

## **MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices Monday, January 25, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.  
The minutes of January 19, 2016 were read and approved.

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

**16-045-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to approve the minutes of January 19, 2015.  
**Mr. Reed yea, Mr. Shriver yea Mr. Vanhorn yea Motion Carried**

*Vicki Hickerson, Kristi Morrow - Soil and Water*

On January 15, 2016 Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the expansion of USDA's StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity Initiative to 11 counties in Ohio. StrikeForce is a collaborative effort to bring targeted assistance to areas experiencing chronic poverty. Secretary Vilsack made the announcement at a Rural Opportunity Town Hall at the Ohio State University.

"Growing the economy by investing in the communities, farmers, makers and investors, and increasing opportunities for families are keys to our nation's future," said Vilsack. "StrikeForce has proven to be an effective, collaborative process that builds partnerships and enables USDA to bring economic opportunity directly to rural Americans where they live and helps rural communities leverage their assets."

USDA launched StrikeForce in 2010 and has since invested \$23.5 billion in high poverty areas increase opportunity for rural Americans. The initiative has helped deliver promising, sustainable results through partnerships with more than 1,500 community organizations, businesses, foundations, universities, faith-based and other community groups nationwide; and provided enhanced technical assistance to assist disadvantaged communities build a future based on local assets and regional strengths. As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to address persistent poverty across America, StrikeForce has sustained nationwide partnerships supporting nearly 190,000 projects to date.

Since 2009, USDA has invested of \$36.8 billion in Ohio, bringing transformative change to millions of rural businesses, communities and families across the state. To date, USDA's investments in Ohio have helped develop strong local and regional food systems so farmers and ranchers can bring fresh food to local tables or export abroad; helped thousands of Ohioans become homeowners with low-interest loans; ensured millions of children and families have access to nutritious foods in schools and at home; supported conservation practices on millions of acres of private lands and protecting watersheds and natural resources with long-lasting partnerships: managed thousands of acres of national forests and grasslands for recreation and cleaner water and air; and created new jobs by investing in the growth of Ohio's new bio-economy and much needed improvements to state infrastructure, including electricity, broadband, water and community facilities.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way--strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

Altogether, 970 counties, parishes, boroughs, and census areas in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia are now eligible for "intensive care" through StrikeForce.

StrikeForce counties in Ohio include: Adams County, Athens County, Fayette County, Guernsey County, Jackson County, Lucas County, Meigs County, Morgan County, Pike County, Scioto County and Vinton County.

\*Commissioner Vanhorn (currently on the jail board)discussed with Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Shriver financial decisions that need to be made concerning the jail. There are a lack of female beds at the jail and the jail board heard three proposals to increase the number of female beds. Mr. Vanhorn will continue to provide update as they come available.

***Vicki Quesinberry, Job and Family Services***

Cog meeting at 12:00 today in Caldwell

**16-046-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve a then and now requiring a County Commissioner's resolution in order to be paid.

Account # 050-0050-5301.00 and PO #16-23174

Voucher	Amt	Vendor
100281	\$ 1,860.00	Transitions for Youth
100278	\$ 1,866.00	Well Fargo (ENA-Necca)
100123	\$10,123.00	Family Based Serv.
100280	\$10,902.00	Children's Center of Ohio

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

**16-047-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to approve the following WIA billings:

Account Number: 349-0349-5301.00 and PO #16-23181

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vendor</b>
100137	\$60.00	Melissa Jones
100138	\$23.35	Shriver's Pharmacy

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

***Steve Hook, Engineer***

**16-048-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the following:

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners has decided that the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Morgan County can best and most efficiently be served by the "Force Account" in matters pertaining to maintenance, repair, construction, and reconstruction of Morgan County roads, bridges, culverts,; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, Ohio, does hereby authorize Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer to use the existing county employee forces and proceed by "Force Account" as outlined in Section 5543.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, in the maintenance, repairs, construction of roads, bridges, and culverts in Morgan County during the year 2016; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Morgan County Commissioners reserve unto themselves the right and authority to make all purchases of material and equipment required in the maintenance, repairs, construction of roads, bridges, and culverts in Morgan County during the year 2016, except that as the Board may from time to time by resolution designate such purchasing to Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer; and, **WHEREAS**, the Ohio Revised Code Section 153.64, 4931, 4933, provide to the Board of County Commissioners, the authority to control the installation and placement of any public utilities within the dedicated public right-of-ways of all County maintained highways; and, **WHEREAS**, the Ohio Revised Code Section 5589 and 5543 provides to the Board of County Commissioners, the authority to control any digging and excavating on or along a County maintained highway; and for the placement of a private driveway approach to a County maintained highway; and, **WHEREAS**, the Ohio Revised Code Section 4513.34 provides to the Board of County Commissioners, the authority to permit oversize and overweight vehicles using County maintained highways. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that** the Board of County Commissioners, Morgan County, Ohio, does, hereby authorize Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer to develop and administer permits for the above described activities within County road right-of-ways and to keep said permits with the permanent road records of Morgan County.

**16-049-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to enter executive session at 10:00am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

**16-050-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to exit executive session at 10:10am pursuant to ORC 121.22 section (G)(1) Employment, Personnel.

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

*Shannon Wells-Development Office*

Submitted bills

*Ken Peters, Tom Redfern, Chesterhill Produce Action*

The facilities are growing more and more each day. Funding for water lines have been obtained. *The One Foundation* secured made the finances possible for the water lines. It is a non-profit organization. Opening Day of the Chesterhill Produce Auction is May 2, 2016 at 4:00. Also, a Consignment Auction will take place on April 30, 2016 at 10:00am.

*Becky Thompson-Dog Warden*

Submitted report-Filed

*Terry Robison Morgan County EMA Director*

Submitted Weekly Report

\*The Commissioners held a Records Retention Meeting in The Commissioner's Office on January 25, 2016 at 2:30pm.

**16-051-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to grant permission to the Rural Action/Chesterhill Produce Auction bore under county road 41, located in Township of Marion, Section No. 30,31,25 Morgan County Ohio.

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

**16-052-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to adopt a Then and Now resolution to pay the following the following bills that accumulated before the purchase order date of January 4, 2016:

12-17-2015	Ritter's Office Outfitters	\$45.58
12-18-2015	Poynter's Best Products	\$72.50
01-01-2016	Great America	\$109.00

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

**16-053-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve a supplemental appropriation from fund 009 into the following line item:

Contracts line item #099-0009-5306.00 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

**16-054-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Vanhorn to authorize a then and now resolution to pay the following invoice from the Morgan County Transit 113 fund:

Genesis Healthcare OEHS	\$150.00
Crystal Spring Water	\$ 13.50
Shannon Wells	\$155.20

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

**16-055-** Motion by Mr. Vanhorn and seconded by Mr. Shriver to authorize a then and now resolution to pay the following invoice from the grant administration fund 099:

Shannon Wells \$124.00

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

***Jeff Babcock, Network Administrator***

After installing Avast for Business on a test workstation, it initially appeared that Avast was blocking Internet Explorer from accessing the Internet. After extensive troubleshooting, it was discovered that the version of Java used on the computer was out-of-date. Updating Java fixed the problem. There was another instance where an outdated Java installation prevented web access in Google Chrome as well. The IT Director will monitor Java updates and ensure that they are being applied as quickly as possible.

The IT Director started looking into ways to increase productivity by adding a chat/collaboration software suite to the computers on the network. At this time, Skype appears to be the front runner. Research will continue for a client/server software package that does not rely on connectivity to a third party for functionality.

The IT Director will develop a class on professional behavior in the workplace with a focus on social media.

**16-056-** Motion by Mr. Shriver and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve payment of bills. \*See attached

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

**16-057-** Motion by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Shriver to adjourn the commissioners meeting at 4:00pm..

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

**Mike Reed, President**

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**Adam Shriver, Vice-President**

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**Tim Vanhorn , Member**

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**Sheila Welch, Clerk**

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