

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**  
**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO**

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel, Mr. Harold R. Henson and Mr. Gary K. Scherer. April Metzger, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

**In the Matter of  
Minutes Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the minutes from January 21, 2025, 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 Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, 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 January 28, 2025, 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 his warrant on this entry in the amount of \$60,326.26 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 Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, 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 January 28, 2025, 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 his warrant on this entry in the amount of \$120,786.81 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  
Appropriations Approved:**

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

**\$5,000.00 – 230.1246.5403 – Travel – Clerk of Courts**

**\$20,000.00 – 225.2024.5913 – Restitution -Juvenile Court**

**\$2,020.00 – 230.1246.5205 – Workers Compensation TRUP – Clerk of Courts**

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

**\$1,000.00 – 112.2094.5212 – PERS LE Logan Elm SRD – Sheriff  
TO**

**112.2094.5201 – PERS Logan Elm SRD - Sheriff**

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  
Fund Transfer Approved:**

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

**\$401.00 – 101.1105.5701 – Miscellaneous Transfer Out – Commissioners  
TO**

**219.0000.4901 – Special Marriage License Transfer In -Commissioners**

**\$35,850.16 – 101.1105.5609 -ALGT Interest – Treasurer  
TO**

**201.0000.4705 – ALGT Interest – Treasurer**

**\$3,853.29 – 101.1105.5610 – Motor Vehicle Tax Interest – Treasurer  
TO**

**202.0000.4706 – Motor Vehicle Tax Interest – Treasurer**

**\$2,341.09 – 101.1105.5611 – Special Projects Assessments Interest – Treasurer  
TO**

**901.0000.4707 – Special Projects Assessments Interest - Treasurer**

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**  
**New Line Item Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for NEW LINE ITEMS:

**225.2024.5913 – Restitution – Juvenile Court**

**219.0000.4901 – Special Marriage License Transfer In - Commissioners**

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**  
**Report Provided by Preston Schumacker:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Preston Schumacker, Dog Warden.

- Mr. Schumacker reported that they are housing 13 dogs. There were 8 visitors to the shelter last week and 2 volunteers.

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Tiffany Nash:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Tiffany Nash, EMA Director.

- Approvals
  - Executive Session - Personnel
- This Week
  - Pickaway County Mitigation Kickoff Meetings – 1/27 & 1/29
  - Futurity/Orion Demo – 1/28
  - Alert & Warning Training – 1/29
  - Annual Pipeline Training – 1/29
  - OCIDS Follow Up with Jim Meador – 1/30
  - Ohio Blueways Meeting – 1/30
  - Motorola Solutions Meeting – 1/30
  - Long Term Recovery Planning with Health Department – 1/31
  - EMA & Maintenance Meeting – 1/31
- Next Week
  - LEPC Mid-Planning Meeting for Exercise – 2/3
  - Meeting with Ohio Christian University – 2/3 Tentative
  - PORT – 2/5
  - Debris Management Workshop in Fairfield County – 2/6 Ed & Tiff
- Programs
  - EMA Operations
    - Cash request submitted for FY23 Q9 EMPG grant.
    - Submitted interest requests for FY23 Supplemental funding and FY24 EMPG funding.
    - Dominion Energy reached out to schedule a meet and greet as they enter their next phase. Intended audience is public safety.
    - Ohio EMA pushed out a notification 1/28/2025 that all preparedness grant activities are to pause based on the order from the White House. Investigating what this means.
  - 911 Coordinator
    - Audit compliance letter (attached).
  - LEPC
    - Circleville Fire requested LEPC monies to help fund a rope rescue program. Special meeting to be held 3/3/2025 per the LEPC Committee's request.
    - Planning Tabletop Exercise for March 26th with CRC as our site of interest.
  - Radio Programming

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- Of 1500 radios we have listed in our inventory.
  - Approx 300 are the City of Circleville's.
  - We are finding radios with duplicate ID's which means we are paying for radio IDs we aren't actually using.
- Assistant Chief Bennett is working closely with Ohio MARCS to get our inventory cleaned up.
- CERT – No new updates
- Mitigation
  - Kickoff meetings this week.
    - Monday, January 27th, 1-3pm OCUBIC
    - Wednesday, January 29th, 9-11 am OCUBIC

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Eric Cotton:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Eric Cotton, IT Department.

- Continuing to work on cleanup of group policy in preparation of Network merge.
- Dell Installed the SAN interfaces enabling a 25GB connection from Host to SAN.
- Jerry from Avant will visit the Courtroom on Wednesday morning.
- SHI Licensing of County O365 licenses order has been rectified. Awaiting a fresh quote for the SO.
- Contact was made with FTR (For the Record) and plan to trial their voice to text service.
- Eric sat in on Harris Training.
- Configuring SAN today and plan to begin configuring first server fir ID Networks on Thursday.

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Tim McGinnis:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Tim McGinnis, Planning and Development:

- Planning Commission: February 11th - No Agenda
- Outstanding Plats:
  - Graham Ravines Sketch Plan
- Lot Splits:
  - Approved 3 lot splits in the last week, 7 open applications currently.
- CDBG: Document Review

**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. Total BWC claims for 2025 is one. Total unemployment claims filed are at zero for 2025.
- Building Department: Mr. Rogols met with Kelly Kight and staff last Wednesday. Proactive for possible increase in workload. Maintenance assisting with plans, cleanup and storage.
- Two new hire packets were sent out last week (JFS). A total of 6 new hire packets have been handed out in 2025. Job openings for part-time and full-time Custodial (three applications received and interviews pending), EMA Communications Technician (interview conducted last Friday) and Building Department Permit Technician (two applications received and preliminary interviews being conducted by Building Department). Park District Director position posted.
- Miscellaneous: Brandy Stewart attended the Health and Safety Meeting with Mr. Rogols last week.
- Maintenance:
  - The renovation of the Clerk of Courts: Flooring work continue. All tile laid in the main room. Finishing around the court's schedule. Still waiting on Grant Davis to choose flooring for his office.
  - All 2025 capital improvements sent out. Priority is JFS elevator and Memorial Hall chair lift (ADA compliance).
  - TJ and Grant (Maintenance) continued repairs on PCSO jail plumbing.

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**In the Matter of**  
**Homelessness in Pickaway County**  
**Discussion with David Horn:**

David Horn discussed homelessness in Pickaway County and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS system is used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of and experiencing homelessness. It can be used as a good screening tool to provide services for those that are homeless and following the rules. It can be a triage system to weed out the individuals that are not putting any effort into receiving services.

**In the Matter of**  
**Executive Session:**

At 9:34 a.m., Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer 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 Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator, Tiffany Nash, EMA Director and Angela Karr, Clerk 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.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 9:39 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No Action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Emergency Management Agency**  
**Radio Technician Position:**

The position of part-time Radio Communication Technician for the Pickaway County Emergency Management Agency was offered to Randy Smith on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Upon communication with Mr. Smith, he declined the offer for the position.

**In the Matter of**  
**Hiring Brian Kirkpatrick for the**  
**Part-time Radio Communication Technician Position with**  
**Emergency Management Agency:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to hire Brian Kirkpatrick as the part-time Emergency Management Communication Technician at the recommendation of Tiffany Nash, EMA Director effective February 3, 2025. As the EMA Communication Technician, Mr. Kirkpatrick shall be paid \$25.00 per hour with a \$ .50 increase upon the completion of a six-month probationary period.

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**  
**Hiring Spencer Bennett for the**  
**Part-time Radio Communication Technician Position with**  
**Emergency Management Agency:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to hire Spencer Bennett as the part-time Emergency Management Communication Technician at the recommendation of Tiffany Nash, EMA Director effective February 3, 2025. As the EMA Communication Technician, Mr. Bennett shall be paid \$25.00 per hour with a \$ .50 increase upon the completion of a six-month probationary period.

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**  
**Report Provided by Sheriff Hafey:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Sheriff Hafey, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office:

- Sheriff Hafey discussed new cruisers. Chief Brown is getting quotes for Ford Explorers, F150 and Chevy Silverado trucks.

**In the Matter of**  
**Executive Session:**

At 9:51 a.m., Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer 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 Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator, Sheriff Hafey, Chief Brown, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office and Angela Karr, Clerk 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.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 9:54 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No Action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Executive Session:**

At 9:58 a.m., Commissioner Jay Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, with Sheriff Hafey, Chief Brown, Pickaway County Sheriff's Office, April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

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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.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 10:28 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to resume Regular Session.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Pickaway County Soil and Water**  
**Conservation District Update:**

Tawn Seimer, Katarine Sharp, Adriahna Karr and Brad Hughes, Pickaway County Soil and Water Conservation District provided a quarterly update:

**Administrative**

Staff and Board attended the Area 5 Winter Meeting in December for Area 5 and state updates. Mrs. Seimer sent the board approved 2025 budget report to the County Administrator and attended end-of-year Commissioners meeting. Held individual evaluations with staff and prepared for annual employee evaluations with the Board. Mrs. Seimer worked with Jade, Administrative Assistant, on financial requirements and reports for end-of-year. Mrs. Seimer demonstrated Quick Books online version at an Area 5 Administrator's meeting in November. SWCD ran Pumpkin Show parking on Thursday of the event and made \$2,225.60 for their annual scholarships.

**Education/ Outreach**

The October newsletter was sent out electronically to 2,132 individuals. The 2024 annual report has been completed and distributed. Staff attended the annual 2-day educators' workshop for all SWCD education staff across the state in October. Attended monthly Pickaway County Farm Bureau meetings, as well as various Area 5 and State Envirothon Contest planning meetings. Farm-to-Table books delivered to all 745 first grade students across Pickaway County. SWCD partnered with FFA Chapters. Classroom programs for fall school semester – 1,930 students, 76 classrooms, in 3 school districts, and 8 grade levels.

**Technical**

Technicians worked on 10 CRP grassed waterway projects on county farms, all in various stages of progress/ completion. Completed 7 CRP Waterway contracts and 2 CRP Grass Waterway contract under construction. Assisted with zero drainage complaints/ land evals for county landowners. Complete 1 EQIP visit project for NRCS. H2Ohio P2 phase in progress. SWCD hosted a no-till drill workshop in October. Began surveys for waterway request list. Technicians finished checking 2025 waterway re-enrolls for NRCS.

**In the Matter of**  
**Solar Discussion with Perry Township Trustees:**

Ethan Smrtnik and Mark Vernon, Perry Township Trustees, met with the Commissioners to discuss solar in their township. Mr. Vernon asked the question when they should see some money and how much. He has not been told an exact date when the project will go live. Commissioner Scherer informed that he attended a webinar to gather information, however two of the individuals that were from the Department of Development that were on the webinar are no longer with ODD. He just received a contact name and will be reaching out. 1.4 million will be disbursed to the townships and schools once received. The collection is

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over 30 years. The Township Volunteer EMT made a couple runs for emergency calls to the project site during construction. Dominion attended a few of the township meetings and was willing to help then later. Dominion purchased their own squad and EMT to go around the township EMT.

**In the Matter of**  
**Community Development Block Grant**  
**PY2024 Grant Agreement:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to execute the PY2024 Community Development Program Grant Agreement for the period of September 1, 2024, to October 31, 2026. The agreement is to receive and disburse funds B-24-DC-39-0001 for period beginning July 1, 2024, and end September 1, 2031.

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**  
**Community Development Block Grant**  
**Village of Tarlton Infrastructure Project:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to execute Invoice #2957 to Fillmore Construction LLC. The invoice is to pay for the completion of work performed for the Village of Tarlton Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$513,700.00

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**  
**Ohio Department of Development**  
**Certification of Categorical Exclusion Project**  
**Not Subject to CFR 58.5 Tarlton Steet Project**  
**Community Development Block Grant:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to execute the Oho Department of Development, Certification of Categorical Exclusion Project Not Subject to CFR 58.5, Community Development Program Tarlton Street Project.

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**  
**Volunteer Peace Officer's Dependents Fund Board:**

The Ohio legislature's establishment (SB 11) of the Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund (Fund) is to assist dependents of volunteer peace officers killed in the line of duty and to assist volunteer peace officers that become totally and permanently disabled as a result of a line of duty injury, which is contained in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 143.

Each political subdivision with a police or sheriff's department that employs volunteer peace officers will be made a member of the Fund and each Fund member must establish a "Volunteer Peace Officers'



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Dependents Fund Board” to administer claims for the benefits from the Fund and will only meet to objectively verify eligibility that files for assistance. (This is not a county-wide board as each political subdivision with a policing agency must establish its own board.) ORC 143.01 (C) defines “volunteer peace officer” as any person who is employed as a police officer, sheriff’s deputy, constable, or deputy marshal in a part-time, reserve, or volunteer capacity, is not a member of the public employee’s retirement system, Ohio police and fire pension fund, state highway patrol retirement system, or the Cincinnati retirement system.

A board must have the following members: two members elected by the commissioners, two members elected by the volunteer peace officers of the sheriff’s department, and one member elected by the other four members which cannot be a public employee, member of the legislative authority, or peace officer for that department; must be a citizen registered to vote in that area.) One of the five elected board members must be identified as chairperson and another as the secretary by the members of the board.

Board members must be named by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and initial terms last one year. Each board’s secretary must submit all of the following information to the Ohio Department of Commerce, which has been tasked with administering this fund: name and address of board members, names of the board’s chairperson and secretary, and a certificate indicating the current assessed property valuation of the Fund member.

Each Fund member pays an initial premium of \$300-\$500, which is based on the member’s assessed property valuation (ORC 143.06). Additional premiums may be required. The benefit amounts are (1) \$1,000 award to a surviving spouse, plus \$300/month; (2) \$125/month to the parent or guardian of dependent children; (3) \$300/month for disabled volunteer peace officers.

Sheriff Matthew Hafey and Brad Washburn, County Auditor, have agreed to be appointed by the commissioners to the board. Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to appoint the following members:

**Sheriff Matthew Hafey – One year term commencing February 16, 2025**

**Brad Washburn, Auditor – One year term commencing February 16, 2025**

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  
County Administrator Report:**

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

- Mrs. Metzger discussed the 2025 Leadership Breakfast.
- Mrs. Metzger discussed the 2025 YMCA Lease Agreement. Currently paying \$900.00 a month since 2018. Mrs. Metzger inquired about raising the rent to \$1,000.00 a month and will work up a new lease.

**In the Matter of  
Executive Session:**

At 11:30 a.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, with Tim Colburn, P3, Jayme Fountain, Pickaway County Prosecutor, April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator, Tim McGinnis, Planning and Development and Angela Karr, Clerk 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 11:35 a.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Resolution No. PC-012825-6 Amending the**  
**Exemptions Authorized Within the**  
**Pickaway County Reinvestment Area to**  
**Include the Extended Exemption Available**  
**Under Section 3735.67(D)(2)(A) For Qualifying Commercial**  
**Or Industrial Structures Situated on Megaproject Sites Or**  
**Owned And Occupied by Megaproject Suppliers:**

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

**Resolution No. PC012825-6**

**RESOLUTION NO. PC-012825-6 AMENDING THE EXEMPTIONS AUTHORIZED WITHIN THE PICKAWAY COUNTY REINVESTMENT AREA TO INCLUDE THE EXTENDED EXEMPTION AVAILABLE UNDER SECTION 3735.67(D)(2)(a) FOR QUALIFYING COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES SITUATED ON MEGAPROJECT SITES OR OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY MEGAPROJECT SUPPLIERS**

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 11:36 a.m. with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel, Mr. Harold R. Henson and Mr. Gary K. Scherer. April Dengler, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

Commissioner Harold Henson introduced the following resolution (“Resolution”) and moved its passage:

**WHEREAS**, this Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) desires to continue to pursue all reasonable and legitimate incentive measures to assist and encourage development in specific areas of the County of Pickaway (the “County”) that have not enjoyed sufficient reinvestment in remodeling or new construction; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, to assist and encourage the development described above, pursuant to Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code (the “CRA Act”), established the Pickaway County Northern Industrial Community Reinvestment Area (the “Northern Industrial CRA”) by a resolution passed on July 10, 2006, a copy of which resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein (the “Original CRA Resolution”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Original CRA Resolution specified the area comprising the Northern Industrial CRA as those certain lands depicted on Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “CRA Area”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County has been approached by a company for real property tax exemptions which relate to a proposed project to develop and improve multiple buildings consisting of approximately 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 cumulative square feet of advanced manufacturing facilities, together with appurtenances related thereto (the “Project”), to be constructed on +/- 564 acres of real property located within the CRA Area (the “Project Area), which Project Area is more particularly described on Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

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**WHEREAS**, the County anticipates that the Project will constitute a “megaproject” and be operated by a “megaproject operator,” as such terms are defined in Section 122.17(A) of the Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”); and

**WHEREAS**, since the adoption of the Original CRA Resolution, the Ohio General Assembly amended the CRA Act in 2022 with House Bill 687, effective September 13, 2022, to include R.C. Section 3735.67(D)(2)(a), which permits counties and other eligible political subdivisions to grant an extended real property tax exemption period of up to thirty (30) years for the new construction of commercial or industrial structures if the structures are either situated on the site of a megaproject and owned and occupied by a megaproject operator, or are not situated on the site of a megaproject but owned and occupied by a megaproject supplier that meets the requirements described in R.C. 122.17(A)(13)(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to amend the Original CRA Resolution to authorize real property tax exemptions for up to thirty (30) years for structures within the CRA Area that meet the requirements of R.C. Section 3735.67(D)(2)(a);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF PICKAWAY BOARD, STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1. Definition of Qualifying Megaproject Structures. New construction of commercial or industrial structures that meet the requirements for the extended exemption set forth in R.C. Section 3735.67(D)(2)(a) shall be referred to herein as “Qualifying Megaproject Structures”.

Section 2. Project Area Location. This Board acknowledges and agrees that the Project Area is situated within the boundaries of the CRA Area.

Section 3. Tax Exemptions in the CRA.

This Board seeks to reaffirm the eligible exemptions authorized for the “Pickaway County Northern Industrial Community Reinvestment Area”, which shall continue to include all exemptions identified in Section 4 of the Original CRA Resolution (the “Existing CRA Authorizations”), and this Board further seeks to amend the Original CRA Resolution to provide an extended exemption period for Qualifying Megaproject Structures pursuant to and in accordance with R.C. Section 3735.67(D)(2)(a). Accordingly, this Board hereby amends the Original CRA Resolution by authorizing the following for Qualifying Megaproject Structures:

(a) The percentage of the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from the construction of Qualifying Megaproject Structures to be exempted from real property taxation and the term of those exemptions shall be negotiated in advance of construction, all in accordance with Section 3735.67 of the Ohio Revised Code. The results of the negotiation of any exemption of a Megaproject Structure authorized by this Resolution shall be set forth in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement (any such agreement, a “Megaproject CRA Agreement”) pursuant to and in accordance with R.C. Section 3735.671, which Megaproject CRA Agreement shall be approved by this Board.

(b) The percentage of the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from the construction or remodeling of commercial and industrial structures to be exempted from real property taxation, which shall be negotiated and approved as required by Sections 3735.67 and 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall not exceed 100%.

(c) The period of exemption, which shall be negotiated and approved as required by Sections 3735.67 and 3735.671 of the Ohio Revised Code, shall not exceed thirty (30) years for the construction of new Qualifying Megaproject Structures, negotiated on a project-by-project basis.

(d) If new construction qualifies for exemption, during the period of the exemption, the applicable percentage of the assessed value of the Qualifying Megaproject Structures shall be exempted from real property taxation.

(e) To the extent permitted by law, if any existing structure already subject to an exemption under the CRA Act becomes a Qualifying Megaproject Structure, the exemptions authorized by this Resolution shall apply to such structure.

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The County Administrator is hereby authorized to give any and all notices on behalf of this Board that may be required by Sections 3735.671, 3735.673 and 5709.83 of the Ohio Revised Code in connection with the consideration, approval, or execution and delivery of any Megaproject CRA Agreements.

Section 4. Prior Legislation. Any and all prior legislation adopted by this Board, including the Original CRA Legislation, shall only be superseded by this Resolution to the extent to which the prior legislation is inconsistent with the terms and conditions herein.

Section 5. Resolution to be Forwarded; Resolution to be Published. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Pickaway County Auditor, and a copy of this Resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks immediately following its passage.

Section 6. Open Meeting. The Board hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, all in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon confirmation by the Director of Development of the unique designation assigned to the CRA Area.

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**EXHIBIT A  
Original CRA Resolution**

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**In the Matter of  
Resolution Adopted Creating a  
Community Reinvestment Area in Northern Pickaway County**

Mr. Green's next topic of discussion with the Commissioners was their consideration of approving the legislation that would create a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) to encourage the development of a region that lies within the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) located in the northern portion of the county. The CRA lies in the northern areas of Harrison and Madison Townships and is bounded by the Scioto River in the west, Walnut Creek Pike in the east, Devall Road in the south and the Pickaway/Franklin County line in the north. This same region has an existing enterprise zone that includes Harrison Township, but does not include the Madison Township. The CRA will provide a mechanism for tax incentives (abatement) and more flexibility to companies if they want to set up business in an area outside of the existing enterprise zone.

Terry Frazier, Director of the Pickaway County Development & Planning office, and the Pickaway County Enterprise Zone Manager, would serve as the Housing Officer. Mr. Green explained that by its nature, a CRA can exempt taxes on improvements to housing. The Pickaway County Northern Industrial CRA will only allow for exemptions of commercial and/or industrial property, consistent with zoning regulations. This is defined in Section 2, paragraph 3 of the enacting legislation. Also, as part of the legislation, a Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) shall be established that will consist of three members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, two members appointed by the Harrison Township Board of Township Trustees, two members appointed by the Madison Township Board of Township Trustees, the county auditor or designee, a representative of the Trays Valley Local School District Board of Education, and a resident from both Harrison and Madison Townships.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to adopt the following Resolution:

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PICKAWAY COUNTY NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY  
REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA)**

<p>A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.63 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PICKAWAY COUNTY NORTHERN INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) IN THE COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVES REVIEW COUNCIL.</p>
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WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "Board" or "Board of County Commissioners") desires to pursue all reasonable and legitimate incentive measures to assist and encourage development in specific areas of the County of Pickaway that have not enjoyed reinvestment from remodeling or new construction, and

WHEREAS, a survey of housing (see Exhibit 'A') as required by Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) §3735.66 has been prepared for the area to be included in the proposed Community Reinvestment Area, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of existing and construction of new structures in such area would serve to encourage economic stability, maintain real property values, and generate new employment opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the remodeling of existing structures or the construction of new structures in this Community Reinvestment Area constitutes a public purpose for which real property exemptions may be granted

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, OHIO, THAT

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Section 1 The area designated as the Pickaway County Northern Industrial Community Reinvestment Area constitutes an area in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located, and in which new construction or repair of existing facilities has been discouraged.

Section 2 Pursuant to O.R.C. §3735.66, the Pickaway County Northern Industrial Community Reinvestment Area is hereby established in the following described area:

The area lies within the northern portion of Harrison and Madison Townships in Pickaway County, Ohio and is bounded by the Scioto River in the west, Walnut Creek Pike in the east, Durvall Road in the south and the Pickaway/Franklin County line in the north.

The Community Reinvestment Area is depicted as the cross-hatched area on the map attached to this Resolution, marked "Exhibit B", and by this reference incorporated herein.

Only commercial and/or industrial properties consistent with the applicable zoning regulations within the designated Community Reinvestment Area are eligible for exemptions under this Program.

Section 3 All commercial and industrial properties identified in Exhibit "A" as being within the designated Community Reinvestment Area are eligible for this incentive. This proposal is a public/private partnership intended to promote and expand conforming uses in the designated area. As part of the project, the County of Pickaway has undertaken and intends to undertake supporting public improvements in the designated area.

Section 4 Within the Community Reinvestment Area, the percentage of the tax exemption on the increase in the assessed valuation resulting from improvements to commercial and industrial real property and the term of those exemptions shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis in advance of construction or remodeling occurring according to the rules outlined in the O.R.C. §3765.67. The results of the negotiations as approved by the Board of County Commissioners will be set in writing in a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement as outlined in O.R.C. §3735.671.

(a) Up to one hundred percent (100%) for twelve (12) years for improvements to existing commercial and industrial facilities, negotiated on a case by case basis in advance of construction or remodeling occurring.

(b) Up to one hundred percent (100%) for fifteen (15) years for new commercial or industrial facilities, negotiated on a case by case basis in advance of construction occurring.

If remodeling qualifies for an exemption, during the period of the exemption, the exempted percentage of the dollar amount of the increase in market value of the structure shall be exempt from real property taxation. If new construction qualifies for an exemption, during the period of the exemption the exempted percentage of the structure shall not be considered to be an improvement on the land on which it is located for the purpose of real property taxation.

Section 5 All commercial and industrial projects are required to comply with the state application fee requirements of the O.R.C. §3735.672(C) and the local annual monitoring fee of one percent (1%) of the amount of taxes exempted under the agreement – a minimum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) up to a maximum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) annually.

Section 6 To administer and implement the provisions of this Resolution, the Director of the Office of Development and Planning, is designated as the Housing Officer as described in O.R.C. §3735.65 through §3735.70.

Section 7 That a "Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council" or "Housing Council" shall be established pursuant to O.R.C. §3735.69(A) and shall consist of one member appointed by each member of the Board of County Commissioners and two members appointed by the Pickaway County Planning Commission. The majority of the foregoing members shall then appoint two additional members who shall be residents within the political subdivision. Terms of the members of the Housing Council shall be three years. An unexpired term resulting from a vacancy in the Housing Council shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment was made.

Section 8 A "Tax Incentive Review Council" shall be established pursuant to O.R.C. §5709.85 and shall consist of three members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, two members appointed by the

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Hamson Township Board of Township Trustees, two members appointed by the Madison Township Board of Township Trustees, the county auditor or designee, and a representative of the Teays Valley Local School District Board of Education. One member must be a resident of Hamson Township and one member must be a resident of Madison Township.

The Tax Incentive Review Council shall review annually the compliance of all agreements involving the granting of exemptions for commercial or industrial real property improvements under O.R.C. §3735.671. The Tax Incentive Review Council, on or before the first day of September each year, shall make written recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners as to continuing, modifying or terminating of each agreement based upon the performance of each agreement pursuant to O.R.C. §5709.83(C)(1).

Section 9 The Housing Council shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the district for which an exemption has been granted under O.R.C. §3735.67. The Housing Council shall also hear appeals under O.R.C. §3735.70.

Section 10 The Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

Section 11 This Resolution shall take effect and be enforce from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon confirmation by the Director of Development of the findings in this Resolution.

Section 12 The Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed and authorized to petition the Director of Development to confirm the findings contained within this Resolution.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mrs. Metzler, yes, Mr. Reoser, absent, Mr. Wippel, yes  
Voting No None Motion carried

Attest: Patricia Webb  
Patricia Webb, Clerk

As pursuant to O.R.C. §3735.66, the above resolution shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county once a week for the next two consecutive weeks.

**In the Matter of  
Letter of Support Signed Requesting Industrial Site  
Improvement Fund Grant to be Utilized for Water Improvements  
Rather than Sewer Improvements in the Rickenbacker Area**

Nate Green then spoke to the Commissioners to request their consideration to sign a support letter to the Ohio Department of Development requesting that the \$250,000 Industrial Site Improvement Fund (ISIF) grant to be used for water improvements near the Rickenbacker area located in northern Pickaway County rather than sewer improvements.

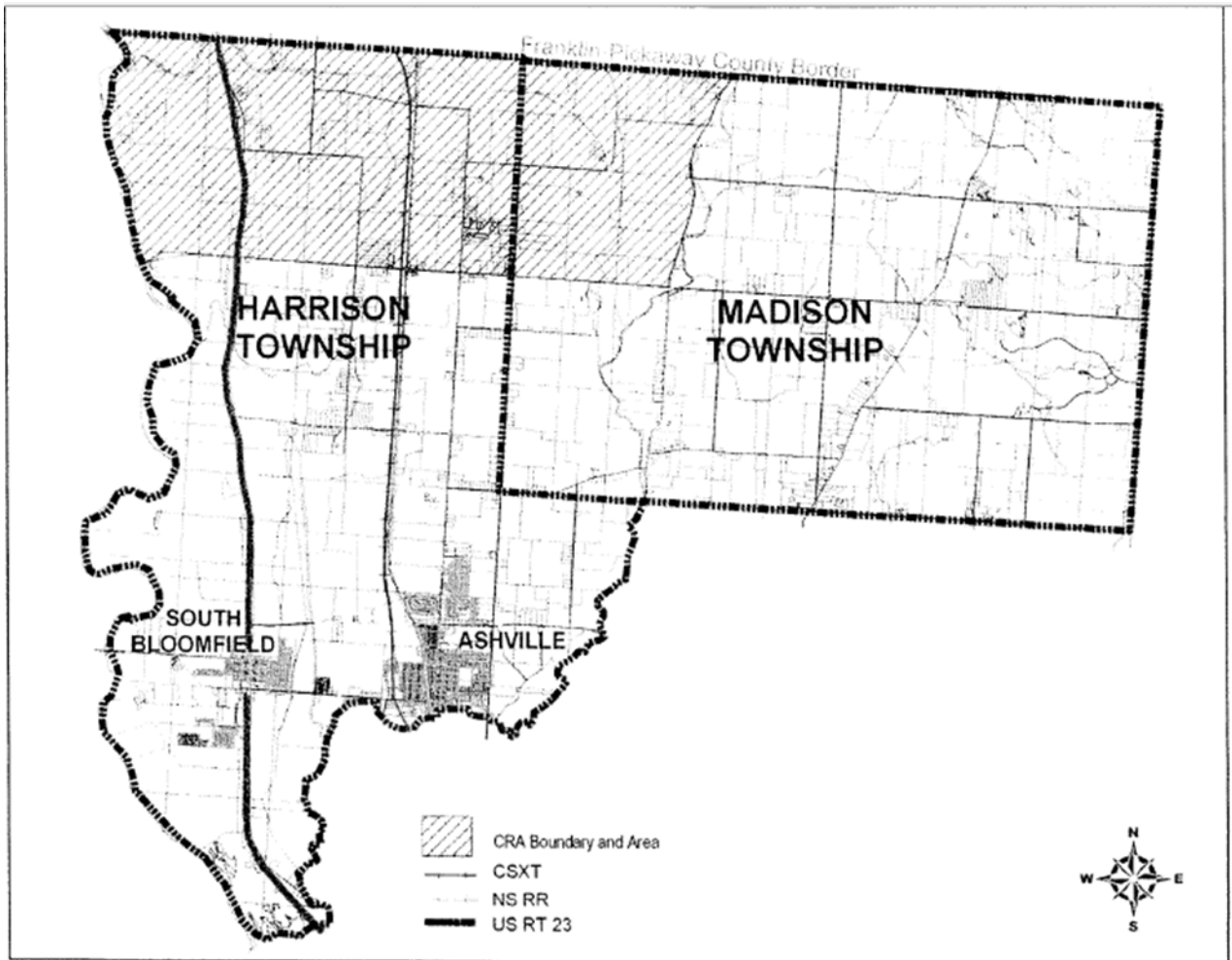
Last year, Pickaway County was awarded the grant which was to be utilized for the construction of sewer system improvements in conjunction with Norfolk Southern Railroad's Intermodal facility and the Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park.

Since that time, the City of Columbus has agreed to provide sewer service for the intermodal facility and logistics park, hence, the scope of work for the ISIF grant has changed as Pickaway County will no longer be making sewer system improvements. Consequently, the letter suggests that the scope of work for the grant be amended so that Pickaway County may utilize the funds for water system improvements.

Earnhart Hill Regional Water & Sewer District, a non-for profit entity organized under the O.R.C. and located in Pickaway County, will be making the water line improvements in addition to providing water to Norfolk Southern and the Rickenbacker Global Logistics Park. The cost of these improvements is currently estimated to be \$2,360,000.

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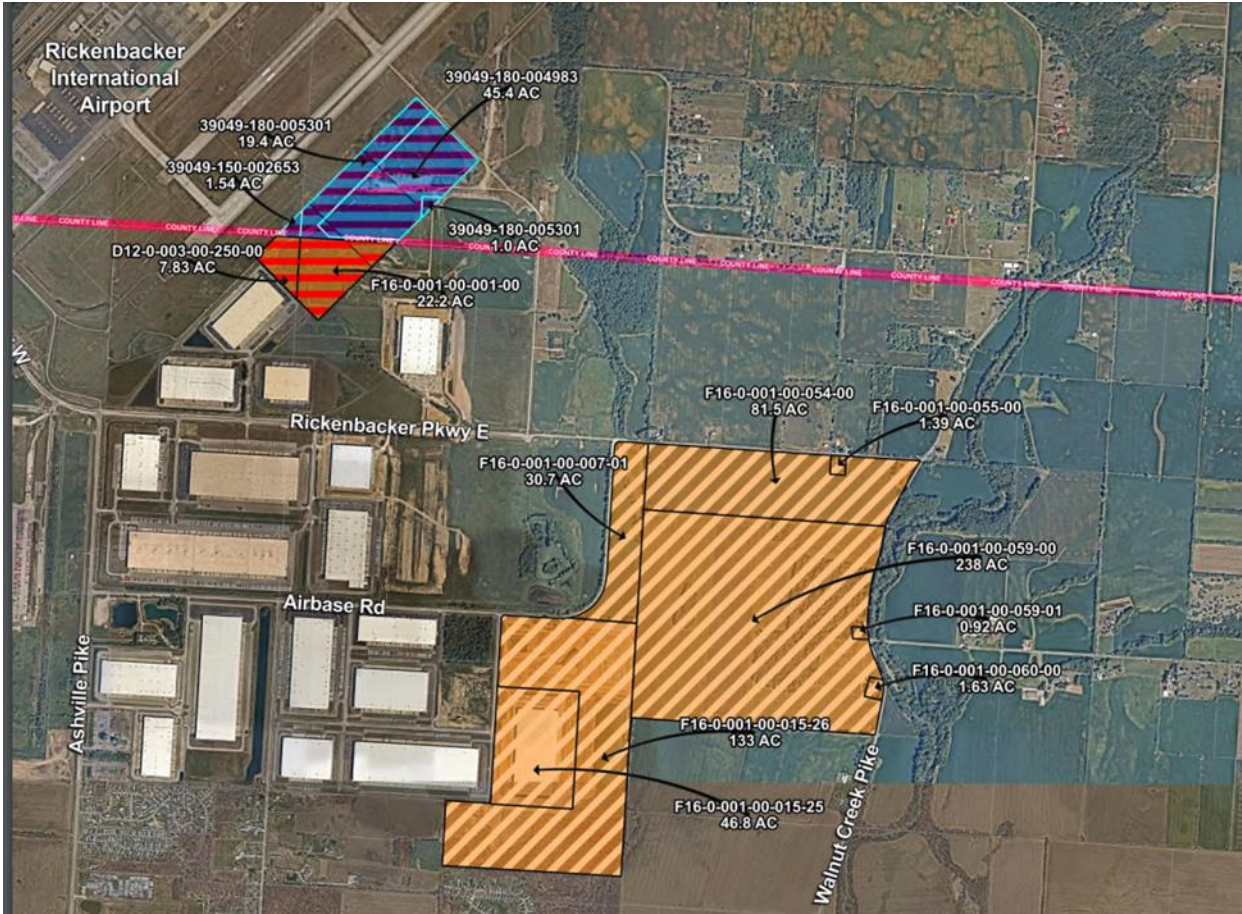
**EXHIBIT C**  
**Project Area**

The Project Site consists of such portions of the real property identified and depicted below that are located within Pickaway County, Ohio.

<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Property Address</b>
F16-0-001-00-015-26	LOT 3E - Subdivision approved by County.
F16-0-001-00-015-25 (Building 5)	4641 Elizabeth Avenue, Groveport, Ohio, 43125
F16-0-001-00-059-00	0 Walnut Creek PK
F16-0-001-00-007-01	0 Airbase Road
F16-0-001-00-054-00 (North Acquisition Area)	9543 Walnut Creek Pike
F16-0-001-00-055-00	5487 Airbase Road
F16-0-001-00-059-01	9959 Walnut Creek PK
F16-0-001-00-060-00	10119 Walnut Creek Pike
F16-0-001-00-001-00 (Pickaway County)	1 Airbase Road
D12-0-003-00-250-00 (Pickaway County)	0 Ashville Pike



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Commissioner Gary Scherer seconded the motion, and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Roll Call: 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 11:40 a.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, with Tim Colburn, P3, April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator, Tim McGinnis, Planning and Development and Angela Karr, Clerk 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.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 12:00 p.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

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**In the Matter of**  
**Resolution Enacting Temporary Road Load Reduction on**  
**Blaine Road in Darby Township:**

The commissioners received Resolution No. 2022 adopted by the Darby Township Trustees requesting a temporary 50% road load reduction on Blaine Road and Carson Road located in Darby Township, Ohio. Upon reviewing the request, Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

**Resolution No.: PC-012825-7**

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners received Resolution No. 2022 from the Darby Township Trustees requesting a temporary 50% road load reduction on Blaine Road and Carson Road located in Darby Township, Ohio, due to recent weather events combined with heavy truck traffic; then,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby enacts a temporary 50% load reduction on Blaine Road (extend from St. Rte. 56 to Five Points Pike), expiring April 30, 2025.

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 Approving to Submit**  
**Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation,**  
**2025 Ohio Airport Improvement Program, Matching Grant**  
**Application for General Aviation Airports:**

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

**Resolution No.: PC-012825-8**

**Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, 2025 Ohio Airport Improvement Program,**  
**Matching Grant Application for General Aviation Airports**

WHEREAS, The Pickaway County Memorial Airport is in need of improvements and those improvements will be accomplished through the Construct 14-Bay T-Hanger project. The Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, is accepting applications for 2025 Ohio Airport Improvement Program, Matching Grant Application for General Aviation Airports, and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the Pickaway County Airport Authority Board President to submit applications for funding and execute the grant contracts and any related documents for the FY 2025 Grant Program,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, that applications be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation in the amount of \$22,400.00 for the FAA Grant 3-39-0020-024-2024, Construct 14-Bay T-Hangar, Construct \$28,696.00 for the FAA Grant 3-39-0020-025-2024, Construct 14-Bay T-Hangar, Construct Projects by Tim Wilson, President and once a Grant offers are received from the Ohio Department of Transportation this Board authorizes Tim Wilson, Board President of the Pickaway County Airport Authority to accept and execute the Grant contracts and all related documents and to manage the grants as necessary inclusive of amendments to the Grant contracts and submission of applications for payment associated with the Grants as required by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

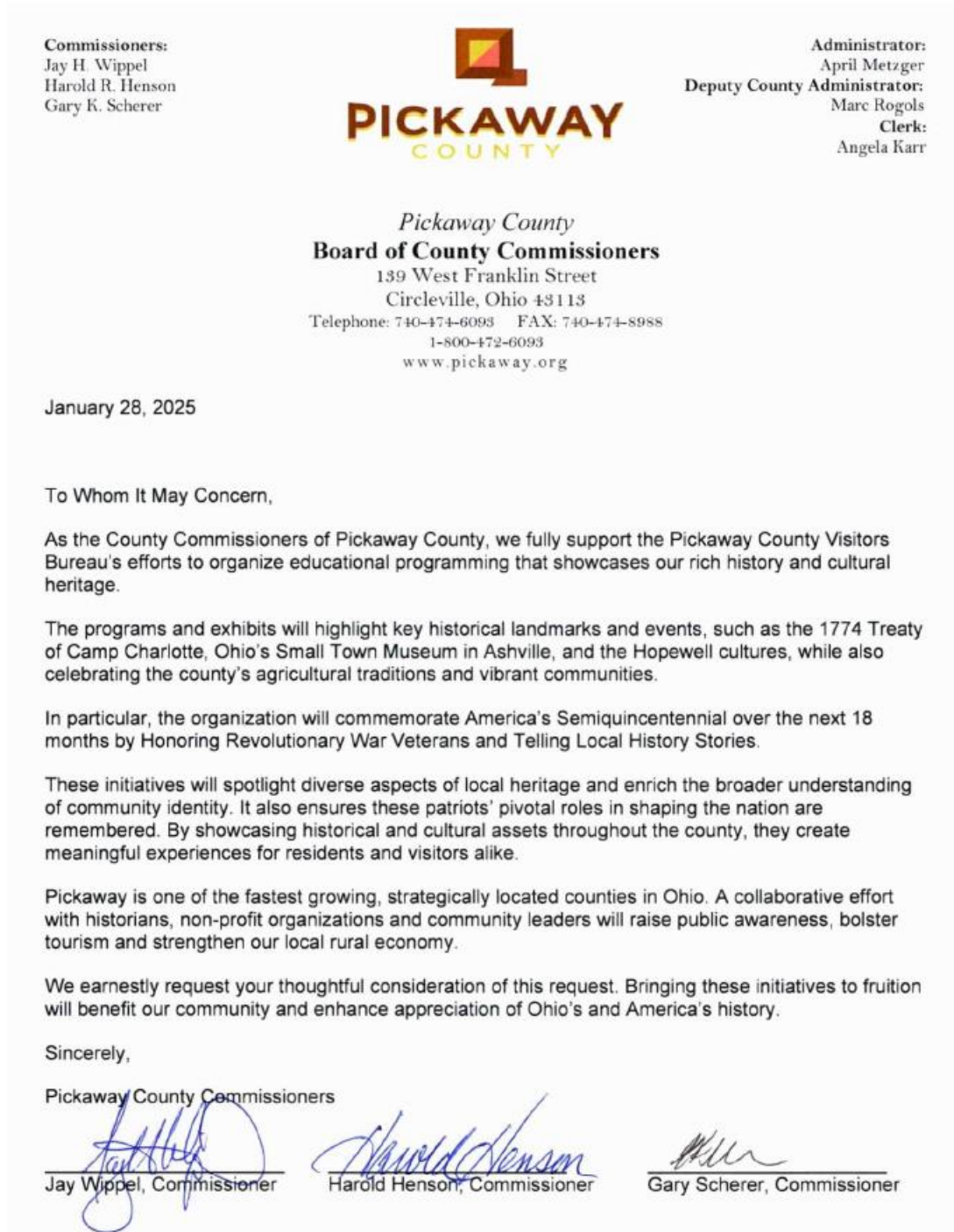
Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

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**In the Matter of**  
**Letter of Support for**  
**Pickaway County Visitors Bureau:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve a letter of support for the Pickaway County Visitors Bureau efforts to promote Pickaway County.



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**  
**Letter of Support for**  
**Battelle Ohio School Manufacturing**  
**Pathways Innovation Grant Program:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve a letter of support for Battelle Ohio High School Manufacturing Pathways Innovation Grant Program.

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Harold R. Henson  
Gary K. Scherer



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January 28, 2025

Battelle Education  
505 King Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43201

RE: Battelle Ohio High School Manufacturing Pathways Innovation Grant Program

Dear Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Teays Valley Local School District's application to the Battelle Ohio High School Manufacturing Pathways Innovation Grant Pilot Program. Teays Valley has demonstrated a clear commitment to preparing students for in-demand careers through innovative programming, strong community partnerships, and data-driven decision-making.

The district is strategically positioned to address the regional demand for skilled manufacturing workers, particularly with the arrival of Anduril Industries, which will create thousands of jobs in advanced manufacturing. Teays Valley's proven partnerships with local businesses and organizations, such as Pickaway WORKS, provide students with invaluable work-based learning opportunities and insights into real-world industry needs.

Building upon their established engineering pathway using Project Lead the Way curriculum, the district plans to expand into an Engineering and Science Technologies program where students can earn SACA Basic and Advanced Operations credentials. This will offer students cutting-edge skills, industry-recognized credentials, and access to advanced training equipment. The proposed program addresses both student interest and regional workforce needs while helping to redefine perceptions of manufacturing careers.

Teays Valley's history of launching innovative programs, such as their Teacher Prep initiative, demonstrates their ability to successfully implement new pathways that benefit both students and the community. With flexible learning options, strong administrative leadership, and a robust marketing strategy, the district is well-prepared to expand opportunities for students in this critical field.

This grant will not only enhance educational offerings but also strengthen the talent pipeline needed to support the economic growth of our region. I urge you to give Teays Valley's application your full consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Jay Wippel, Commissioner

  
Harold Henson, Commissioner

  
Gary Scherer, Commissioner

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

***Transportation Improvement District Board Meeting***

**In the Matter of  
Pickaway County Strategic Planning:**

*Attendees: Commissioners, April Metzger, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator, Angela Karr, Clerk, Tim McGinnis, Planning and Development, Tim Colburn, Tiffany Anderson, Lexi Heidish, Pickaway Progress Partners, Ryan Scribner and Harrison Crum, Montrose Group*

Ryan Scribner opened the meeting by discussing growth within Pickaway County and looking for opportunities to be collaborative. Mr. Scribner explained three phases – Learn Phase, Listen Phase and Do

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Phase. Each phase prepping for the next phase with a timeline by the end of the year. The Do Phase consisted of the following:

- Principles
- Site Development
- Transportation Improvement District
- Smart Growth
- Workforce Development
- Agriculture
- Quality of Life
- Housing
- Planning

Mr. Scribner suggested that communication, marketing and alignment with key community groups and non-profits are a key source of the Pickaway County's Strategic Plan. Each step is looking at the growth of Pickaway County and what the county has to offer to economic development and residents.

**In the Matter of  
Agricultural Committee Update:**

Tim Colburn, Pickaway Progress Partners, Keith Summers and John Essman, Ag Committee, met with the Commissioners to provide an update. Mr. Colburn provided a list of individuals to participate in on the committee. Mr. Summers explained that most individuals were excited to join the committee. They are working on holding several meetings to gather information for their first committee meeting that will help facilitate what ag topics are wanted in the county.

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

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for the week ending January 25, 2025.

A total of \$1,178 was reported collected as follows: \$315 in dog license; \$75 in kennel license; \$3 in additional kennel license; \$30 in adoptions; \$50 in redemptions; \$30 in boarding revenue; \$75 in micro chip fees and \$600 in private donations.

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

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Wippel 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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Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk