

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 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, June 8, 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 1, 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 June 9, 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 **\$116,645.96** 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
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:

\$1,165.00 – 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies - 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
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:

\$1,165.00 – 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies 0 Commissioners

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TO
101.1108.5501 – Building Department Equipment – Commissioners
\$3,000.00 – 201.3005.5403 – ALGT – Travel & Expenses – Engineer
TO
201.3005.5480 – ALGT- Telephone Communications - Engineer

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 Robert Adkins:

- Mr. Adkins and Trevor Swackhammer both came into the Sheriff's Office Sunday to clean out equipment. They were able to clean one entire cabinet out and not working on getting back-up units to install.
- Mr. Adkins is working on the access doors at the Sheriff's Office. They cannot add or delete individuals to the system. Mr. Adkins presented a quote from City Wide Solutions, Inc. for repairs.
- Mr. Adkins presented a current quote from TNT for the fiber optic work on Island Road. He requested additional time to gather additional information.
- Mr. Adkins has been working with Trevor Swackhammer at the Sheriff's Office and should be receiving new equipment next week.

In the Matter of
Approval of Quote from City Wide Solutions, Inc.
Sheriff' Office Accesslt Software Update:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the quote from City Wide Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$1,391.40 to supply updated certificate to bring Accesslt Software current at the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office. Pickaway County is to provide new machine for software. Quote includes two version upgrades, and labor to get up and running. Database may not be recoverable. City Wide Solutions, Inc. will advise as soon as they confirm.

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 Monthly Box 65 Meeting June 1. The EMA-1 Vehicle Lettering/Striping was completed June 4th.
- 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 SERC Executive Meeting June 9th, Archive Social Meeting and Tornado Siren Planning Meeting June 10th and Final Emergency Operations Plan Comments Due June 11th.
- 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.

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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 Homeland Security Threat Assessment Meeting, Monthly Update with Frontier Communications and Pickaway County Fire Chiefs Meeting June 16th.

In the Matter of
Report given by Sheriff Hafey:

- Sheriff Hafey reported that all their deputies have been released from training.
- Sheriff Hafey still has received no word on the new cruisers. He is waiting to hear from Ford with a status update.
- School Resources Deputies have been moved to road duty to cover for scheduled vacations of other employees.
- Sheriff Hafey reported that CCW registration was down due to the fingerprint system. They put out a memo since they had been doing so well and were current.
- The House of Representatives are still working on a bill for body cameras. If the bill is passed, it would become effective July 1st. Sheriff Hafey will follow-up with Axon for an extension of their proposal deadline.
- His office is still actively looking for funding. A grant is due in July, and they will not hear if approved or denied until October.

In the Matter of
Juvenile Court Funding:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 to Juvenile Court budget for 2021 and \$50,000 for 2022.

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
County Administrator Report:

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

- Ms. Dengler sent out tax budget worksheets. Deadline to return is June 11th.
- Ms. Dengler reported that the signs for fair donors will be up June 14th. Ms. Dengler informed Von Cremeans, Fair Board President. The Fair Opening Ceremonies are scheduled for Sunday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the amphitheater.
- The Fiber Optic Project at the Engineer's garage began and had a weather delay.
- Ms. Dengler provided an update of the Commissioners' Porch Project. The crew is working on forms, set-up and inspection is scheduled for Tuesday. Rebar is in and pour part of the ramp this week. The floor slab is scheduled to be poured next week. There were a lot of conversations at the weekly meeting regarding railing. Concerns of how to attach rails to the concrete to insure stability.
- Ms. Dengler informed that the windows for the Memorial Hall Window Project will be delayed until August.
- Ms. Dengler discussed the Ag Hall of Fame, need to get save the date cards mailed to committee members. The event needs to be placed on the websites and get an article in the local newspaper. Ms. Dengler prepared a nomination form for review.
- Ms. Dengler was contacted by the Visitors Bureau to prepare a letter for relocation packets. The letter will contain quick facts about Pickaway County, where elected official offices are and a list of township trustees, etc.
- Ms. Dengler reported that two Custodial employees will report early on Monday and Tuesdays for custodial at the Fairgrounds.

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In the Matter of
Chipmunk Solar Project:

Jessica Gliha, Logan Stephens, Geenex and Jacob Salisbury, Nathan Wiles and Andrew Dahlen, EDF Renewables met with the Commissioners to provide an update of the Chipmunk Solar Project. They are finishing up loose ends and plan to submit their application to the Siting Board in the end of the year. Jacob Salisbury has been with EDF for 7 years and are partnering with Geenex. They have a history with Geenex and has partnered with them on other projects in the past. They work with landowners to provide education regarding solar and have been in wind and solar energy for 35 years. They are a French company and have the resources to see a project through to make a positive impact on the community. Commissioner Wippel asked, that the last time they were here they had to bridge two properties together for powerline usage and if that had been completed. Mr. Stephens informed that they are working with landowners to make that bridge work. They are working with schools to provide educations and it is their second year working with local Middle Schools. Mr. Wiles asked the Commissioners what their experience has been with other companies coming into Pickaway County regarding solar energy and Commissioner Wippel explained that Geenex was the second company to reach out.

Atlanta Solar with Savion was approved for a PILOT by the Commissioners, however Yellowbud, Nationalgrid Renewable was rejected for a PILOT by the Commissioners. The Commissioners have had a lot of discussions regarding the matter and assume that Geenex will be asking for a PILOT. The Commissioners explained that their understanding was that there was limited power on the grid, when in fact coal company can be removed to add a solar company. Mr. Wiles explained that was correct. Commissioner Wippel asked why Pickaway County is important to their project and Mr. Salisbury stated that the powerlines and the availability on the transmission line is why it is so desirable. Commissioner Henson was curious as to why they are not utilizing other avenues to place the solar panels instead of taking up some of the counties best farmland and Mr. Salisbury explained that due to the farmland being flat and open, it is the cheapest place to set solar panels. The power will stay in the state and flow when it is needed.

Mr. Wiles explained that a lot of corporate customers are interested in buying from this hub. Commissioner Wippel asked if corporate is interested in this specific project and Mr. Salisbury stated that it is still in the works. Mr. Wiles stepped in with place like Amazon and Home Depot are very interested. Commissioner Scherer asked how many acres they are interested in leasing and Mr. Salisbury explained that they need 10 acres per megawatt. Commissioner Wippel asked what their plans are for a homeowner that has a few acres that lives in the area and Mr. Salisbury explained that each project is unique, and they are working on what will work for the area. The panels are tracing panels (face east in the morning, west in the afternoon) and will need space between the panels to allow movement. They are looking for a space to houses maintenance and once they build a project, they house their own staff to maintain the project. Commissioner Wippel asked what the gap is versus PILOT and no PILOT and Logan explained that it is significant. The pilot is a lucrative thing for them to do for the project and Mr. Wiles explained that it is, and it is a competitive thing for companies. Getting their price of power competitive to sell on the grid. Commissioner Scherer informed that today there may be a decision they will pass to throw it into the state budget. Commissioner Scherer asked if they are aware of any projects or if they have any projects that are moving forward without a PILOT and Logan explained that each state is different, such as one may be an 85% abatement, Ohio however, has enough ability for companies to work with Counties for negotiation. Commissioner Wippel explained that they did not want to negotiate for what entities would receive so they negotiated the \$2,000 up front with a \$7,000 PILOT. Logan asked if the Schools and Township would be willing to negotiate since the Commissioners did not want to choose for each entity. Commissioner Wippel informed that they did work with the school regarding the PILOT with Atlanta Solar Project. Mr. Wiles informed the Commissioners that they are exploring two different ways to proceed with a PILOT and are working on what will work for this project from an economic standpoint. Mr. Wiles asked the Commissioners who they would like to see them work with at the County level and the Commissioners advised to reach out to the County Engineer. Commissioner Wippel asked what their timeline looks like, and Logan informed that construction is looking at 2023. They feel that it is responsible of a solar company to work with the Community before the construction phase.

In the Matter of
Auditor's End of Month Review:

Melissa Betz, Auditor, met with the Commissioners to provide a review of the month of May 2021. Mrs. Betz started with discussing Then and Now Certificates. She had a conversation with the State Auditor

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and there is nothing stating that they have to get a then and now, however, anything over a certain dollar amount requires a signature. A report can be run that the Commissioners can sign but the report would be ran after the checks have been printed. Mrs. Betz felt that would create more work for an individual but mentioned. There could be a register that can be attached to all the Then and Nows but the Commissioner will only have to sign the register to cover all the attached Then and Nows. Another way to resolve the Then and Nows is to do away with two budget reviews and go to doing one for the year. The Commissioners do two a year to closely review the year and allow for changes and raises. Mrs. Betz asked to take June to acclimate the departments and present the new listing June 28th.

Mrs. Betz had an acquisition form for the Fairgrounds, and she asked that the Fairgrounds Capital Fund be used (Fund 410). The form was for access control for gates. The Commissioners agreed.

The general fund balances this morning was \$11,067,369.91. This report does reflect the second half of appropriations. The estimate for sales tax is over a million dollars. There are concerns that the second half of car sales tax will decrease because there is no inventory of vehicles. Mrs. Betz will be attending summer conference alter today and there will be two to three sessions regarding the American Relief Act Funds. Conveyance dollars have gone up and have collected \$11,953.50 for the month of May. The State Auditors are back in this week and hopefully should be finishing up. There are two concerns, one being reconciliation and a couple of adjustments.

In the Matter of
Renewable Energy Development,
Land Liberty Coalition:

Taylor Christian, Land Liberty Coalition, met with the Commissioners to discuss to discuss renewable energy development. Their focus is conservative rights for a landowner and see it as a great way for farmers to still pass land to families for the next generation of farmers. It will help fill treasurers for schools and townships without spending funds. The more energy that we can have here and not have to go out of the state is good. Coal plants have been closing and this is one way to fill the void and create energy. There is now an increase for the demand of supplies, and it is hard to get supplies due to COVID.

Mr. Christian met with Deercreek Township and asked if the Commissioners have had discussions with them. Commissioner Wippel advised that there have been discussions. Commissioner Wippel stated that as of right now, until Senate Bill 52, it is all about the PILOT. The Commissioners look at each project individually, such as approving a PILOT for the Atlanta Solar Project and rejecting Yellowbud Solar Project. There is a concern of how much is too much solar in an area. Commissioner Henson asked why they're wanting to only put solar on good farmland and Mr. Christian stated that the land is flat, and it could cost more to place on land that is not farmland. Commissioner Henson's finds it odd that they want to take up one source of resource for farming for another source. Mr. Christian has concerns that if Senate Bills passes that landowners lose their rights to do what they want with their property and the townships have the right to makes the decisions. He feels that we need food and energy, and it must be stationed somewhere. Commissioner Henson stated that is it just the popular thing at the time. Commissioner Scherer explained that the Land Liberty Coalition is created for Landowners and Farmers right by the Solar Companies.

In the Matter
Job and Family Services
Subgrant Agreement:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Subgrant Agreement, G-2223-11-6977. The Subgrant Agreement is to establish the terms, conditions, and requirements governing the administration and use if the financial assistance received by or used by the Pickaway CDJFS/ CSEA/ PCSA. The terms of the agreement shall be effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023.

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
Weekly Dog Warden Report:

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending June 5, 2021.

A total of \$996.50 was reported being collected as follows: \$290 in adoptions; \$135 in dog license and \$25 in redemptions; \$120 in owner turn-ins and \$426.50 in private donations.

Six (6) stray dogs were processed in; four (4) 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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