

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

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

11-473 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from November 7, 2011.

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

Commissioners' dba Morgan County Office on Aging signed the Title III B- Supportive Services Agreement with Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District Area Agency on Aging. This agreement shall be effective January 1, 2012 and shall remain in effect through December 31, 2012; to assist in meeting the human service and social needs of persons aged 60 or older in order to promote independent living and thereby reduce institutionalization.

Commissioners are in receipt of an application submitted by Gatherco, Inc. to bore under County Road 40, located in Penn Township, Section No. 33, Morgan County, Ohio; for an eight inch plastic gas line. The construction of this project will begin on or about November 15, 2011 and will be completed by May 15, 2012.

Commissioners are in receipt of an application submitted by Morgan Meigsville Rural Water District to cut under County Road 44, located in Meigsville Township, Morgan County, Ohio; for a four inch water line. The construction of this project will begin on or about November 15, 2011 and will be completed by November 23, 2011.

John Murphy, Dog Warden, reported traveling 110.6 miles responding to dog calls. Mr. Murphy stated 6 dogs were impounded.

Vicki Quesinberry, Director, Job and Family Services, mentioned she will be attending Debbie Phillips, 92nd District House of Representatives Round Table Discussion at Kate Love Simpson Library today at 2:00pm.

Commissioners signed a Letter of Support for Washington Morgan Community Action's application for the 2011 Housing Assistance Grant Program.

Steve Hook, Engineer, presented the Final Resolution regarding the project to realign 0.58 miles of State Route 607 and 0.06 miles of Township Road 696 will also be reconstructed, lying within Morgan County.

11-474 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the following, as

presented by Stevan Hook, Engineer:

The following Final Resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project.

Whereas, on 24th day of October, 2011, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

This project will realign 0.58 miles of State Route 607 and 0.06 miles of Township Road 696 will also be reconstructed, lying within Morgan County.

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

The County agrees to assume and bear the entire cost and expense of the Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way phase of the Improvement less the amount of Federal-aid funds, including Toll Revenue Credit funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ODOT agrees to assume and bear the entire cost and expense of the Construction phase of the improvement less the amount of Federal-aid Earmark funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

In view of the fact that the LPA's share of the project is now estimated in the amount of Zero and ---- 00/100 Dollars (\$0.00) therefore, the County will not be required to deposit any funds at this time. The LPA's ultimate share of the cost will be determined when final actual costs and allocations are determined.

Whereas, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of same to this legislative authority; and

Whereas, This legislative authority desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved:

- I. That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.
- II. That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that President be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract for improving the described project.
- III. That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.

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

Commissioners spoke with Terry McGrew, Health Department, and Stevan Hook, Engineer, concerning pre-drilling water analyses for the county's streams and waterways. It is uncertain if Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Board is working on this. Mr. McGrew stated he believed the Ohio Department of Natural Resources is periodically already testing and monitoring what is flowing into the Muskingum River. Mr. Hook is confident ODNR, Division of Mineral Resource Management will have baseline records for the Muskingum River. It was mentioned the Oil and Gas Companies will be testing water nearby drilling sites to protect themselves. Terry suggested the Commissioners contact TCCI Laboratories, Inc. Property owners can request the Health Department to obtain a water sample prior to oil and gas drilling. If a property owner brings in their own sample it will not be considered verified; however, if the Health Department obtains the sample it will be considered verified. Mr. McGrew recognized the Health Department is preplanning for property owner requests.

Judge Favreau, Judge, Common Pleas Court, discussed \$7000 taken out of Special Projects Fund. Judge Favreau mentioned the need to replace and upgrade computers for Common Pleas, Juvenile and Probate Courts. Commissioners informed Judge Favreau that they did not nor did they advise anyone to transfer the money.

New Village of McConnelsville Mayor, John Walter Finley, spoke about "Community Pride" and a request for landowners/businesses to maintain and clean up around their property.

Morgan County Issue I Sub-Committee for Round #26 met in the Commissioner's Office at 9:00am to nominate a Mayor's member. Those in attendance were: Commissioner Mike Reed, Commissioner Dean Cain, Commissioner Tim VanHorn, Commissioner's Clerk Andrea Plummer, Stevan Hook, Engineer, John Walter Finley, McConnelsville Mayor, and Scott Brown, Village Administrator for McConnelsville. Letters were sent to all Village Mayors on November 4th regarding this meeting. Only one Village was present-McConnelsville. Scott Brown will be the Mayor's Representative and John Walter Finley will be the Mayor's Alternate.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, discussed an interest from an individual in opening a Mexican Restaurant and utilizing Revolving Loan Fund money; looking for ideal location. Commissioners suggested vacant building spaces. Shannon stated the roof was repaired over Transit's garage by Cliff Littlefield. Last Monday, Shannon attended a meeting in Columbus with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources concerning Burr Oak closing. Shannon mentioned she has participated in multiple meetings, emails and telephone calls trying to work out a deal to keep the lodge open. Shannon noted this Thursday; the Development Office will be closed to attend the Ohio Department of Transportation meeting in Columbus.

Stevan Hook, Engineer, spoke to Commissioners regarding Morgan County's Master Road Use Agreement prepared by Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor, modeled after the agreement Chesapeake signed with Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hook discussed the need to upgrade the county's computer system; Steve met with some office holders to hear their opinion and discuss their financial interest in the upgrade. Mr. Hook intends to explore the county's options.

11-475 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve Morgan County's Master Road Use Agreement prepared by Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor; requested by Stevan Hook, Engineer.

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

Jim Greer, Greer-Dille Insurance, met with Commissioners to discuss the option of a partially self-insured plan for the county's health insurance.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, informed the Commissioners sales tax is down 12% compared to November 2010.

Jeff Roberts, President, T.C.C.I. Laboratories, Inc.; stated they are EPA Certified and Approved to provide the following services: on-site water analysis, certified lab testing, EPA electronic posting, chlorine meter calibration, scheduled sample pickup, package plant operation and pre-drilling or mining water analysis. Jeff mentioned the Pre-drilling Water Analyses cost \$90.00; pick-up fee varies with distance. Landowners are urged to have baseline data prior to drilling beginning near their property. Commissioner VanHorn stressed his interest in protecting the county's water supply.

Deanna Clark, Convention and Visitor's Bureau, informed Commissioners of the "Twin City Christmas", December 3rd. Deanna requested permission to utilize the front of the Courthouse for live music in the company of a sound system and lights. Mrs. Clark also requested the wooden nativity scene that is usually set up the day after Thanksgiving on the Courthouse lawn across from Dominos, be held off until after December 3rd. Deanna mentioned there are two bus groups booked and two shows that night. The Ohio Valley Opry Presents: Grand Ole Opry Star- Bobby Osborne & The Rocky Top X-Press at 5pm and 8pm. The Morgan County Civil War Re-enactors' will have a fire demo on the Courthouse lawn; though, it will not be on the ground.

Commissioner VanHorn left at 2:00pm to attend Debbie Phillips, Ohio House of Representatives 92nd District Roundtable Discussion, at Kate Love Simpson Library.

Commissioners discussed the request by Peggy Barnes, Recorder, to lease a new copier. Due to the influx in copies for the oil and gas companies the Recorder's Office is in need of a faster copier. A proposal was submitted by Andy Maluski, Authorized Sales Agent for Xerox, providing two options.

11-476 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed to authorize Peggy Barnes, Recorder, to lease a new Xerox 5135 copier; pricing generated using the State of Ohio contract. Lease payment \$88.16 per month; \$0.0050 charge for Black and White copies. Features included with 5135: 35 pages per minute B&W, copy only and four trays.

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

11-477 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to appoint Masel Johnson as Trustee of the Morgan-Meigsville Rural Water District, for a three year term, commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

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

11-478 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to re-appoint Ralph Bingman and Roger Calendine as Trustees of the Morgan-Meigsville Rural Water District, for a three year term, commencing January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014.

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

11-479 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$500.00 from 063-0063-5102.00 Salaries and place into 063-0063-5309.05 Vaccine; as requested by Terry McGrew, Health Department.

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

11-480 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the establishment of a new line item, Grant Fund Return 079-0079-5370.00, and supplementally appropriate \$3234.00 into this line item; additionally, approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Terry McGrew, Health Department:

<u>Amount:</u>	<u>From:</u>
\$2800.00	Salaries 079-0079-5102.00
\$ 566.00	Supplies 079-0079-5303.00
\$1267.02	Equipment 079-0079-5304.00
\$ 500.00	Travel 079-0079-5307.00
\$1584.78	Other Expenses 079-0079-5309.00
\$ 400.00	PERS 079-0079-5367.00
\$ 45.00	Medicare 079-0079-5368.00
<u>\$ 128.50</u>	Worker's Comp. 079-0079-5369.00
\$7291.30	Total Amount to be transferred to Grant Fund Return 079-0079-5370.00

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

11-481 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to supplementally appropriate \$5000.00 into Contract Line Item for Law Library Resources Fund, as requested by Michele James, Law Library Board Member.

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

11-482 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$710.00 from 001-0905-5375.00 and place \$58.50 into Commissioners Advertising/Printing 001-0101-5308.00 and \$651.50 into Commissioners Other Expenses 001-0101-5309.00; in order to pay invoices, as requested by Andrea Plummer, Commissioners' Clerk.

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

11-483 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Mike Totman, Court Administrator & Chief Probation Officer:

Amount:	From:	To:
\$575.00	023-2012-5301.00	023-2012-5307.00
\$1500.00	023-2012-5302.00	023-2012-5307.00

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

11-484 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

11-485 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