

**MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RIECKER BUILDING**

The Board of the Morgan County Commissioners met in their offices on Monday, February 02, 2009 with the following members present:

Dean Cain, President
Don Reynolds, Vice-President
Mike Reed, Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

09-74 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the minutes from January 26, 2009.

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

09-75 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds that all Morgan County Offices will remain open for business unless a level 3 snow emergency has been called by the Morgan County Sheriff's office.

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

The Commissioners submitted a memo to all county employee's concerning Wednesday January 28, 2009, concerning the leave policy for snow days.

Tammy Ray, Dog Warden reported that during the month of January she received 115 calls, there were 10 dogs taken in custody and 5 dogs were euthanized. Ms. Ray stated that she sold \$200.00 worth of dog tags on Saturday at the E-Z Stop in Stockport. She wanted to thank them for allowing her to sell the dog tags at their store. She stated that 6 puppies were dumped at the Shelter last night. Ms. Ray also stated that as of last night there was no electric at the pound. Ms. Ray wanted to thank John Walter and Trent Clark for the used supplies of insulation and wood they donated to help insulate the kennels. She also mentioned that Brad Davis had called to let her know he had a generator that she could use at the kennel. Ms. Ray stated that she will be at the Shelter this Saturday. She discussed that they are planning on cleaning up the pine limbs that had fallen during the recent storm this Saturday, with workers that are working on community service time. She is planning on taking the branches to the yard waste facility on Hawk Drive.

Stevan Hook, Morgan County Engineer, met with the commissioners and reported that he had received approval on \$40,000 on the 629 grant for Co. Rd. 2 paving of road. Mr. Hook submitted his bond renewal for signatures. He also stated that they received the Grant to pave Co. Rd. 3 in 2014 which comes from Federal Funds pave, berm, and stripe. The grant is for 1,024,000.00. Mr. Hook discussed the used dump truck. He stated that it is listed at \$23,750.00, has 85,400 miles, a new engine, which includes a 24 month warranty, is 4 wheel drive, and will have new brakes. Mr. Hook stated that they are willing to give them \$6,025 for the old 8, which is an old gas powered truck, which would cost \$18,000 with the trade in allowance. Engineer Hook updated the commissioners on the status of the roads in Morgan County due to the snow and ice. He stated that there is still ice and snow on most of the gravel roads, the northern slopes are still icy and the county department has cindered everything that they can. They are also working on getting the hanging brush cleared up that was taken down in the storm. Mr. Hook discussed the President's

Stimulus package and his ideas on obtaining funds. Mr. Hook stated that he would like to ask for 20 miles of road paving. Commissioner Reynolds asked Mr. Hook about the Issue 1 funds, Mr. Hook stated that he had placed a call concerning this and thought by February 1st they would have been ready to bid this out, he has not received any word on this yet. Mr. Hook discussed the next round and noted that Co Rd. 36, Co. Rd 6 - from 376 and the northern half of 92, Bailey Ridge Rd. were in that round.

09-76 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve Mr. Stevan Hook's request for the used dump truck.

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

Mr. Mike Totman submitted invoices to the Commissioners.

Vicki Quesinberry, Morgan County Department of Job and Family Services, met with the Commissioners and submitted meeting requests for Vicki Quesinberry to Marietta on February 12, 2009 for "Regional Poverty Conversation". Heidi Burns to Columbus on February 11, 2009 for "ODJSDA General Session, Budget 2010-20111." Ms. Quesinberry stated that IDS Company will be here on Wednesday February 4, 2009 at 2:30 pm to give DJFS an estimate on getting rid of items, after approval from the records retention meeting. Any other department wanting to get a quote for disposal needs to see IDS on Wednesday. Ms. Quesinberry stated that Morgan County DJFS has found items in the basement storage room that does not belong to DJFS, items appear to belong to the Treasurer's department, Auditor's office and the Court House. Commissioner Reed noted that he will be attending the Regional Poverty Meeting next Thursday.

Linda Sheets, Morgan County Senior Center, submitted invoices to the Commissioners. Mrs. Sheets reported that the Policy and Procedures manual had been signed. She reported that representatives from AARP will be at the Senior Center every Tuesday, from February 10th through April to offer free tax services. She stated that the tax services are available to anyone, but requested that residents call ahead for an appointment. Mrs. Sheets reported that she will be attending a meeting at Buckeye Hills.

Jim Greer, Medical Mutual Insurance stopped in to see the Commissioners.

Shannon Wells, Morgan County Commissioners' Development Office, reported that she had received a fax requesting the Commissioners rate the Water/Sewer projects they had submitted. After discussion the commissioners decided that Tri-County Rural would rate first, this is the Lightner Ridge Project, the project totals \$665,000 with Tri-County matching \$133,00. This project would serve 34 households. The project rated second was the Village of McConnellsville's Sewer separation project which would install 36" and 48" storm sewers. Ms Wells noted that this is mandated to be done by 2011. They were requesting 3.5 million dollars with no match. The project rated third was the Village of McConnellsville's Waste Water Treatment project. They were requesting \$350,000 with no match. The Village of McConnellsville's projects would serve 805 households. Mrs. Wells reported that she had received good news from the Governor's office. She had received notice to complete the final paperwork for a grant that she requested for \$25,000 with a \$25,000 match coming from the Capital Bill. This would be used to install new carpeting, update the restrooms, install aisle lighting, and resolve some fire code issues at the Opera House, she has to submit the completed application by February 20th. Mrs. Wells reported that she had received phone calls from ODOT concerning the Stimulus bill and what projects Transit would like to complete. Mrs. Wells noted that they are looking at new radio's that would mesh with the County Engineer's radio system, totaling \$10,000. They are looking at purchasing a new vehicle, a 15 passenger van for \$50,000 and looking at the purchase of a building in McConnellsville from Finley Fire for \$325,000. The building is large enough to house 15 vehicles, has both service and wash bays, and would allow room for dispatchers and drivers. This building would allow the Morgan County Transit room for expansion and would alleviate leaving vehicles parked

outside. Brett Harris, ODOT, stated that if this was approved they could purchase the building. All applications would need to be completed prior to May, Mrs. Wells reported. Mrs. Wells reported that she had asked Ms. Kelly Hardman to attend the Community Action meeting on NSP, foreclosures on her behalf as Mrs. Wells had an ODOT web cast that was covering the purchases Transit was looking at. She reported that if the purchase of the building goes through then the building would be titled to the Morgan County Commissioners, and if sold the Morgan County Commissioners would have to repay the money back to the Government. Mrs. Wells noted that the county insurance policy would need to be increased and that she would check to see if a sprinkler system existed in the building. Mrs. Wells stated that she has been in contact with John Walter Finley, Finley Fire Equipment concerning the purchase of the building. Mrs. Wells noted that she had a conference call last week with an Environmental Firm concerning a \$50,000 asbestos clean-up with Lang's. She is to receive a cost estimate on the clean-up and then can apply to the State of Ohio's Clean Ohio Program to do the clean up. Mrs. Wells stated she has two Micro Enterprise meeting's this week. There will be a Transportation meeting on Wednesday and will attend the CBB meeting on Wednesday. Mrs. Wells stated she has a prevailing wage audit to complete at Kokosing @ MIBA. Next Monday Mrs. Wells stated she will be attending the Regional Magnum meeting with AEP. Commissioner Cain inquired about the core drilling. She noted they will also be meeting with Chuck Corbitt and Mike Workman will be attending with her. Mrs. Wells had received an email from Missy Casto, Buckeye Hills that they had picked two projects that they would be starting an application for, the 209 project and Meigs County Industrial Park. Discussion was held on working on a Green Development Project. She stated that Mike Workman had requested that she list every grant/incentive that is available to every business which would enable him to let them know if they were eligible or not. She was also talking to Heritage Ohio on Historical Grants.

Dan Favreau, Judge Morgan County, met with the Commissioners to discuss the memo that the Morgan County Commissioners had sent regarding January 28, 2009. Judge Favreau submitted a court order to the Morgan County Commissioners that reads:

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OF MORGAN COUNTY, OHIO

IN RE: THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEES PAY
FOR January 28, 2009

Journal Entry dated Feb 2, 2009

It has come to the attention of the Court that by virtue of Memorandum dated February 2, 2009, that the County Commissioners have ordered that any person who failed to report to work or left work early on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, will not be paid unless vacation days or personal days are used.

The Court further notes that the County personnel policy and procedure manual indicates the following:

“In cases where an emergency closing is not authorized, employees who fail to report to work will not be paid for time off.”

The County Commissioners are hereby advised that on the 28th day of January, 2009 this Court determined that an emergency existed and ordered its employees not to report to work since the County road crews and State road crews had not plowed or salted the highways sufficiently to make safe travel to and from the place of employment possible or for that matter, any travel. The Court notes that there was a Level 2 Snow Emergency and that the Court cancelled all court proceeding scheduled for that date. On that date, the telephone was manned by the Judge who remained at Court during the entire day for purposes of advising the public of the Court's closure.

In view of these facts, the Court hereby orders that all court personnel will be paid for Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and will not use personal days or vacation time since they were ordered by the Judge not to appear and since the County had not sufficiently cleared the roads for them to appear. Said payments will be made under penalty of contempt of court for failure to abide by this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED

D.W. FAVREAU, JUDGE

Judge Favreau stated that he was not going to have people taking time because he called them and ordered them not to come in. The Commissioners and Judge Favreau discussed this matter and Commissioner Cain stated that the Commissioners will talk to the Prosecuting Attorney concerning this matter since it clearly states in the Personnel Policy that unauthorized leave will not be paid. Judge Favreau also reported to the Commissioners that he is placing a time capsule in the grounds of the courthouse. The time capsule will celebrate the 250th Birthday of the Courthouse and will be opened 99 years from now. He stated that he is purchasing 2 or 3 ammo cans, will dig the hole, pour the concrete, and seal the cans up. There will also be a marker placed over the capsule. He stated that they plan on including items such as a newspaper in the time capsule.

Larry Hivnor, Executive Director for Ohio Valley Employment Resource reported to the Commissioners that they will be having a February meeting for Council of Governments. They will discuss budgets, cutbacks, and insurance. This will be held February 27th at 10am at Lori's, lunch will be provided. Mr. Hivnor discussed that they are looking at a reduction of hours and raising deductible amounts on their insurance. He also discussed a grant that would involve the training of coalminers and looking at Rail Road funds in other counties.

The Commissioners are in receipt of the January 2009 Fire Alarm Inspection Report from SimlexGrinnell, this was prepared for the Morgan County Health Department.

09-77 Motion by Mr. Mike Reed and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following:

Resolution of the Morgan County Commissioners
Morgan County, Ohio

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Morgan County, Ohio desire to provide their enthusiastic and unconditional support for the Sewer System Improvements project being presented for capital improvements funding on behalf of the Village of Chesterhill; and

WHEREAS, the project population to be served will be the residents of the Village of Chesterhill, and all residents downstream in the Wolf Creek and Muskingum River Watershed area, including Washington County (portions of the Ohio 6th Congressional District). The project is significant because it will create jobs and economic development opportunities in a very depressed area of the state of Ohio, both during construction and after completion, by allowing additional housing and development that is dependent upon safe and adequate sewer systems. It will also relieve the headwaters of the Muskingum River Watershed area of serious threats to the environmental ecosystem, including delicate plant and animal life. The contractors and services which will be needed to provide engineering, construction, and provision of materials will benefit areas in Morgan County and outside of Ohio's 18th Congressional District.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan County Commissioners hereby endorse and support the application of the Village of Chesterhill for financial assistance for the design and construction of sewer system improvements in the Village of Chesterhill.

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

09-78 Motion by Mr. Dean Cain and seconded by Mr. Don Reynolds to approve the following invoices:

VENDOR NAME	DEPARTMENT	CODE	FUND	AMOUNT
CNB	Payroll		Medicare Co. Portion	\$ 2,560.54
Morris Hardware	Auditor	274	Riecker 73308,66979	\$ 31.02
Morris Hardware	Dog & Kennel	005	73148 D & K	\$ 8.71
Morris Hardware	Courthouse	001	Courthouse	\$ 15.36
Morris Hardware	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$ 51.27
Morris Hardware	Morgan County Court	001	General	\$ 11.67
Morris Hardware	Senior Citizens	028	Senior Citizens	\$ 37.12
Tyler/CCT	Auditor	014	REA	\$ 3,125.00
M & M Fire Dept	Ambulance Contract	327	Amb. Feb Contract	\$ 36,334.00
Morgan County Herald	Job & Family Services	006	701-518001	\$ 27.60
Delille Oxygen	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$ 2.26
Gutberlet Chevrolet	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$ 2,046.46
Morgan Vet Services	Dog & Kennel	005	D & K Acct. 1037	\$ 24.00
Dayton Legal Blank	Commissioners	001	Commissioners 158007	\$ 162.90
Poynter's Best Products	Auditor	001	Gen Cust. MT 5065	\$ 887.22
Poynter's Best Products	MRDD	017	Other Expenses	\$ 17.53
Poynter's Best Products	MRDD	017	Contract Services	\$ 1,481.14
AEP	Jan Invoices	001	General	\$ 3,833.79
AEP	Co Commissioners	274	C.R.	\$ 6,239.42
Embarq	Senior Citizens	028	Senior Citizens	\$ 158.85
Pitney Bowes Inc.	Development Office	099	99	\$ 164.95
B.A. Disposal	Auditor	001	General	\$ 20.00
BA Disposal	Job & Family Services	006	010-529205	\$ 135.00
Wash./Morg Comm Action	Job & Family Services	006	254-518001	\$ 4,687.82
Snap On	Morgan County Highway	004	G & M	\$ 754.69
Six County Inc.	Job & Family Services	006	020-529205	\$ 208.00
Morgan County Health Dept.	Health Dept.	006	254-518001	\$ 1,898.84
Morgan County Health Dept.	Health Dept.	006	254-518001	\$ 909.30
Morgan County Health Dept.	Health Dept.	006	254-518001	\$ 155.16
Morgan County Commissioners	Job & Family Services	006	100-518001	\$ 726.48
Morgan County Commissioners	Job & Family Services	006	010-529205	\$ 17,697.44
Commissioners	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$ 8,525.50
American Legion	Veteran's Service	004	G & M	\$ 400.00
Barrett Brother's	Probate	001	Probate	\$ 20.00
Alltel	Job & Family Services	006	010-529205	\$ 52.42
Heinrich	Jim Barnhart	001	General	\$ 227.47
J. Wells	Common Pleas	001	Indigent Defense	\$ 278.84
John Wells	Common Pleas	001	Indigent Defense	\$ 2,382.68
Paul Betram	Common Pleas	001	Indigent Defense	\$ 219.00
AFSCME Care Plan	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$ 255.00
Ohio Afscome Care Plan	CSEA	090	020-501001	\$ 76.00
Buckeye Hills RC & D	Soil & Water	001	General 2009 Dues	\$ 350.00
Steven Schnittke	Appeals	004	Indigent Defense	\$ 888.00
USPS	Auditor	001	General	\$ 10,000.00
Staples	Morgan Co. Court	001	General	\$ 147.98

Staples	Morgan Co. Court	045	General	\$	163.36
Staples	Morgan Co. Court	001	Genera;	\$	563.28
Staples	Morgan Co. Court	337	337-0337-5301.00	\$	279.24
Staples	Morgan Co Probations	414	414	\$	28.08
Guernsey Co Probate	Probate	001	Probate	\$	45.00
Family Dollar	Health Dept.	075	Health	\$	64.96
Family Dollar	Health Dept.	063	Health	\$	22.99
Gordon Flesch Co Inc	Job & Family Services	006	020-529205	\$	66.03
Morgan Co. Job & Family Ser	CSEA	090	010-529205	\$	17,145.46
Morgan Co Job & Family Ser	Workforce	349	WF8-529204	\$	10,569.50
Morgan Co Job & Family Ser	Workforce	349	RF8-529204	\$	3,156.57
Morgan Co Job & Family Ser	WIA	349	AF8-529204	\$	24,660.77
Morgan Co Job & Family Ser	WIA	349	op7-529204	\$	17,617.25
Morgan Co Job & Family Ser	wia	349	ip7-529204	\$	22,897.79
Milestones	Children Services	050	845-515003	\$	4,526.00
Advanced Family Chiropractic	Job & Family Services	006	020-529205	\$	11.75
Twila Mayle	Morg Co Health Dept	073	HMG Travel	\$	63.00
Mconnelsville Village	Auditor	274	CR	\$	151.00
Mconnelsville Village	Auditor	001	General	\$	128.90
Mconnelsville Village	Auditor	001	General	\$	59.00
Mconnelsville Village	Auditor	001	Courthouse	\$	205.15
Lisa king	HMG Travel	073	Health Depot	\$	82.74
Greuey's Fuel & Farm Supply	Travel	009	Travel	\$	26.93
Chad Cooper	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	85.00
First Communications	Commissioners	001	General	\$	149.14
First Communications	CSEA	006	010-529205	\$	111.08
First Communications	Senior Citizens	028	Senior Citizens	\$	4.39
Misty Carpenter	MRDD	017	Building. Repair	\$	56.79
Misty Carpenter	MRDD	017	Equipment	\$	148.53
Misty Carpenter	MRDD	017	Supplies	\$	91.46
Misty Carpenter	MRDD	017	Supplies	\$	73.21
Beth Cain	Morg Co Health Dept	073	HMG Travel	\$	134.40
Shelly Materials	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	2,656.52
Kimball Midwest	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	484.31
Olive Murphy	Veteran's Service	001	General	\$	250.00
DJH Computers	Probations	414	414	\$	12.99
Visa	Common Pleas	001	Common Pleas	\$	295.00
Rueben Kittle	Children Services	006	030-501001	\$	247.60
Timmy V's	Job & Family Services	006	850-518001	\$	67.40
Timmy V's	Job & Family Services	006	242-518001	\$	50.00
Timmy V's	Job & Family Services	006	531-518001	\$	15.00
Charles H. Johnson Jr.	Veteran's Service	001	General	\$	250.00
DDTI	Auditor	014	REA	\$	1,250.00
D. Moorehead	Common Pleas	001	Indigent Defense	\$	266.00
Cantwell Machinery	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	92.96
Cheryl Bailey	Job & Family Services	006	030-501001	\$	66.40
Michele Tompkins	Morg Co Health Dept	075	Lice Travel	\$	42.00
David Bear	Common Pleas	001	Indigent Defense	\$	419.00
Transit	Job & Family Services	006	395,850,899,214	\$	4,624.55
Derrick Moorehead	Morgan County Court	001	General	\$	90.00
Heidi Kidd	WIA	349	AF8-529204	\$	275.00
AT & T	Probations	414	414	\$	35.05

Staples Credit Plan	Commissioners	113	113	\$	29.28
Staples Credit Plan	Commissioners	099	99	\$	100.17
Christian Children's Home	Job & Family Services	006	702-518001	\$	5,756.60
Ohio Public Transit Assoc.	Transit	113	113	\$	75.00
Marietta Office Supply	Job & Family Services	006	010-529205	\$	101.57
Warren's IGA Express	Job & Family Services	006	850-518001	\$	120.00
Warren's IGA Express	Job & Family Services	006	850-518001	\$	23.64
Warren's IGA Express	Job & Family Services	006	242-518001	\$	83.01
Warren's IGA Express	Job & Family Services	006	020-529205	\$	15.00
Warren's IGA Express	Job & Family Services	006	531-518001	\$	30.00
General Electric	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	436.52
Melissa Curtis	Health Dept.	080	FCF	\$	624.00
The Ohio State University	Job & Family Services	006	100-518001	\$	2,069.67
Vernon Surveying	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	800.00
Tri-State Youth Authority	Job & Family Services	006	702-518001	\$	5,425.00
Graf & Sons	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	350.00
Midwest Occupational Health	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	175.00
National Highway Institute	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	220.00
Crestmark TPG LLC	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	1,372.45
Shane Kegley	Engineer's	004	G & M	\$	1,100.00
Clarence Smith	Veteran's Service	001	General	\$	200.00
Harold Jarrett	Veteran's Service	001	General	\$	250.00
TOTAL					\$ 242,471.87

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

09-79 Motion by Mr. Don Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Dean Cain to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM

Vote Don Reynolds- yea, Mike Reed- yea, Dean Cain- yea. Motion Carried

Commissioners,

Dean Cain, President

Don Reynolds, Vice-President

Mike Reed, Member

Crystal Moler, Clerk