

MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, March 19, 2012.

Mike Reed, President
Tim Vanhorn, Vice-President
Dean Cain, Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
The minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting were read and approved.

4-H Program:

- In the recognition of 4-H week, March 4th to the office was open until 7:00pm Monday through Thursday to provide services to youth and families interested in joining the 4-H program. The enrollment deadline is April 1st and anyone still interested in joining a club can call the office for information on connecting with a club.
- Rounding out 4-H week is the annual Ohio Volunteer and Teen Conference. This year the conference took place in Columbus on March 10th with 6 4-H volunteers, 2 youth and one staff person attending from Morgan County. All attendees had the opportunity to choose and attend up to five education sessions relating to a wide variety of subjects pertinent to the 4-H program and youth development.
- Thank you to Mayor Finley for allowing the green and white bows to be tied to the parking meters during 4-H week.
- The first of two 4-H recycling days is planned for April 21st. Clubs interested in participating can bring their recyclables to the Mary Hammond recycling sorting building (behind the main building) from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Family Nutrition Program

- A weekly program is presented to Six County Counseling Center we just finished up a series of three programs on the importance of dairy food in our diet.
 - We are now in a six week series of programs on getting the most from your food dollar.
- There are four program dates scheduled each month for Morgan County United Ministries two at Malta site and two Chesterhill site with the focus on how to stretch your food dollars.
- One program presented to The Mother's Club on the high calcium food in your diet.
- There are three presented in April with Morgan County United Ministries, Six County Counseling Center and Open Agency.

Agriculture and Natural Resources- Chris Penrose, OSU Extension Educator

- Taught Pesticide Recertification to 27 clientele that is required use pesticide applicators.
- Provided four Hours of pesticide training for junior and senior FFA youth so they could take a test to obtain a restricted use license and testing was provided by the Ohio Department of Agriculture here in Morgan County on March 7th.
- Assisted with Pesticide Recertification in 5 other counties.
- Finished up a four session beef school to twelve producers.
- 11 new Master Gardener volunteers will complete their 40+ hour training on March 29.
- Provided six Oil & Gas programs around the state including one in Morgan County.
- Co-investigator on a \$5260 ATV safety grant for youth.

Community Development

- Plans are underway for the reopening of the Morgan Community Garden. A work party will be held in April to prepare the plots for rental.
- The Farmer's Market is scheduled to start on the 27th of April. Anyone interested in participating in the market can call the Extension office for more information.
- The Master Gardeners 2012 Garden Tour will be Sunday June 24th from 1 to 5pm.
- The Chesterhill Produce Auction Advisory Committee has not met twice in preparation for the opening day which is May 10th. A consignment auction is scheduled for May 5th beginning at 2:00pm A High-Tunnel workshop was held on March 5th and GAP, Good Agricultural Practices, training is scheduled for April 12th in Chesterhill at the Marion Community Center from 1 to 4pm. The training is open to all producers whether or not they participate at the Produce Auction. Cost is \$10.00.

Family Consumer Science

A "successful Co-Parenting" class is scheduled for April 23rd from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Anyone interest can call the office to register.

Larry Hivnor, Ohio Valley Employment Resource:

-His president is proposing a cyber One Stop Jobs. Morgan County received \$75,000 to beautify our agency. If we do not spend the funds another county gets the funding.

-Money issues—OJT expires June 13 must use it before then. The Disaster Fund is being well spent. It will go through September.

-Rapid Response Fund—only going to allocate money when there will be a layoff.

Shannon Wells, Development Office—

Discussion on bids accepted for a new septic system for a county resident. Shannon will be attending Workforce Investment board meeting Thursday evening. She also informed the commissioner of a transit bus being broke down and sitting in Stockport all weekend.

12-129 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Mike Reed resolve to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for \$500,000 in funding under the FY 2012 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and does hereby authorize Mike Reed, President, to sign all application materials.

12-130 Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Cain to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of 44,411.20 from FEMA Fund. (007). Please place this amount into the FEMA Federal Share Account 007-0007-5301.00

Jason Townsend, Dog Warden, Total millage, 14.0.

Mr. Cain-yea, Mr. Reed, yea, Mr. Vanhorn- yea, Motion Carried

12-131 Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Cain to adjourn the meeting at 4:00pm.

Mr. Cain-yea, Mr. Reed, yea, Mr. Vanhorn- yea, Motion Carried

Commissioners,

Mike Reed, President

Dean Cain, Member

Tim VanHorn, Vice President

Sheila Welch, Clerk