

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420

2024 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 1/11/2024

Time: 8:00AM – 11:54AM

Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman – President; Scott Miller– Vice President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Melanie Allen, Beth Tischler

(*action items)

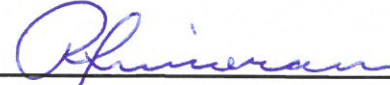
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)	*** Commissioner Schwochow attended Soil & Water meeting and will come to session after that meeting.	Russ Zimmerman, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 1/9/2024 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	Commissioner Schwochow entered session at 9:15am			
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	The Commissioners all attended a special announcement meeting on Tuesday at Whirlpool. They announced a wind and solar project they are moving forward with in Clyde. The Commissioners have already received concerns about this announcement.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioners Zimmerman and Miller attended the Land Bank meeting Tuesday. They discussed several properties that can be demolished. They have sufficient funding to do this, however they have to wait for them to be transferred to the land bank. The Land Bank Coordinator is going to research the properties to see if they can get these properties sooner to keep things moving. They did board reorganization. Bob Gross is now chair and Paul Lotycz is vice chair.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		

	Commissioner Miller attended the GLCAP board meeting on Tuesday. They had reports on several programs presented to the Board as well as executive committees. They are very committed in the community. They have a school program teaching young people how to cook and use a kitchen. They showed a video of high school students participating in the program and it was very interesting to watch. This program also takes these students to community functions and they worked on building beds for families that needed them. They give them exposure to events they may never have been able to experience on their own. They also announced the CFO of GLCAP is leaving his position.	Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Schwochow attended Soil & Water. This was basically a reorganization meeting of the office and board for 2024. No changes were made after discussion. Meeting schedules will stay the same. Staff gave an update on programs and the office. They have an appreciation breakfast coming up in February. Invitations should be coming out.	Charles Schwochow		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	A letter of support for the Village of Gibsonburg was signed for their application for the ODOT TAP funding.	Theresa Garcia		
	The Fair Board has asked about additional funding. Currently the mandate is \$3,500.00 annually. Sandusky County has only submitted \$3,000.00. Commissioners agreed the additional needs to be forwarded. Commissioner Miller suggested if they have a project they need assistance with they should come in with a presentation. The Commissioners are agreeable to entertain ideas they may have.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioner Zimmerman received a text regarding the announcement Whirlpool made on the wind turbines. The Commissioners discussed what their response and stance is on this subject. This is a Township matter to approve. The Township mentioned does not have zoning and it is up to them to approve a resolution on zoning.	Russ Zimmerman		
* Then /Now Documents	One certificate was presented by the Commissioner's office. PO's were closed for 2023 for three invoices and new PO's were not established and one PO could not be established because the system was down for end of the	Commissioners	\$24,984.13 \$13,060.00 \$450.00 \$42.48	

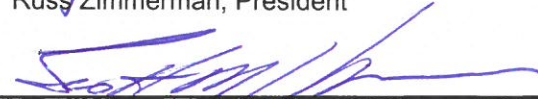
	<p>year. Four invoices make up this certificate. N-Able - \$24,984.13 KDH Construction - \$13,060.00 Woleslagel Moving - \$450.00 Visa - \$42.48</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Sanitary Engineer. A 2023 invoice that was missed was used for end of year and no other PO was open for end of year invoice. One invoice makes up this certificate. Ohio Business Machine - \$142.23</p> <p>One certificate presented by Common Pleas Court. No Po due to oversight. One invoice make up this certificate. Visa - \$810.00</p> <p>Two certificates were presented by the Dog Kennel. December's invoices were greater than the amount allocated on the final PO. Two invoices make up these certificates. Columbia Gas - \$30.35 American Electric Power - \$64.20</p>	<p>Sanitary Engineer</p> <p>Common Pleas</p> <p>Dog Kennel</p>	<p>\$142.23</p> <p>\$810.00</p> <p>\$30.35 \$64.20</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3</p>
<p>* Personnel</p>	<p>January Health insurance transfer is signed</p>		<p>\$353,340.63</p>	
<p>* Travel Requests</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Job and Family Services (JFS)</p>	<p><u>Melanie Allen – JFS.</u> Melanie came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. They are holding steady with custody at 40. They did have one join a family member at the end of the year and two went home. Costs for placement has gone down due to the hard work with placement with family. 2023 expenses were under one million dollars for the first time in ten years. The Foster Treatment home program is working really well. It is keeping these kids and their families local and giving them the treatment they need. They would like to help expand this program to other counties. Commissioner Zimmerman is going to go on a ride along tomorrow with one of the children's services workers. They have a few positions still open. She is hoping the new contract and wages will attract more applicants. Village House status update, they are working on the lease. They are working on specifics.</p>	<p>Melanie Allen - Director</p>		

* Resolutions	2024 - 30 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM COMMISSIONERS WAGES TO CWP AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO CWP WAGES (\$5,300.00) AND BENEFITS (\$200.00) FOR FIRST TWO PAY PERIODS OF 2024 AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO SICK LEAVE FUND WAGES (\$7,800.00) AND BENEFITS (\$100.00) FOR SICK LEAVE CONVERSION OF RETIREE	Commissioners	\$5,300.00 \$200.00 \$7,800.00 \$100.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – Beth Tischler, Prosecutor			
Prosecutor	Beth Tischler – Prosecutor. Beth came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. There was some discussion with Beth regarding the Whirlpool announcement. The Townships have had the question of zoning on ballots a few times and the citizens turned down the zoning. There was a large bust that included guns occurred yesterday and another smaller one this morning with guns and drugs. Drug Task Force has hit the ground running this year. They just completed the murder trial this week with a guilty verdict. Beth noted they do have the right of automatic appeal. They do have quite a few appeals on other cases. She believes they had over 1,000 cases last year. Sometimes the appeals make more work but does put fresh eyes on the case. Drug Task Force has partnerships with several agencies that assist them with technology and other resources. It makes many of their cases run smoother. The equipment provided and equipment they have purchased make a difference.	Beth Tischler - Prosecutor		
* Adjournment (11:54am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller

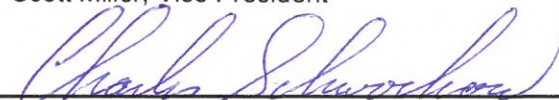
Signature of:



Russ Zimmerman, President



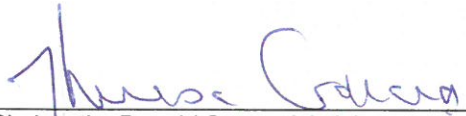
Scott Miller, Vice President



Charles Schwochow

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.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

January Commissioner's Agenda

1/11/24

- I. Placements
 - a. Current custody count: 40 (40 last month) Dec-1 to relative, +2 end of year. So far in Jan: -2 home last week, +1 1/10
 - b. Forecasting Placement – Stable costs the past 4 years 2020-2023, average total just above \$1 million/ county commitment average \$760,000. Prior 4 years 2016-2019 \$1.5 million/ county commitment just over \$1 million
 - c. First time costs for calendar year 2023 were under 1 million in 10 years.
 - d. Trend data, across the state more and more children are not getting federal reimbursement of those costs.
 - e. 2024 reductions: 4 children TPR, 3 emancipate
- II. Building / Staffing status
 - a. Ride along – Russ scheduled for tomorrow.
 - b. Positions – filling some, have a few openings still, new contract and wages
- III. Programs
 - a. START graduation
 - b. Treatment FC expansion
 - c. VH partner status

