northern Law School. Ms. Bentley will be assisting Judge Favreau and Prosecutor Howdyshell.

Stevan Hook, Engineer, informed Commissioners the Highway Department is core drilling below EZ Grout and Eagleport. Engineer Hook also discussed Horizon Broadband; Mr. Hook attended a meeting in Canal Winchester. Mr. Hook reported a hole was cut into fence at the County Garage; however, nothing appeared to be disturbed. But, vandalism to a grader, located at the intersection of County Road 13 and 4, was reported. Steve informed the Sheriff's Department and Kinder's Insurance of the damages.

An individual met with Commissioners to inquire on the proper procedures on obtaining a variance to replace current trailer with a newer one. His property is located in the flood plain on Kosky Drive. Commissioners advised the gentleman he needed to request his variance to the Planning Commission and should also speak with Jeff McInturf, Engineer's Office.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, updated Commissioners on the 2011 Formula Grant applications. Mrs. Wells received a letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources concerning the Grove Project that was submitted. ODNR will fund the project at \$19,000; the Commissioners can fund the remaining \$8800 for the project through the 2011 Formula dollars. A discussion was held concerning a local manufacturing company and Shannon requested the board to approve an Authorizing Resolution for the filing of a Four Year Capital and Operating Plan with the Ohio Department of Transportation for Transit.

11-202 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following Authorizing Resolution, as submitted by Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

This resolution authorizes the filing of a Four Year Capital and Operating Plan with the Ohio department of transportation covering the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015. The Plan is to be used as a planning document to prepare Federal, State, and Local funding estimates for Capital and Operating projects in which the Ohio Department of Transportation may prepare a Program of Projects to request Section 5311 funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Transit Administration.

WHEREAS, the Morgan County Public Transit is the transit operator for Morgan County Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Morgan county Public Transit is presently providing transit service under the FTA Section 5311 Program and observing all federal and state rules regarding this program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That Michael Reed, President, is hereby authorized to file a Four Year Capital and Operating Plan for the years 2012 through 2015, with the Ohio Department of Transportation for grants through the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration, as authorized under the Federal Transit Laws, as codified, 49 USC Section 5311, Financial Assistance for Other Than Urbanized Areas, on Behalf of the Morgan County Commissioners.

That Michael Reed, President, is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Ohio Department of Transportation may require in connection with this Plan.

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

Two bids were received for the Demolition Project located at 3410 East State Route 266, Stockport Ohio 43787 for the Repetitive Flood Claims Program (RFC) FY 2007. Two bids were received: Newberry Excavating in the amount of \$5875.00 and McVoyt Construction in the amount of \$5088.80.

11-203 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to table the bids received for the Demolition Project located at 3410 East State Route 266, Stockport Ohio 43787 for the Repetitive Flood Claims Program (RFC) FY 2007 by Newberry Excavating in the amount of \$5875.00 and McVoyt Construction in the amount of \$5088.80, for further review.

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

Missy Scott discussed property line concerns with Commissioner VanHorn.

Missy Fisher, Board of Elections, submitted a voucher for Triad in the amount of \$260.00 and stated they do not have any money in their line items to pay for this bill. Commissioners assured Missy the bill would be taken care of. Mrs. Fisher also requested to use the county car on June 21st to attend a meeting. Commissioners stated the car is available and will be reserved for the Board of Elections. Missy also submitted a transfer of funds request.

11-204 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Missy Fisher, Board of Elections:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>
\$1.38	Poll Workers line item #001-0301-5103.00
\$9.28	Equipment line item #001-0301-5304.00
\$2.57	Contract Services line item #001-0301-5306.00
\$191.00	Travel line item #001-0301-5307.00
\$604.73	Advertising line item #001-0301-5308.00

**And place the total \$808.96 into Repair line item #001-0301-5305.00.

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

11-205 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to recess the Commissioner's regular session at 4:00pm until Wednesday, June 1, 2011; at 9:00am.

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

11-206 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

11-207 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to reconvene the Commissioner’s regular session at 9:00am, for the purpose of a telephone conference with the board’s Attorney Randy Lambert for discussion on the lawsuit filed by the Board of Elections against the Board of County Commissioners.

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

11-208 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to adjourn the meeting at 9:45am.

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