

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Emergency Operation Center located at 160 Island Road, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 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.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the minutes from June 29, 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 July 7, 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 \$664,900.62 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 July 7, 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 \$475,606.82 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-070621-39

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Budget Commission approved an AMENDED CERTIFICATE in the amount of \$11.37 to amend the budget for HAVA Interest,

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

**HAVA/ Interest – 931.0000.4710
\$11.37**

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:

\$25,000.00 – 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies – Juvenile Court

\$11.37 – 931.1118.5478 – HAVA Remit to State – Board of Elections

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:

**\$15,000.00 – 248.2030.5501- LEPC Equipment – Commissioners
TO**

248.2030.5401 – LEPC Contract Services – Commissioners

**\$433.16 – 930.1204.5102 – Pathway to Recovery Drug Court Salary – Adult Probation
TO**

930.1204.5203 – Pathway to Recovery Drug Court Insurance – Adult Probation

**\$25,000.00 – 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies – Juvenile Court
TO**

101.1215.5428 – Juvenile Court Contract Services – Juvenile Court

**\$77.85 – 931.1118.5401 – HAVA Contract Services – Board of Elections
TO**

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931.1118.5478 – HAVA Remit to State – Board of Elections

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

**\$0.78 – 101.1105.5607 – HAVA Grant Security Interest – Treasurer
TO
931.0000.4710 – HAVA Grant Security Interest – Treasurer**

**\$39,541.67 – 101.1105.5720 – Fairgrounds Debt – Transfers Out – Commissioners
TO
325.0000.4901 – Transfer In Debt Fund – Commissioners**

**\$33,336.42 – 101.1105.5722 – Transfer Out JFS Note – Auditor
TO
304.0000.4901 – Transfer In JFS Note - Auditor**

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
New Fund Approved:**

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

939 – ATP Adult Probation

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
New Line Items Approved:**

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

939.0000.4535 – ATP Adult Probation – Adult Probation

939.1263.5403 – Travel Expense – Adult Probation

939.1263.5401 – Contract Services – Adult Probation

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939.1263.5418 – Offender Recovery Support – Adult Probation

248.2030.5401 – LEPC Contract Services – Commissioners

249.0000.4541 – EMA LEPC Annual Contract Services – 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 Darrin Flick:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Darrin Flick, EMA Director & Pickaway County 911 Coordinator.

- Last week EOC monitoring of COVID situation and normal operations. State EOC COVID Directors Call Tuesday and Thursday. Mr. Flick is still monitoring civil unrest throughout the state and coordinating information with law enforcement and other first responders throughout the county. Continuing Countywide Vaccinations – Ages 12+ - walk In. Mr. Flick attended the Pickaway County S.O. Radio Training and ARES Monthly Meeting June 28th, Deer Creek Dam Ex with US Army Corps of Engineer June 29th, and EMA/Health Dept Operations Update July 1st.
- This week the EOC will be monitoring the COVID situation and normal operations. State EOC COVID Directors Call Tuesday/ Thursday. Mr. Flick will be monitoring civil unrest throughout state. Coordinating information with Law Enforcement and other first responders throughout the county. Ops update with Public Health on Wednesday. Continuing Countywide Vaccinations – Ages 12+ - walk In. Mr. Flick will be attending the Quarterly Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) Prep/Submission July 6th, New Hire Applications Review July 7th and County LE Chiefs Meeting July 8th.
- Next Week the EOC will be monitoring COVID situation and back to normal operations. State EOC COVID Directors Call Tuesday/ Thursday. Mr. Flick will be monitoring civil unrest throughout state. Coordinating information with Law Enforcement and other first responders throughout the county. UAS Team Planning and Operations Training Wednesdays and Decon Trailer Support to Ohio Health Berger: Sept 2020-Sept 2021. Wednesday Ops Update with Public Health. Continuing Countywide Vaccinations – Ages 12+ walk-in. Mr. Flick will be attending the Monthly Box 65 Meeting July 13th, Quarterly LEPC Meeting July 15th and New Hire Applications Review July 16th.

In the Matter of
Planning and Development:

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

- Mr. McGinnis presented a request of a lot split that does not hold the required road frontage on State Route 56.

In the Matter of
Report given by Sheriff Hafey:

- Sheriff Hafey reported that the office patrolled Deercreek Lake over the weekend. Boating traffic was steady and busier on Sunday due to the holiday.
- Sheriff Hafey reported that he is still promoting within the office and has received several applications for the communication position.

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In the Matter of
Report given by Gary Cameron:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Gary Cameron, Dog Warden:

- Mr. Cameron reported that they have been working on cleaning up the facility. He started with the roof and painted.
- Mr. Cameron is working with the Auditor to set up a data system to utilize when a dog tag is purchased.
- Mr. Cameron set up with the Circleville Herald to publish weekly “In the Doghouse” to provide information to the public about dogs and care.

In the Matter of
Southeastern Regional Liaison
For Lt. Governor’s Office:

Bryn Stepp, Southeastern Regional Liaison for Lt. Governor’s Office met with the Commissioners to gather information regarding Pickaway County. Mrs. Stepp is just starting to get back out in the field after COVID and reaching out to her twenty-two counties that she represents. Mrs. Stepp thanked that Commissioners for having her today and looks forward to returning soon.

In the Matter of
Contract with Axon for Purchase of
Body Cameras and Tasers for the
Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office:

Sheriff Hafey met with the Commissioners to discuss the body camera purchase and inform the Commissioners that his office has applied for a federal grant that is a one-for-one match. Sheriff Hafey should receive a response of approval by September. They are continuing to seek grants to help with funding. Commissioner Wippel asked Sheriff Hafey and Lt. Brown if they are still happy with Axon and they both responded that they are happy with the company. Commissioner Wippel asked if the dash cameras would continue, and Sheriff Hafey informed that the Pickaway County cruisers do not house dash cameras. The camera that recorded the incident in South Bloomfield was in a South Bloomfield cruiser. CORSA will reimburse \$300 per officer that will be utilizing a camera/taser.

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the purchase of body cameras and tasers for the Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office and authorize Sheriff Hafey to execute contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. The total price of \$884,825.10 is to equip 30 officers and provide services for the term of 10 years.

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
Approval of Affidavit for Sheriff
Matthew O. Hafey to attend the Buckeye State
Sheriffs’ Association 2021 Annual Conference:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the affidavit for Sheriff Matthew O. Hafey to attend the Buckeye State Sheriffs’ Association 2021 Annual Conference November 14, 2021, through November 17, 2021, in Sandusky, Ohio.

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
Approval of Affidavit for Lieutenant
James A. Brown, Jr. to attend the Buckeye State
Sheriffs' Association 2021 Annual Conference:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the affidavit for Lieutenant James A. Brown, Jr. to attend the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association 2021 Annual Conference November 14, 2021, through November 17, 2021, in Sandusky, Ohio.

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
Rhoads Drainage Improvement
Change Order No. 1 for Dilley Excavating for
Pickaway County Engineer's Office:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve Change Order No. 1 from Dilley Excavating for the Rhoads Drainage Improvement Project. The requested change is due to 5,6,7,9,10 and extra. Engineer authorized the additions and nonperformance of items due to onsite conditions such as poor soil conditions, high water table, location of unknown residential outlets. Total amount of Change Order No. 1 \$8,933.11.

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
Work Session to Review Project List
for American Rescue Funds:

April Dengler, County Administrator, presented a potential American Rescue Plan Project List 2021. The Townships have now been approved and will be receiving ARP Funds of their own. Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following projects to be funded with American Rescue Funds:

Fiber Optic Project (Engineer's Garage, Sheriff & EMA)	\$120,000.00
EMA (Tornado Siren Upgrades	\$ 40,119.00
(Tornado Siren Annual Maintenance)	\$ 12,300.00
Pickaway County Fairgrounds (Loss of revenue- tourism)	\$ 70,000.00
IT (Darktrace for Sheriff's Office)	\$ 95,000.00
Sheriff's Office Safety Forces Salary Reimbursement:	
Administration Salaries/PERS/Medicare	\$346,000.00
Communications PERS/Medicare	\$ 55,500.00
Road Patrol PERS/Medicare	\$223,000.00
Corrections PERS/Medicare	\$219,000.00
EMA/ 800 MHz (Safety Forces Salary Reimbursement)	\$ 90,000.00
Scioto Township (Rescue Boat)	\$ 60,000.00
VOIP-911 (Change copper to VOIP)	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

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Total: 1,450,919.00

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
Engineers Sanitary Wastewater Plants:

The Commissioners discussed the Sanitary Wastewater Treatment Plants and the request received from Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer. Several facilities are needing repairs or even replaced. The last bill 168 passed by the House was for Engineers to submit a list of wastewater projects within 6 months after the bill is passed. Ms. Dengler forward the information on to Mr. Mullins to submit for the new grants.

In the Matter of
Montrose Group Presentation of
Broadband Statement of Qualifications:

Dave Robinson, Montrose Group and Tom Reid, Reid Construction Group met with the Commissioners to present their Broadband Statement of Qualifications. Mr. Reid was present virtually. Mr. Robinson started by explaining that according to Broadband Now, only 78% of Pickaway County residents have access to 25 Mbps while Franklin County is at 100%, Licking County is at 91.5%, Fairfield County is at 95.8% and Delaware County at 98%. Pickaway County is clearly lagging in the development of broadband services, and this threatens the community's long term economic prospects. Montrose Group proposes to develop a broadband strategy for Pickaway County to learn about the challenge. Reid Consulting Group and Montrose Group will jointly provide a broadband strategy for Pickaway County based upon the Learn, Listen and Do approach that defines the challenges and opportunities, gains community and stakeholder input and then develops and implements an action plan to meet the challenges and opportunities.

Commissioner Wippel asked what is the current speed and Mr. Robinson explained that the average in a currently serviced area is 100%/20 and their goal is to shoot for 100% in areas not currently serviced. Montrose Group is going to do a statistical test to see if there is no service at all in specific areas. They will work with surrounding charter areas. They grade a business on their usage such as a school would require much more than a construction company that has techs out in the field working. The map would be adjusted to reflect the services in an area based on usage. It is important to not miss businesses to offer the service and the ISP company would have to help with notifying local business in an area. All the federal funding will go to the State and not the FCC. They are wanting to include as many households as possible in the proposed service areas. South Central might be a good partnership with Pickaway County. There will be funding for townships and there is \$230 million total that will be available for broadband funding. There is a large need in Appalachia Ohio.

In the Matter of
Auditor's Monthly Report:

Melissa Bets, County Auditor, met with the Commissioners to provide an update for the month of June 2021. The balance is at \$11,305,073.98 just shy of the ending balance for June \$11,640,945.43. They believe that the intermodal and Amazon at Rickenbacker is the reason for the increase in revenue. Vehicles have played a big part of the increase in revenue as well. Once they get through tax bills, fee will come in. Fund balances are so much better and Recovery balances can be used for general fund with documentation/ letter from Prosecutor. The audit is completed and waiting on finalization form the Auditors. The management letter was board of health vehicle, bank reconciliation and airport. Mrs. Bets asked the Auditors if there was something that she could do to help with the reconciliation issue. It looks that the reconciliation is the County Auditor and Treasurer are not reconciling and that is not the case. The Treasurer is not reconciling with the Bank. Commissioner Scherer spoke about if there is a possibility that Mr. Betz and Mr. Elick could get in contact with a surrounding county that utilizes the same system for reconciliation

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to see if there is anything that could be improved. Mrs. Betz states that is possible and will discuss with Mr. Elick.

Conveyance dollars are up due to sales prices are up. E-Recordings are being utilized and have increased. Mrs. Betz asked how the new Then and Now signage sheet worked this morning and Commissioner Scherer stated that it was signed this morning. Mrs. Betz asked that a new vendor form and purchase orders not be sent in with the bill, this should be sent in prior to the bill. Mrs. Betz discussed with Judy Wolford and their thoughts are there is no reason that other departments that have their own boards could not utilize the same Then and Now signage.

**In the Matter of
Executive Session:**

At 1:28 p.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 Ryan Scriber and David Glass, P3, Robin Halley, Teays Valley Superintendent, Troy Fausnaugh, Teays Valley Treasurer, Kyle Wolfe, Teays Valley Assistant Superintendent, Angela Karr, Clerk, and April Dengler, County 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 3:02 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.

**In the Matter of
County Administrator Report:**

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

- Ms. Dengler discussed the Tax Incentive Review Board and a Commissioner being a member. The Board will be meeting July 12th at 9:00 a.m. at OCUBIC for discussion and meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.
- Ms. Dengler turned in the Tax Budget last Wednesday.
- Ms. Dengler provided an update of the Commissioners Porch Project. The steps are being formed and concrete will be poured Tuesday or Wednesday. They will be removing all extra forms and rebar and will spruce up the landscaping. The columns will be coming July 14th.
- Ms. Dengler informed the Commissioners that the Chamber Director resigned last Friday.

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

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending July 3, 2021.

A total of \$801.50 was reported being collected as follows: \$300 in adoptions; \$210 in dog license, \$79 in kennel license, \$120 redemption and \$92.50 private donations.

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Eleven (11) stray dogs were processed in; five (5) dogs were adopted.

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending June 26, 2021.

A total of \$415 was reported being collected as follows: \$100 in adoptions; \$60 in dog license, \$80 transfer out rescue, \$40 owner turn-ins puppy, \$40 adoption returns, \$50 redemption and \$45 private donations.

Five (5) stray dogs were processed in; two (2) dogs were adopted.

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, 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