Minutes 2016

Tuesday September 27, 2016
Boardroom of the Commissioners
622 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

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Session began at 8:00am.

Throughout the day the following occurred …….

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Commissioners reviewed numerous mailings. Minutes from session 9/22/16 were reviewed and approved. Invoices were approved in electronic and paper fashion.

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Other items for other offices were signed and/or reviewed by the Commissioners: none

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County Administrator discussion: Liquor license renewal for Wine Steins Wine & Beer Haus was presented. No objections on the renewal.

Clerk of Courts has requested a camera in her office at Terra and has also requested panic buttons be placed. Commissioner Schwochow is going to respond to her requests.

First Step has put in their request for Domestic Violence money that has been collected. The Commissioners accepted the request.

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Then and Now: none.

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Personnel actions taken: none.

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Travel Expense: none

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Lisa Kuelling – EMA/911. New grant year started and got the same amount of money. It is getting harder to get reimbursements back. Looking to send people through the Hazmat IQ testing. Vickery had a 10% overage this year and they submitted a check for that. 911 renewal levy is coming on the ballot in November. Billboards and fliers will be going out in the next couple of weeks. Nothing above and beyond norm on spills. One incident that had mixed chemicals that they will get reimbursement for.

Hazmat plans are coming up due for update and will be completed soon and Davis Bessie will come up after that. October 8th will have a water exercise done for local law enforcement and water crews.

911 next generation plans are still moving forward. Talks on a countywide dispatch are still being done since there are several new regulations that are being put in place. With the new system coming in this would be the best time to make any changes.

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Jerri Miller – Auditor. Tax receipts are up from budgeted including Casino money. Presented Revenue Budget reports. Revenue is running in line for what they need to be. Budget performance report is in line with where they should be.

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Cathy Glassford – FCFC. Annual report for FCFC was presented for review. This will also be presented to board on Thursday and then after they will have a legislative breakfast. The hope is to start some discussion on the importance of the program and the outside financial help is. Cabinet Council will be meeting to finalize their budget and Cathy will be making a recommendation on money for Sandusky County.

Working on budget for next year as well. Looking at a stable budget but hoping to be able to increase. A new wraparound coordinator has been hired. Her salary will be included in budget for next year. New employee has great experience and has worked in many areas.

Healthier Buckeye Council is up and going and WSOS is the lead on this project.

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Karen LaFountain – TASC.

Sam Burman left August 1 due to personal problems. He went back to Michigan. We hired Nickolas Grubb to take the job. Nickolas has done well to help with collections, but with Behavioral Healthcare changes at the state level, it is necessary for him to be certified as at least a CDCA (Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant) to be able to do assessments and charge Medicaid. I offered him the training to get that certification, however, he has decided to go back to school in January (to Ohio State) so we are looking for another male Case Manager. We really never took the posting down. I have not actively been looking for someone else as Nick just told me he was definitely going back to school in January. This is not the field he wants to work in.

Darlene is getting her courses together to get her certification. With her BSW, she qualifies to get the CDCA right away. She just has to pay the $50. She also will be able to be licensed as LCDCII (Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II) by January when she will have the amount of time in this field to get that license. Currently, she is working three days a week, but I do not have a problem putting her on full-time if she gets licensed.

I hired a replacement for Bev. Her name is Shelby Blymyer and she comes from an Elmwood Nursing Home where she did billing so she is very familiar with Medicaid. She learns very fast and seems to have mastered most of what Bev was doing already. We found out that TASC will not be required to be paid through the new Behavioral Healthcare protocol (GOSH) to do our billing. Finally, the State has ruled that TASC Programs should do their own draw-downs again and we should draw down 1/12 per month. The money will still come to us through the Mental Health Board, but it will not be held up by that extra layer of administration as it was when it was going through MACSIS. I did just sign a new contract with the Board, however we took out all

the unnecessary things that were holding up our money and making our relationship complicated in it in the last few years and now it is much simpler and basic.

We did get our Notice of Award even though the grant was not due until September 30. A copy is attached. Joanie did call me to tell me that the extra money we are getting should help us get the people we need to do the job. Our next years' grant will be $245M.

Both Mircea and I have tried to glean information from the State as to how they want this to work and we have gotten no direction, so I am just going to draw down the money and send him a bill each month for Assessments, Case Management and Urinalysis equaling $20,453.

The information I got from Joani when I was doing the grant regarding licensing, may also change as I just found out that "the powers that be" had a meeting today to address the problems with the new Medicaid ruling, in that, good people, who are very effective in what they do, will not be able to be compensated by Medicaid at a rate that would allow agencies to keep their doors open. Not every agency can afford to staff their agency with Master degree people who have independent licenses. This will not affect our drug testing. Since this is all due to the Affordable Care Act, it may all go away with the federal election.

Dar 's case load is 23 and I have been working with Nick with the rest of the 43 clients, but if he is leaving in January and it probably will be December, realistically, I will continue to look for someone else and when we do, he can continue to do collections and case management. He cannot do assessments in his name at this time. I have been doing assessments again and Dar has been sitting in with Nick so that he can write them up until we find someone with the credentials to be able to do it. I am still working with Dar now to help her with case management. She does very well with assessments, but case management is giving her some trouble, and I still do all the diagnosing due to licensing.

We did 3,426 tests this SFY so far compared to 4,212 last SFY. Of the 3,426 tests, 451 or 13.27% were positive.

Referrals were down in July. They are getting more referral from Juvenile and County Court now.

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Public forum portion of session proceeded.

Citizen attendees: none

Media attendees: Craig Shoup, News Messenger. Tom Fullen, WFRO.

**** RESOLUTIONS *****
2016 – 236

ORDER FIXING DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF VIEW, AND FINAL HEARING, AND NOTICE THEREOF, FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF WEST STREET (TWP RD 709) WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SANDUSKY COUNTY, OH.

M - Thatcher S - Polter Vote - Yes

2016 – 237

APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FOR SHERIFF INMATE HOUSING FOR AUGUST ($27,724.00)

M - Polter S - Schwochow Vote - Yes

2016 – 238

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO HEAL BUCK CONTRACT FOR NEW FCFC GRANT. ($5,250.00)

M - Thatcher S - Polter Vote - Yes

2016 – 239

APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR DJFS FROM INTER DEPARTMENT CHARGES TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMPLOYEE PURCHASES ($1,000.00).

M - Schwochow S - Polter Vote - Yes

2016 – 240

APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTYWIDE CONTRACT SERVICES FOR END OF YEAR INVOICES ($30,000.00).

M - Polter S - Schwochow Vote – Yes

2016 – 241

APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR CORONER FOR AUTOPSY INVOICES FOR REMAINDER OF 2016 ($40,000.00).

M - Thatcher S – Polter Vote – Yes

Commissioner Schwochow moved to recess until 1:00pm at the Henry Kiser Ditch Hearing. Commissioner Polter seconded the motion. Ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

At 1:00pm Commissioner Schwochow opened the Henry Kiser final ditch hearing at the Engineer's office.

At 1:45pm and with business concluded for the day Commissioner Polter moved to adjourn with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Schwochow. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Attest: _____
Clerk to the Board / County Administrator

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in its Journal.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio