

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

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

11-486 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the minutes from November 14, 2011.

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

John Murphy, Dog Warden, reported traveling 159.1 miles responding to dog calls. Mr. Murphy stated 5 dogs were impounded, 1 dog was sold, 4 dogs were euthanized and SPOT took 1 dog.

Commissioners granted permission for Mary Ellen Chipps to place a Christmas tree between the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Office on November 26th. The "Memory Tree" is to honor those love ones who have passed away. The Christmas tree would be removed no later than December 31st, 2011.

Commissioners are in receipt of an application submitted by R.C. Poling Co., Inc. to bore under County Road 51, located in Deerfield Township, Section No. 16, Morgan County, Ohio; for a one in a half inch gas line. The construction of this project will begin on or about November 22, 2011 and will be completed by November 22, 2011.

Commissioners inquired on the policy/procedure for paying in Transit fares with Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office. Commissioners recommended this be taken care of daily.

Mark Jenkins, Director, Emergency Management Agency, asked if the Commissioner's Office received any phone calls reporting property damage with regard to the natural gas line explosion. Commissioner reported they have not received any phone calls at this time. Mr. Jenkins requested all calls be referred to EMA.

Gary Woodward, Auditor, updated Commissioners on the Southeastern Ohio Regional Joint Jail Finance meeting; the counties' December payments will not be waived. Gary mentioned he is confident in addition to Morgan, Athens and Vinton Counties cannot afford the payment. However, Hocking County will be paid up to date on December 31st, 2011. It was stated the Regional Jail will not have as much carry over as anticipated.

Pam Montgomery, OSU Extension, updated Commissioners on Agricultural and Natural Resources: Amy Grove wrapped up the Morgan Community Garden and the Farmer's Market for 2011; Amy is working with the Chesterhill Produce Auction on a plan to introduce more local food in the schools. The following 4-H updates were provided: Junior Leaders have a monthly meeting scheduled for November 21st from 5-6:30pm; Older Youth letters for 4-H members, 14 years old or older by January 1st, 2012, were mailed and

the application/interest forms are due back to the Extension Office by December 1st; Older Youth interviews will be held December 5th, 3-6:45pm and December 12th, 3-8pm. 4-H members need to schedule their interviews for camp counselor, Junior Fair Board or 4-H Committee when they submit their application/interest forms. Fashion Board members enjoyed the make it/take it day on November 5th. Members completed a number of pajama pants and boxer shorts for themselves or as gifts for family members or friends; Individuals interested in being a 4-H Advisor for 2012 can call the office and leave their name, phone number and address. Packets for potential new advisors will be available in the next week. The 2012 Morgan County 4-H Calendar is almost complete. Staff members are currently confirming meeting locations and program sites. The final 4-H Advisory Training for 2011 was held November 8th at 6:30pm. 4-H Advisory Committee is looking for new members. Interested 4-H Advisors, parents or community leaders can call the Extension Office at 962-4854 for additional information. Amy Grove has started a school enrichment program with Stay and Play. The following are Community Development updates: Amy Grove has attended meetings related to the closing of Burr Oak Lodge and the impact to the county, the local Convention & Visitors Bureau and the entire region. Amy is part of a new Extension team working on business development through cooperatives targeting local foods and small farms. Family and Consumer Sciences updates were provided: Elaine Lindimore presented programs to Morgan County United Ministries and Department of Job and Family Services. A program is set for Help Me Grow on November 28th. On November 9th and 10th, Elaine and Pam Montgomery attended the Community Nutrition Annual Conference in Columbus. Pam completed the Navigating for Success training. Chris Penrose reported on October 19th he was on WHIZ television station. On October 20th, Chris attended a Master Gardener meeting. The 2012 Master Gardener training begins on February 16th. Chris spoke on Oil and Gas Leasing and issues on October 26th and November 4th. Oil and Gas presentations were given in Perry and Washington Counties also. On November 8th, Chris taught two ATV Safety presentations to South Elementary 4th grade classes. Mr. Penrose visited two farms. The next Extension Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2012, from 7-9pm.

Peggy Barnes, Recorder, submitted a new quote from Andy Maluski, Authorized Sales Agent for Xerox, for a heavy duty and faster Xerox copier than the one authorized to purchase last week. The Xerox 5150 encompasses a monthly lease payment of \$123.96 per month and a click charge of \$0.0050 for B&W. Features included with 5150: 50 pages per minute B&W, copy only and 4 paper trays. A conversation took place comparing the two machines.

11-487 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to rescind resolution 11-476.

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

11-488 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to authorize Peggy Barnes, Recorder, to lease a new Xerox 5150 copier; pricing generated using the State of Ohio contract.

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

Jim Greer and Lori Dille, Greer-Dille Insurance, Bob Tschappat, The Health Plan, and Bob Babinchak, WesBanco Insurance Services, met with Commissioners to discuss the option of a partially self-insured plan for the county's health insurance. Gary Woodward, Auditor, was also in attendance.

11-489 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Pamela Morrow, Morgan County Veterans Service Officer:

From:	To:	Amount:
001-0903-5304.00	001-0903-5303.00	\$900.00
001-0903-5322.00	001-0904-5309.00	\$2000.00

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

11-490 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office:

*transfer \$419.00 from 099-0099-5369.00 Worker's Comp. and place into Misc. Expense 099-0099-5309.00

*transfer \$2900.00 from 0099-0099-5303.00 Supplies and place into Misc. Expense 099-0099-5309.00

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

11-491 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Katy Chapin, Chief Deputy Auditor:

Amount:	From:	To:
\$268.86	001-0301-5306.00 Contracts	001-0301-5307.00 Travel
\$18.54	001-0301-5369.00 Worker's Comp.	001-0301-5307.00 Travel
\$680.00	001-0301-5103.00 Poll workers	001-0301-5102.00 Emp. Salaries

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

11-492 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$200.00 from Contracts 026-0026-5306.00 and place into Salary 026-0026-5102.00; as requested by Katy Chapin, Chief Deputy Auditor.

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

11-493 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$8000.00 from Salaries 014-0014-5102.00 and place into Contracts 014-0014-5306.00 in order to pay appraisal invoices, as requested by Katy Chapin, Chief Deputy Auditor.

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

11-494 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a transfer of funds in the amount of \$8000.00 from 099-0099-5370.00 Insurance and place into 099-0099-5309.00 Misc. Expenses, as requested by Traci Baker, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office.

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

11-495 Motion by Mr. Tim VanHorn and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to approve the following transfer of funds, as requested by Kelly Williams, Interim Clerk, County Court:

Amount:	From:	To:
\$130.00	001-0207-5102.00 Salary	001-0207-5307.00 Travel
\$100.00	001-0207-5102.00 Salary	001-0207-5309.00 Other Expense
\$190.00	001-0207-5102.00 Salary	001-0207-5321.00 Other Fees

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

11-496 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Tim VanHorn to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$17,496.00 and place \$15176.00 into 001-0402-5102.00 Salaries, \$2120.00 into 001-0402-5367.00 PERS and \$200.00 into 001-0402-5368.00 Medicare; also to approve the following transfer of funds as requested by Katy Chapin, Chief Deputy Auditor:

Amount:	From:	To:
\$5.59	001-0402-5305.00 Repairs	001-0402-5303.00 Supplies
\$324.45	001-0402-5305.00 Repairs	001-0402-5306.00 Contracts
\$65.97	001-0402-5369.00 Worker's Comp.	001-0402-5306.00 Contracts

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

11-497 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

11-498 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