

## **MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, July 27, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.  
The minutes of July 20, 2015 were read and approved.

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

**15-276-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015.  
**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

**15-277-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to move the regular commissioners meeting on Monday August 17, 2015 to Tuesday August 18, 2015 due to a scheduling conflict.  
**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

*Vicki Quesinberry, JFS*

-Submitted bills  
-We currently have 19 kids in our care that we are paying for. Average monthly payments are between \$45,000 to \$50,000 per month.  
-Currently we only have one foster family in Morgan County. We are working on trying to get foster care training held in the county.

**15-278-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to enter executive session at 9:00am pursuant to ORC (G)(3) Pending Litigation.  
**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

**15-279-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed exit executive session at 9:15am pursuant to ORC (G)(3) Pending Litigation.  
**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

\*Ms. Quesinberry spoke with the commissioners about having a children's home in the future. The commissioners said that research will need to be done to see if this idea is possible. \*No action taken.

*Shannon Wells, Development Office*

-Went over budget revisions for transit

**15-280-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to accept the following transit budget revisions for July 2015.  
**Mr. Vanhorn yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Reed yea, Motion Carried**

-Discussed in length the position of the recycling driver as well as this individual's starting pay scale.  
-Mrs. Wells is still considering different companies to repair the transit roof.  
-Discussed the Enterprise Zone Agreements with Mr. Howdyshell.

***Steve Hook, Engineer; Mark Howdyshell, Prosecutor***

-Discussed ODNR issues with the commissioners. Mr. Hook needs Mr. Howdyshell to send a letter stating landowners not in compliance need to comply with the flood plain regulations or they will be prosecuted.

***Steve Hook, Engineer***

-Described different projects he has coming up.

***Pam Montgomery, OSU***

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Chris Penrose

- 5 farm visits including setting out Brown Marmorated Stink Bug traps at a local farm
- Weekly Press releases in the Morgan County Herald
- Master Gardener Meeting
- Finalizing plans for Ag and Livestock meeting on 8/3 at Clemens Family Farms
- Planning an Ohio Cattleman's Regional meeting on October 5
- Now posting topics of interest on the area Ag Educators webpage for Ag and Hort updates. It can be reached at <http://u.osu.edu/bhar/> or searching Buckeye Hills Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Amy Grove

- Master Gardner tour was held on July 19th. Approximately 50 people took the tour.
- The Farmer's Market continues at the commons on Fridays from 3 to 5pm. The number of vendors continues to increase and the majority of participating vendors accept the Senior Nutrition coupons.
- August 9 through 15 is Local Foods Week and a good week to support the farmer's and Chesterhill Produce Auction.

Community Development

Amy Grove

- The Convention and Visitors Bureau has a new Facebook campaign, MoCo Mondays. A chance to learn something you may have known about Morgan County.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- The next Successful Co Parenting class is scheduled for August 10th. Individuals can call the Extension Office at 740-962-4854 to register for the class.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program Education Report--SNAP Ed--Amy Kirkbride --Items on her calendar for the summer

- Summer food programs
- Continuing Navigating for Success in Columbus Thursday, July 30,th is her last day.

4-H Youth Development

- 4-H Project judging at East Elementary on July 7th and clothing judging and awards night went well on July 9th. A number of the youth selected for state fair have picked up their packets and plan to attend.
- 4-H camp ended July 24th. we had 60 campers, 7CITs, 18 counselors and 8 staff members.
- Clover "bug" Camp on July 15th at the Meigsville Community building it was another successful Cloverbud Camp was held July 15th at the Meigsville Community Center. The youth enjoyed a presentation by Lori & Brian Hosum on bees and beekeeping.
- Skilathon practice is scheduled for August 11th from 2-7pm in the community room.

***Becky Thompson, Dog Warden***

-Submitted Report (filed)

***Terry Robinson, EMA***

-Submitted bills

***Alan Eltringham, Maintenance***

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Eltringham the possibility of needing help mowing, etc. Mr. Eltringham informed the commissioners that he feels as if he does not need any assistance. He said he would let them know if his situation changed. \*No action taken.

***Bill Smith, Transit Driver***

-Talked with the commissioners concerning the possibility of hiring Mr. Smith as to transport recycling trailers for a six month contract. It was discussed how to separate this position from his current transit position. Mr. Smith cannot exceed 24hrs per week for both jobs.

**15-281-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to hire Mr. Smith at \$9.00/hr for 24hrs per week.

**15-282-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and motion did not receive a second to approve the following:

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners, Morgan County, have found that hosting Class II injection wells provides no known benefit to the community, no guarantees of compensation and no sustainable financial, business or community betterment opportunities for the County; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas industry waste is legally exempt from federal hazardous waste regulations and from important portions of the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, in Ohio Class II injection wells are poorly regulated and not monitored for contaminant migration; and

WHEREAS, there are many significant known as well as unknown risk factors of waste injection, which in Morgan County is known to be into open holes cased only half-way down the drilled hole and into geological formations that do not contain the waste or prevent its migration into drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, aquifers in Morgan County and the SE Ohio region are not mapped and ODNR does not consider aquifers when permitting Class II injection wells; and

WHEREAS, the numerous large tanks at Morgan County Class II injection well facilities vent toxic vapors into our community and are monitored or restricted for air pollution; and

WHEREAS, injection wells have recently exploded and burned for many hours or days, emitting toxic smoke into communities; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County is concerned about the potential for waste being injected into the ground being harmful to its citizens and the environment, and state and county officials are unable to access the risks to public health, safety and welfare from injected waste and receive no financial support to monitor the air or water for contamination from this waste; and

WHEREAS, these injection wells are putting millions of gallons of toxic chemicals into the ground, threatening human health and the environment, threatening the health of streams and lakes, and increasing heavy tanker traffic or roadways, threatening toxic spills and infrastructure damage for which the state does not hold industrial operators accountable; and

WHEREAS, injection of oil and gas waste has triggered earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has experienced hundreds of unusual earthquakes, the most severe occurring on December 31, 2011, caused by a Class II injection well disposing of waste fluids, which resulted in a moratorium on injection wells in the Youngtown and; and

WHEREAS, there is no chemical disclosure in a permit application and no chemical inventory readily available to first responders and Local Emergency Planning Committees,

NOW ,THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners states its opposition to injection of toxic and gas waste and to the permitting of additional Class II injection wells, due to known and unknown risks and the positional harm to Morgan County; and

That the Board of Morgan County Commissioners respectfully requests that Governor John R. Kasich and the Ohio State Legislature move swiftly to freeze the issuing of Class II injection well permits; and

That a copy of this resolution to be sent to Governor John R. Kasich of the State of Ohio; Ohio Department of Natural Resources Chief James Zahringer; Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Craig Butler; and Morgan County delegation to the Ohio General Assembly.

We hereby join the ranks of all the other County Commissioners and Township Associations opposed to the injection of the toxic oil and gas waste and to the permitting of additional Class II injection wells due to known and unknown risks and to the harm and costs that this industrial dumping inflicts on Ohio communities.

**Motion died due to lack of a second**

**15-283-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to establish the following receipt and expense lines in the fund for Morgan County/SEOJSWMD Recycling Program:

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| 001-1701-5102-00 | Receipts      | \$8498.00 |
| 001-1701-5102-00 | Salary        | \$5550.00 |
| 001-1701-5367-00 | Expenses      | \$1868.00 |
| 001-1701-5367-00 | PERS          | \$1000.00 |
| 001-1701-5368-00 | Medicare      | \$ 80.00  |
| 001-1701-5369-00 | Workers Comp. | \$ 0.00   |

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

**15-284-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$20,000 from 001-1501-5310.00 joint jail to 001-1501-5309.00 Other Expenses.

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

**15-285-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$6521.25 from 001-1401-5365.01 group insurance to 001-1401-5364.00 liability.

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

**15-286-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer the following line items: \$475.00 from line item 001-0207-5102 salary to the following line items :\$300.00 001-0207-5304.00 equipment \$175.00 001-0207-5307.00 travel

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

**15-287-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following:

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| FROM            | TO               | AMT     |
| 001-09035322.00 | 001-0903-5370.00 | \$97.20 |

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

**15-288-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to transfer \$2768.96 from the 113-0113-5307-00 travel line item into the 113-0113-5372-00 auto insurance line item.

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

**15-289-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve payment of bills. \*See attached

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

**15-290-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed 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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