

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel, Mr. Gary K. Scherer and Mr. Harold R. Henson. April Dengler, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the minutes from November 30, 2021, with corrections.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Bills Approved for Payment:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills have been found to be properly filed and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated December 8, 2021, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners orders the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, to draw her warrant on this entry in the amount of \$183,483.01 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Then and Now Certification Approved for Payment:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor certifies that both at the time that the following contracts or orders were made and at the time that a certification (Section 5705.41) was completed, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appointed and free from any previous encumbrance. The Then and Now Certification has been found to be properly filed and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated December 8, 2021, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners, as Taxing Authority are authorizing the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, to draw her warrant on this entry in the amount of \$62,420.27 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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**In the Matter of
Amended Certificate Approved:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-120721-96

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Budget Commission approved an AMENDED CERTIFICATE in the amount of \$237,447.53 to amend the budget for unclaimed money other receipts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriated the following sum for expenditure for period ending December 31, 2021:

**651.0000.4929 – Unclaimed Money Other Receipts
\$237,447.53**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Appropriation of Expense Line Item Approved:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for the APPROPRIATION OF EXPENSE LINE ITEM:

\$69,071.50 – 651.6050.5901 – Unclaimed Money – Auditor’s Office

\$1,500.00 – 297.5008.5967 – Scholarships – Pickaway WORKS

\$25,000.00 – 206.5016.5102 – Salaries IM - JFS

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Transfer and Reappropriations Approved:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the following requests for the TRANSFER AND REAPPROPRIATIONS:

**\$25,000.00 – 101.2083.5401 – Contract Services – Sheriff
TO
101.2083.5527 – Vehicles – Sheriff**

**\$2,150.00 – 101.1211.5104 – Court Magistrate Salary – Juvenile Court/ Magistrate
TO
101.1211.5201 – Court Magistrate OPERS – Juvenile Court/ Magistrate**

**\$25.00 – 101.1211.5104 – Court Magistrate Salary – Juvenile Court/ Magistrate
TO
101.1211.5202 – Court Magistrate Medicare – Juvenile Court/ Magistrate**

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**\$40.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile Court/ Magistrate
TO
101.1218.5210 – Probate Court Judge OPERS – Juvenile Court/ Magistrate**

**\$1,600.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1218.5203 – Probate Court Insurance – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$25.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1218.5202 – Probate Court Medicare – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$50.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1218.5201 – Probate Court OPERS – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$1,400.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1218.5102 – Probate Employee Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$70.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1218.5101 – Probate Judge Salary – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$8,000.00 – 101.1215.5102 – Juvenile Court Salaries – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1215.5203 – Juvenile Court Insurance – Juvenile/Probate Court**

**\$500.00 – 101.1218.5474 – Probate Court M I Court – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.218.5301 – Probate Court Supplies – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$6,000.00 – 101.1215.5415 – Juvenile Attorney Fees – Juvenile/ Probate Court
TO
101.1215.5309 – Juvenile Postage – Juvenile/ Probate Court**

**\$176.00 – 507.6922.54701 – Orient Water Contract Services – Engineer
TO
507.6922.5486 – Orient Water Permit Fees - Engineer**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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**In the Matter of
Report Provided by Darrin Flick:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Darrin Flick, Deputy EMA Director.

- Last week EOC monitoring of COVID situation and normal operations. Weekly COVID update with Health Dept on and UAS Team Planning and Operations Training Wednesdays, State EOC COVID Directors Call and IT/Cybersecurity Update Thursdays. Mr. Flick attended to the EOY Closeout for Grants and Budget November 30th and County Police Chiefs Meeting December 2nd.
- This week the EOC monitoring of COVID situation and normal operations. Weekly COVID update with Health Dept on and UAS Team Planning and Operations Training Wednesdays, State EOC COVID Directors Call and IT/Cybersecurity Update Thursdays. Mr. Flick will be attending EOY Budget Meeting, State 911 Meeting and Monthly Box 65 Meeting December 7th, County CERT Meeting and SERC Executive Committee Meeting December 8th.
- Next Week the EOC monitoring of COVID situation and normal operations. Weekly COVID update with Health Dept on and UAS Team Planning and Operations Training Wednesdays, State EOC COVID

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Directors Call and IT/Cybersecurity Update Thursdays. Mr. Flick will be attending the County Fire Chiefs Meeting December 15th and County LEPC Exercise Planning Meeting December 16th.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Marc Rogols:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator:

- There were no BWC claims, or unemployment claims filed for the week.
- Mr. Rogols reported there are no auctions pending on Govedeals.com.
- Mr. Rogols reported that no new applicants received for the IT Technician position or part-time Custodial position.
- WDC Group is working on drawings for the Building Department front deck.
- Mr. Rogols had a phone conference Wednesday, December 1st at 10:30 a.m. with Wilson Partners to review findings and set date for presentation to commissioners. There is one significant claim that is for a rare illness that will exceed \$1 million. Presentation scheduled for January 11th.
- Mr. Rogols will be attending the fairgrounds water /sewer meeting December 8th at 8:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds.
- The property located at 963 South Pickaway Street is on schedule for first open house December 2nd. Maintenance Department is handling. Bids have already been received.
- The Dog Shelter started dog tag sales December 1st. 2022 dog tags ordered in October and have not received them yet. Orders and payments are being accepted and processed in new system. Tags to be mailed out later. The satellite locations are not yet in operation.

In the Matter of
Building Department Monthly Report:

The monthly report for the Pickaway County Building Department was filed for the month ending November 2021.

A total of \$192,924.05 was reported being collected as follows:

Permits		
Registration	31	\$3,484.49
Commercial	13	\$166,816.31
Residential	89	\$22,623.25
Total Inspections Performed		
Residential	413	
Commercial	70	
City Enforcement	2	
Total Inspections	485	
Residential Plan Review		

New Home Permits by Jurisdiction:	
Circleville	1
Commercial Point	22
Jackson Twp.	1
Muhlenberg Twp.	1
Saltcreek Twp.	2
SciotoTwp.	3
Walnut Twp.	1
Wayne Twp.	1
Total New Homes	32

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**In the Matter of
Pickaway County Engineer
SAL-T207-1.85, WAL-T038-7.78, MAD-C090-6.89
Guardrail Project Change Order 1:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve Change Order 1 with M.P. Dory Co for the SAL-T207-1.85, WAL-T038-7.78, MAD-C090-6.89 Guardrail Project. Total change order increase by \$1,003.00 due to added guardrail to increase safety.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Resolution Enacting 50% Temporary
Load Reduction on Various County Roads:**

At the written request of Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-120721-97

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Engineer submitted a written request to the Pickaway Board of Commissioners to enact a 50% temporary load reduction on various county roads due to excessive moisture and unstable road beds; then,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby enacts a temporary 50% road load reduction on the following county roads, which will expire on April 30, 2022:

- **Canal Road (CR-100) from the Melvin Stone entrance south to State Route 104**
- **Crownover-Mill Road (CR-125) from Crownover-Mill Road (T125) to Yankeetown Pike**
- **Five Points Pike (CR-21) from Yankeetown Pike (CR-17) to Adkins Road**
- **Scioto Darby Road (CR-22) from London Road to U S Route 62**
- **Airbase Road (CR-237) beginning approximately 0.4 mile east of Lockbourne Eastern Road and continuing east 1.0 miles to the Madison Township portion of Airbase Road**
- **Federal Road (CR-173) from London Road to McKinley Road**
- **The entire length of McKinley Road (CR-175)**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Executive Session:**

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, etc., of a public employee with April Dengler, County Administrator and Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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At 9:38 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

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Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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No Action taken.

In the Matter of
Authorization for Deputy County Administrator to
Update Policy and Procedure Manual for Vacation
Leave Accrual for County Employees:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to authorize Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator, to update the Policy and Procedure Manual to reflect the new effective date of employee's vacation leave accrual to be available for use. Policy will be presented with changes for final approval.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
Report Provided by April Dengler:

The following is a summary of the report provided by April Dengler, County Administrator:

- Ms. Dengler spoke with Joy Ewing, JFS Director regarding changing the exterior access door locks. The change would be paid for by JFS. The Commissioners will allow the change and requested that Mrs. Ewing work with Jon Brown, Maintenance Supervisor. Additionally, they would like to change the VCT and plywood deck in the bathroom flooring to tiles. Overflows go straight downstairs to the lawyer's office.
- Ms. Dengler informed that the Memorial Hall Windows Project Phase 2 is complete and will schedule a walk thru.
- Ms. Dengler will be attending the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Friday.
- Ms. Dengler signed documents from the Ohio Facility Commission to get money from state capital plan budget for the Memorial Hall Window Project.
- Ms. Dengler met with the County Engineer and Savion regarding a Road Use Maintenance Agreement for the Atlanta Solar Project. No RUMA needed due to laydown yards will be on State Route 22 and 207. Pickups on county roads only. Signs will be displayed.

In the Matter of
Change Order No 1A-2 with
Foremost Management, Inc for the
Commissioners' Office Porch Project:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve change order No. 1A-2 with Foremost Management, Inc for the Commissioners' Office Porch Project. The contract sum will decrease by \$9,881.16. The change order did not include adjustments to the contract sum or guaranteed maximum price, or the contract time, that have been authorized by construction change directive until the cost and time has been agreed upon by both the owner and contractor, in which case a change order is executed to supersede the construction change directive.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
2022 Budget Meeting Review:

Ms. Dengler provided the 2022 Budget Meeting handouts for review prior to today's meeting. Discussion was held regarding the list of capital improvement request from departments.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Sheriff Hafey:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Sheriff Hafey.

- Sheriff Hafey provided an update of the new cruisers. The Tahoe's they will be attending a demo to see what they have to provide. The vehicles need to be working appropriately for the hot boxes to keep the K-9's safe. Commissioner Wippel advised that there is a new Tahoe on the list for the 2022 Capital Improvement.
- They have been doing self-testing for COVID at the jail and are running low on test kits. EMA is working on getting more test kits. This prevents them sitting in an ER waiting for testing.
- They have received reimbursements from CORSA, approximately \$30,000.

In the Matter of
Citizens' Concerns with Solar Project in Pickaway County
Chipmunk Solar Farm Project in Deer Creek,
Jackson and Monroe Township:

Doug Steck, Mark and Toni Schein, citizens met with the Commissioners to discuss their concerns of a proposed solar farm project know as Chipmunk Solar located in Deer Creek, Jackson and Monroe Townships. Mr. Steck is in the solar project and provided information regarding corn production and pricing. Mr. Steck stated that since 2010 forward corn has been profitable and ethanol supports corn prices. With production of electric cars and when that hits the market Mr. Steck feels that individuals with modest means will purchase the vehicles. Farms sustain with the ethanol, and electric vehicles will not utilize ethanol. Other countries import our corn, and we rely on that. China has pledged to spend trillions of dollars to develop ports and prices for farms and crops will be dropping per Mr. Steck. Pickaway County farmers will see the price drop within the next 5-10years. Mr. Steck feels that solar is a way for a farmer to sustain an income in the future. Mr. Steck stated that the Commissioners can be proactive by looking at solar as a way for farmers to sustain. Mr. Steck explained his thoughts that over 10 years poisons and fertilizers will not be sprayed on the fields and the farm equipment will not be utilizing the roads. Commissioner Wippel explained to Mr. Steck that they will not argue over the numbers and understand that Mr. Steck supports the project. Commissioner Wippel believes that a landowner can do what they want with their land, but having the option of generations that will continue to farm is their right to choose to farm. Mr. Schein is close to retirement and does not have children that choose to take over his farm, so his decision is to still provide for his family financially and enlist his property to be leased for solar use. Mr. Steck has trucks that provide sand to companies that perform fracking, and Commissioner Henson stated that the industry is under attack by the federal government. Commissioner Scherer explained what the Commissioners power is with Senate Bill 52 and that Geenex and Chipmunk Solar project are grandfathered in before SB52. The Commissioners collective thought is to not give tax incentives or tax breaks. Commissioner Wippel explained that they stay within the guidelines of what they are allowed to do. Mr. Schein described that the land that was for the warehouse on 104, and it is a farm that will never go back to farmland, unlike the solar project will in 40 years. Commissioner Henson stated that the Ross County Yellowbud Project has moved a lot of dirt and it was explained that they would not be doing so. The Commissioners informed Mr. Steck and Mr. and Mrs. Schein of the meeting to be held by Chipmunk Solar at the Deer Creek Lodge this evening.

In the Matter of
Scioto Farm Solar Project
with Swing State Strategy:

Michael Hartley, Mark Carney and Kimberly Schreckengost, Swing State Strategy, met with the Commissioners to provide an update of the Scioto Farm Solar Project. Mr. Hartley started off with discussing that they have met with Circleville School and talked with the community. Mr. Carney gave an overview, and they plan to submit their application to the Siting Board on Monday. Hopes of starting

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construction third quarter of 2022. They held a public education meeting in September with the community. Changes have been made to the map of the project after taking suggestions from the community. Panels have been set back to not be close to homes in the area. They are making an effort to listen to the community to accommodate requests. They just finished Geotech work and staying away from architectural areas. They are purchasing some of the land and leasing Tootle Farm. There will be 48,000 piles (post) to hold panels and it was suggested that the fence be installed upside down, leaving the wider holes at the bottom for small animals to get through. They will be holding a few education meetings for the public and will follow-up with the Commissioner with updates. This project is grandfathered prior to House Senate Bill 52. Facility Studies and a payment had to be done for the PJM by a deadline in order to be grandfathered in. Commissioner Scherer explained that the Commissioners are not looking to approve a PILOT and suggested to calculate their number accordingly. Commissioner Henson stated that he thinks their approach is much better than others in working with the community.

**In the Matter of
2022 Budget Meeting:**

The Commissioners met with departments to reflect on last years budget and to discuss their 2022 budgets. 2021 was a good year and will allow for a \$13 million carryover to 2022. Increased revenues came from higher collection of sales tax, which may be from vendors outside of Ohio collecting local sales tax. People seem to be purchasing more online. The other factors are high conveyance fees and building inspection fees collected. Some considerations include health insurance increase, debt services payments for the CRC Building, the fairgrounds renovation, capital projects and reserve balance to planned and unplanned capital project in 2022. The Commissioners have chosen to release the full 2022 budget in place of releasing quarterly. The overall general fund expense requests are about \$23.9 million for 2022.

April Dengler, County Administrator discussed the American Rescue Plan fund. Pickaway County has spent around \$743,000 of the \$5.7 million received, leaving a balance of the \$5.7 million in funding to be received. The Commissioners are still reviewing the request for planned capital project from department and non-profit groups. There are strict guidelines on how the funds can be spent and want to make sure the money is spent correctly. Ms. Dengler explained that the list will be reevaluated in January in hopes that Congress will lift some of the restrictions on how the funds can be spent. ARP funds have already been utilized to upgrade technology at the Sheriff's Office, access to fiber internet at several county building, upgrades to the tornado siren and personal protection equipment.

The departments presented their budgets for 2022.

**In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report:**

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending December 4, 2021.

A total of \$1,372 was reported being collected as follows: \$150 in adoptions; \$210 in dog license; \$150 in kennel license; \$8 in additional kennel license; \$120 in transfer out rescue and \$734 in private donations.

One (1) stray dog was processed in; three (3) dogs were adopted.

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Scherer, to adjourn. Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Jay H. Wippel, President

Harold R. Henson, Vice President

Gary K. Scherer, Commissioner

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