

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420		2024 MEETING	
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Meeting: Board Of Commissioners	Location: Commissioners' Board Room	Date: 2/29/2024	Time: 8:00AM – 10:40AM
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Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman – President; Scott Miller– Vice President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Sarah Zimmerman, Michelle Mong, Jeff Feasby (see sign in sheets for guests)


(*action items)				
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)		Russ Zimmerman, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	<p>The 2/27/2024 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.</p> <p>Commissioner Zimmerman had a few questions on bills. He asked about copier leases. Departments do pay for their leases and the maintenance. We are working on getting all the leases under once maintenance agreement to share costs. There were also a couple of final bills for ARPA projects.</p>	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	<p>Commissioner Schwochow they talked about a barn painting. They are waiting on approval form the owner. The second barn is on St Rt 19 they would like to paint. There is some history on this barn that would be nice. The contact person was not interested but they are not sure why and would like to have another conversation with them. There was a list presented by vendors and business owners on how much revenue was collected because of bus tours they have brought into the County. They updated Solar Eclipse events and how many hits</p>	Charles Schwochow		

	they are getting on their web page. Hotels are slowly filling up. Commissioner Schwochow noted equipment has been parked under the sign. They have been moved, but there is still a pile of dirt by the sign that needs to be moved.			
	Commissioner Miller attended the Rotary Club meeting in Ottawa County on Tuesday. He spoke as a Commissioners and talked about Sandusky County. They talked about population in the two counties and that Ottawa County population is based on those that live there but does not take into consideration the influx they get in the summer during tourist season.	Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Miller attended EMA meeting yesterday for the Solar Eclipse. There were Township Trustees and City workers. Lisa Kuelling, EMA Director, gave an update. They are talking the numbers in attendance may be slightly lower but population could double. They have no intention in closing off roads are putting up detours.	Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Miller attended the Courthouse security meeting yesterday. Judge Ickes ran the meeting. There were some of the elected officials from the courthouse in attendance. They discussed the new monitors that have been installed in offices for the purpose to see what is happening in the hallways. Some wanted changes in views of the cameras. Atul Chopra, IT Supervisor, asked if they could put together a list so they can make one trip to make all the changes. They discussed what they can do about restroom privacy for the Judges. There was a small discussion about adding an additional elevator and about putting up walls to separate the general public from the offices. It was mentioned to maybe put up temporary walls to see how that would work first. Prosecutor mentioned they may move to a different location.	Scott Miller		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	No meeting on March 7 th . Commissioner Schwochow is out, Commissioner Zimmerman has FCFC in the morning and there is a Ditch view at 10:00am in Wood County.			
	Angie Morelock from Community Foundation called about the possibility of leasing an office space in the service center. There was discussion on if this would be a good fit or not.			

<p>* Then /Now Documents</p>	<p>One certificate was presented by the Dog Kennel. Warden was not award they were getting charged service call fees. One invoice makes up this certificate Wynn-Reeth - \$45.00</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Sheriff's Office. Medical service provided 10/12/23 provider invoiced on 1/31/2024. One invoice makes up this certificate. Pathology Laboratories - \$35.00</p>	<p>Dog Kennel</p> <p>Sheriff</p>	<p>\$45.00</p> <p>\$35.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3</p>
<p>* Personnel</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>* Travel Requests</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Board of DD Bid opening</p>	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman turned the meeting over to Sarah Zimmerman and Michelle Mong from Board of DD to open bids for the Adult Changing Trailer. Two bids were received for the project. First bid was from Ready 2 Go and the second bid was from Montondo Trailers.</p>			<p>* Motion: Move to review the bids and award at a later date Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes - 3</p>
<p>Wadsworth Solutions</p>	<p>Jeff Feasby from Wadsworth Solution came in to present options for a solar array. Jeff gave a presentation on some recommendations. The presentation gave a recommendation on where the panels should be located along with cost savings, energy savings and project cost. He plans to update some numbers in the next couple of weeks after walking through the jail.</p>			
<p>* Resolutions</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Public Open Session</p>	<p>Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – none</p>			
	<p>Mike Pendleton asked about the health board and if the Commissioners provide funding. The Commissioners noted they are guests at board meetings and do not provide funding. Commissioner Zimmerman stated again we are not planning on residential coding. (see sign in sheet for guests) Commissioner Zimmerman noted they have told SafeBuilt we are not interested in getting numbers for residential codes. Commissioner Zimmerman noted several times no residential codes.</p>			

	Mike Pendleton asked when the recordings are available. If requested they can be provided right after the meeting.			
	Dan Penn made comments regarding the subject of a Solar Array. He has been told that solar is not a good way to go. When it is cloudy they are not as efficient and we are in a cloudy area and should be considered. He asked about the guarantee of how much energy will actually be provided. There was more discussion on Township Zoning for solar and wind and how important it is to have this zoning.			
* Adjournment (10:40am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes - 3

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

Financial Earnings Report Sandusky County Bus Tours

January – December, 2023

1. Andrew Martin Magic	\$ 1,125.00
2. Bone Boys BBQ	\$11,090.00
3. Chateau Winery & Vineyards	\$ 8,024.00
4. Cherry City Honey Farm	\$ 490.00
5. Coco Beans Candy And Cupcakes	\$ 742.00
6. Comfort Inn & Suites	\$32,840.54
7. Copper Mare Ranch	\$ 1,140.00
8. Copper Whale Winery	\$ 2,912.00
9. Cosi Bella Boutique	\$ 220.00
10. Denny Otte	\$ 1,590.00
11. Down Thyme Café	\$ 1,592.00
12. Downtown Fremont Inc	\$ 1,000.00
13. Elroy's Deli Market	\$ 3,850.00
14. Fort Ball Pizza	\$ 1,250.00
15. Gillmore Ordnhance LTD	\$ 490.00
16. Grace Lutheran Church	\$ 210.00
17. Historic Lyme Village	\$ 72.00
18. Ideal Bakery	\$ 1,300.00
19. King Dairy Farm	\$ 520.00
20. Lynnwood Kennels aka Jaws with Paws	\$ 8,860.00
21. Mad River Railroad Museum	\$ 500.00
22. Tom Hoffert aka Mr. Fremont Tours	\$ 980.00
23. North Coast Veteran Museum	\$ 830.00
24. Oak Haven Belgian Horse Farm	\$ 1,460.00
25. Ole Zim's Wagon Shed	\$ 5,136.00
26. Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center	\$ 3,503.00
27. Potter Perfection Done Your Way	\$ 2,707.00
28. Rutherford B. Hayes Home and Museums	\$ 2,977.00
29. Sandco Sweeties	\$ 828.00
30. Sandusky County Historical Jail	\$ 670.00
31. Strand Theater & Backstage Lounge	\$ 1,985.00
32. Thomas Steel Inc.	\$ 930.00
33. Business in Other Counties (Lake Region)	\$ 6,906.00

Total Amount collected from 2023 Bus Tours \$107,734.54

June 17-21 - Ayrshire Convention at Fair Grounds -

I have two items to discuss with you today. I hope you will grant me the grace to complete what I have to say:

1)
1st I want to apologize to Commissioner Zimmerman for disappointing you and not being here on 1/30/2024. But I am here today.
I'm sure I will never understand Commissioner Zimmerman why on 1/25/2024 you chose to disparage those of your constituents that hold different opinions on certain issues than yourself. Obviously the events concerning "Residential Coding" must have had a profound impact on you. Unable to reconcile the facts that many residents of Sandusky Co didn't and don't want Residential Coding, or you would have already enacted it. Because as Commissioner Miller said at the first meeting I was at "We don't need you to agree with us, you elected us" That all sounds very Tyrannical.

Many people believe in my truth or your truth view of the world. I believe in THE TRUTH. So I came to share with you, what you - The Commissioners may find as "Inconvenient Truths"

Inconvenient Truth #1

John Cheatham, from SafeBuild stated that SafeBuild has been in the community for 3.5 yrs. He went on to add that it was always the understanding that after a year then the County would add "Residential Coding." Not one of you Commissioners said that that was not the case. And time and time again from Advisory minutes (which you sat on Commissioner Zimmerman) that was the set goal and agenda. People need to follow the money - SafeBuild wants this bad. We looked at the finances and w/o Residential quite frankly I'm surprised they are still here.

Coding

Inconvenient Truth #2

The invitation to a meeting at Fremont Baptist Temple Bill Herr called and individually invited each Commissioner personally. He also explained what the discussion was about. (Mr. Herr is here and I'll let him tell you who he talked to and what was said. But to imply that this was some kind of sneak attack is just not true.

Inconvenient Truth #3

The meeting at Fremont Baptist Temple was well attended by many concerned citizens including contractors. The crowd was well spoken, asked insightful questions and wanted answers to why you would want to add cost to an already slim margin industry. Were they passionate? Yes, you were trying to mess with their livelihood. Maybe you Commissioners need a thicker skin. To use hyperbolic speech - Commissioner Zimmerman - tar and feather, Bob Kurtz concerning the Coding office meeting, they had pitchforks. But the one whose comment was the most reprehensible was Commissioner Schwochow. "They would have hung us from the ceiling. At that time Commissioner Schwochow was against Residential Coding. That is how I found out about the issue, from Charlie. When I asked him why he didn't go to the public with it. His answer to me was because he had to work with them (Commissioner Zimmerman and Commissioner Miller). Spoken like a true politician Commissioner Schwochow.

Inconvenient Truth #4

Commissioner Zimmerman said that a "BIG DONOR" in the County said "If your contractor knows what he is doing then there should be no issues." Who is this big donor? Does he own a contracting company and knows that this will add cost? Why did Commissioner Zimmerman bring up a "BIG DONOR"? Is that who matters more to the Commissioners than the rest of us? Is this the same "BIG DONOR" that Commissioner Schwochow told me about. Commissioner Zimmerman spoken like a true RINO, worried about the "BIG DONOR"

Inconvenient Truth #5

Commissioner Zimmerman said they would really have to do some homework. We would have to educate the people, and currently it is not worth the fight. So, you think so little of your constituents that they are uneducated in these matters.

Inconvenient Truth #6

The whole WATER HEATER conversation. Commissioner Zimmerman also noted that a big topic was around "WATER HEATERS." And he didn't know where that point came from. That is an easy question to answer. It came from Commissioner Zimmerman in the very first meeting I went to. IT WAS HIS EXAMPLE. He likes to conveniently forget this.

Inconvenient Truth #7





Commissioner Zimmerman, your reputation was tarnished during the whole Residential Coding, why would you open that wound again. What is your next step? To stop recording, because your public might hear the inconvenient truths? Stop Gaslighting us. Say what you mean and mean what you say. (Repeatedly I have heard all the Commissioners say they don't understand why the public doesn't attend ~~their~~ ^{your} meetings. 1) The time when the majority of the meetings are held 2) You don't want to hear differing opinions. And if ~~your~~ ^{Public} opinion differs you are considered the enemy, not a constituent with a different opinion.

2) Discussion

Secondly, please make ~~this~~ ^{your} your redemption arc. I am cordially inviting all three of you to the American PAGE May ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting}. There are a lot of things happening in this County we all love. I will open it to the public. Will there be questions? Yes Will there be tough questions? Most assuredly. Will residential coding come up? Not from me, unless you gentlemen pull that bandaid off again. I would be surprised when you ran for office you thought that everyone was going to agree with you. If so you chose the wrong path.

I will send the invite to Ms. Garcia.

2/29/2024

Name	Signature	Contact Information
Mike Pennington		
Bob Bridley		
Dan Penn		
MARRION BOWEN		
Bob Bowdler	