

## **MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Tuesday, March 17, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.  
The minutes of March 10, 2014 were read and approved.

Tim Vanhorn, President  
Adam Shriver, Vice-President  
Mike Reed, Member

**14-098-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014.  
**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea, Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

### *Heidi Burns , Job and Family Services*

-Submitted bills  
-COG meeting to take place Friday at 10:00am

### *Linda Sheets, Senior Center*

-Submitted bills  
-Having issues concerning hiring. Had an employee who was recently hired quit their position. Mrs. Sheets now has a new person to hire for the position.  
-Also, is looking to modify the senior center van to make it more user friendly.

### *Chris Penrose- OSU Extension*

Amy Grove

Thanks to all three commissioners for attending the Convention & Visitors Bureau's annual meeting on February 27th. The evening attendance and comments were indicative of the community's support of CVB and the industries economic impact in the county.

The Chamber of Commerce held its first after hours in February at the Twin City Opera House. Attendees were treated to snacks and a behind the scenes tour of the new projection equipment. The March meeting will also be an After Hours event on March 19th beginning at 5:30pm at the new Employment Opportunities office.

The newly formed Muskingum River Advocacy Council met in Zanesville on March 10th. The organization is seeking 501@3 status and will operate as the community advocate for the river. The mission of the organization is to monitor, preserve, promote and protect the economic, historic and recreational assets of the Muskingum River. The next meeting will be June 9th at 1:00pm in Washington County. The meeting place is yet to be determined.

As mentioned in January's report, Amy Grove did attend, in February the Application Regional Commission's, Appalachian Gateways Conference in Shepherdstown, WV. Our three county team, with members from Morgan, Athens and Perry counties, developed a regional project that will roll-out over the course of the year and focus on building a better working relationship between the communities and the public lands included in the area, especially in regards to eco-and nature tourism opportunities.

4-H

We have five people attending state wide camps this year, two going to Buckeye Leadership Workshop, two headed to Sea Camp and one to Leadership Camp. Each received scholarships from either the 4-H committee or the state 4-H program. Our camp participant numbers continue to increase.

The Older Youth in Training are busy planning this year's Cloverbud Camp

Pam Montgomery

4-H Items

? First of the year New Volunteer Training completed on 3/13/14. Four individuals attend the training. A total of 16 new volunteer packets were handed out. Ten individuals started the process going through their interviews in February and completing the training in either February or March. Two volunteers have completed the process and the last eight have a few more items to get turned in to complete the process.

? Another new volunteer training process will take place in June with more of a focus on volunteers for the 4-H Riding Therapy Program.

? CARTEENS held a meeting on 3-5-14 and planned the 3-25-14 CARTEENS program for first time Traffic Court Offenders.

? 4-H Open House was held on March 3rd and March 6th with a total of 10 visitors to the office. Junior Leaders helped us to answer the questions of the visitors to the Extension Office.

? Morgan County was well represented at the Ohio Volunteer Conference on March 8th at the Columbus Convention Center.. ( 12 adult volunteers, 8 teen leaders, a recent 4-H Alumni who lead a training, Amy Grove and Pam Montgomery who taught a session on Effective Communication).

? Camp Counselors have completed their 3rd training and they are close to deciding on a theme for 4-H Camp.

? Junior Leaders continue to work on the Officer training programs for April 22nd.

Family and Consumer Sciences Upcoming Programs

? May 12th Successful Co-Parenting for parents with children in the home under age of 18 going through a divorce or dissolution.

Agriculture & Natural Resource Programs, Chris Penrose

- Hosted two classes of the Ohio Beef School in Morgan County
- Weekly Master Gardner training has continued each Thursday with an average of 14 at each meeting and when complete, we will have seven new volunteers.
- Provided two pesticide training sessions in the county
- Provided a program on the Health Impacts of Horizontal Drilling to 52 insurance underwriters in Newark.
- Submitted a presentation and journal article on biomass for energy production
- Had an article published in the Progressive Cattle man's magazine, the Ohio Beef Newsletter and Farm & Dairy, the weekly press releases in the Morgan County Herald.
- Spoke at the New & Small Farm Conference at Wilmington Conference.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

- submitted dog report

***Jason Hoskinson, DJH Computers***

All three commissioners spoke with Jason concerning question they had with switching email hosting.. The topic was discussed at length with everyone involved. Also, updating the Morgan County's commissioner's website was also discussed.



**WHEREAS**, Carbon dioxide emissions from U.S. coal-fueled power plants represent only 3 percent of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that U.S electric sector carbon dioxide emissions will be 14 percents below 2005 levels in 2020 and that carbon dioxide emissions from U.S. coal-fueled power plants will be 19 percent below 2005 levels in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 25, 2013, the President directed the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue standards, regulations, or guidelines to address carbon dioxide emissions from new, existing, modified and reconstructed fossil fueled power plants; and

**WHEREAS**, The President expressly recognized the states "will play a central role in establishing and implementing carbon standards for existing power plants; and

**WHEREAS**, The Clean Air Act requires EPA to establish a procedure under which each state shall develop a plan for establishing and implementing standards of performance for existing sources within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, The Clean Air Act expressly allows states, in developing and applying such standards of performance, "to take into consideration , among other factors, the remaining useful life of the existing source to which such standard applies;" and

**WHEREAS**, EPA's existing regulations provide that the states may adopt " less stringent emissions standards or longer compliance schedules" than EPA's guidelines on factors such as unreasonable cost and control,," physical impossibility of installing necessary control equipment," or other factors that make less stringent standards or longer compliance times "significantly more reasonable;" and

**WHEREAS**, It is the best interest of electricity consumers in Ohio to continue to benefit from reliable, affordable electricity provided by coal based electricity generating plants; therefore be it

Be it resolved that the Morgan County Commissioners would request the Ohio state Legislature to consider this resolution reinstating regulatory emission compliance authority to Ohio EPA.

**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver abstain Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

**14-102-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm

**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

**Tim Vanhorn, President**

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**Adam Shriver, Vice-President**

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**Mike Reed, Member**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

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