

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

2024 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 3/12/2024

Time: 8:00AM – 11:29AM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Bill Windnagel, Peggy Courtney, Michael Russel, Kay Reiter, Greg Dietrich, Martin Jay, Harold Overmyer.

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)	***Commissioner Schwochow was not in session today	Russ Zimmerman, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 2/29/2024 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices. Commissioner Zimmerman had one question on an invoice paid by the Engineer that was paid to the Turnpike and he wanted to make sure he was covered by the competitive bid done by the turnpike.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioners attended the SnapEd advisory meeting last week. There were presentations on programs. They discussed the vegetable and fruit vouchers they pass out in the community. They have classes where they show people how to cook healthy meals. It is a good year-end review on the programs and the coordination with other programs. Eating healthy can sometimes be difficult.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioners Zimmerman and Miller attended the EDC Annual meeting last week. This was a year in review for the County and what was happening with EDC and what is coming up. They elected new board members at this meeting.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		

	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman attended a walk through at Village House last week. There were many groups that are investing in Village House attending the visit. They walked through the house, and noted some items that need to be repaired and some ADA items that should be addressed. They had told Village House to take what they wanted from the house. They left many items that will need to be disposed of. They are looking at the general condition of the building to put together a plan.</p>	<p>Russ Zimmerman</p>		
	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman was unable to attend the FCFC meeting.</p>			
	<p>Commissioners Zimmerman and Miller attended the Packer Creek Ditch View. There were many people at the View. There was a comment made about three counties in this ditch and two different counties will be voting on something that may not represent their county and property. There was a lot of comments from the people attending.</p>	<p>Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller</p>		
	<p>Commissioners Zimmerman and Miller attended the State of the Region meeting yesterday. The majority of the meeting was discussing Broadband and where it is needed and how to expand. It was good information but not much that can be done at a Commissioners level. It was interesting information. They were able to have some sidebar conversations with ODOT on some of the County projects they are involved with.</p>	<p>Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller</p>		
	<p>Commissioners Zimmerman and Miller attended the regional planning meeting. They reviewed an update to by-laws and changes that have been made. They talked about an Administrator to run Regional Planning instead of a Director and moving the person into the Tax Map office and have them report to the Auditor. The Board would communicate with the Auditor on what they need from this person. They worked on a new position description for this person. They would help with Auditor duties and part of the salary would be covered by Real Estate funds. They did talk about updating part of the responsibilities to be a flood plain coordinator and what those responsibilities would be. The Township zoning maps were discussed and talked about making sure they have the most updated/current maps to post online.</p>	<p>Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller</p>		

	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman attended a virtual call for the Criminal Justice Committee with CCAO. HB 265 was discussed. This Bill would make fire department schedules and other emergency personnel schedules not a public record so individuals can't find out when these individuals would be away from home. They then talked about the jail funding formula and how it works. The counties that have the least amount of funding to work with are at the top of the list. This would give more funding to smaller counties. The State will select counties to apply for the funds. They would have 45 days to apply for the funds. The cost for these jail renovations are increasing. They noted the three county regional mental health facility that is being proposed and they will be looking at that project.</p>	Russ Zimmerman		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	<p>Lindsey Simon called about an issue with rehoming her dog. Because of an incident with the animal the Dog Warden and the Humane Society will not take the dog. She was not happy about this.</p>			
	<p>A proposal for a feasibility study was presented by Solcient. Commissioners would like to talk with the representative more about their proposal and how it would work.</p>			
* Then /Now Documents	<p>One certificate was presented by DJFS. Caseworkers were not aware that the Foster Care Parents set this up for childcare. One invoice makes up this certificate. Camp Fire Sandusky County - \$93.75</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Board of Elections. PO not done prior to use of facility (paying OT use). One invoice makes up this certificate. Sandusky County Engineer - \$95.37</p> <p>Four certificates were presented by the Board of DD. The PO's were closed for these classes since they hadn't received the invoices by the deadline for 2023 PO's. Four invoices make up these certificates for the same vendor. Vanguard Vocational School - \$100.00, \$140.00, \$40.00, \$20.00</p>	<p>DJFS</p> <p>Board of elections</p> <p>Board of DD</p>	<p>\$93.75</p> <p>\$95.37</p> <p>\$100.00 \$140.00 \$40.00 \$20.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)</p>
* Personnel	None			

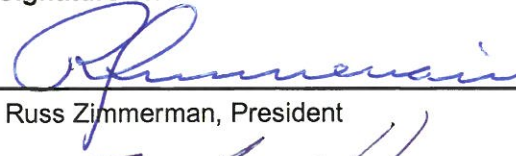
* Travel Requests	None			
Community Work Program (CWP)	<p>Bill Windnagel – CWP. Bill came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. February work order was reviewed. He was on vacation for a couple weeks. He has had some issues getting a full crew for one reason or another. Facility Management is going to pick up some of the mowing so he will be able to take on some of the outside projects he hasn't had time for. The new van is working well and the decals are in and will get put on shortly. Commissioner Miller asked if he had received requests for help from Ballville Township for the cemetery. He has not received any requests from them.</p>	Bill Windnagel - Coordinator		
Visitors Bureau	<p>Peggy Courtney – Visitors Bureau. Peggy came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Hotels are slowly filling up for the Eclipse and camp grounds are too. She talked to some of the camp grounds about some of the prices and stipulations such as they have to stay for more than one night. The street construction in Fremont may cause some issues. She talked to the City of Fremont and they did say the streets will be passable. There have been several groups that have hosted presentations on the Eclipse. She has met with Terry Stanforth, Veterans Service Officer, about things they can do in Veterans Park with the Holiday lights. They had a great conversation about what can be done. Dave Thornbury, Visitors Bureau, attended a Holiday Light Conference and they had a lot of great ideas for this type of event. Peggy continues to work on the America 250 grant program. She had submitted a barn project. They may pay for this with the program funding without Peggy submitting a grant application. They are working on the Yellowstone Trail that passes through the County to see if they can join that project.</p>	Peggy Courtney – Executive Director		
Packer Creek Ditch Project call	This call was canceled by Wood County.			
Regional Airport Authority	<p>Michael Russell – Regional Airport Authority. Michael came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. Airport Board President, Kay Reiter, also attended. See attachment for agenda items. Traffic count has increased. It was down due to weather issues. Mercy aircraft has not been flying due to aircraft issues so they have not needed fuel. Green Bay and Whirlpool have</p>	Michael Russell – Manager Kay Reiter – Airport Board President		

	<p>had traffic flying into the airport. The Airport has two new clients, which will increase hangar revenue. They have had very good feedback from pilots on landing at the Regional Airport. Michael has been collaborating with county agencies and local businesses. A plan was presented on how they will stage aircraft for the Solar Eclipse. Any revenue made from this event will be put in an equipment maintenance fund. Kay Reiter reviewed the 2024 budget. They still have to have the Board approve the budget. They have to get a better handle on depreciation of buildings and equipment. It was suggested to talk to Tom Light, Auditors Weight and Measures, for a depreciation schedule. Michael and Kay worked on the Airport by-laws to bring them up to code. They plan to present it to the Board for approval and then the Prosecutor for approval prior to adopting the revised by-laws. They made a change in the committee structures.</p>			
* Resolutions	<p>2024 – 90 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR BOARD OF DD CONTRACT SERVICES (\$200,000.00) AND CAPITAL OUTLAY (\$300,000.00) FOR IT UPGRADE AND PLAYGROUND SURFACING AND EQUIPMENT PROJECT</p>	Board of DD	<p>\$200,000.00 \$300,000.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)</p>
	<p>2024 - 91 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FROM CORONER CONTRACT SERVICES TO SUPPLIES (\$100.00) FOR INVESTIGATOR SUPPLIES AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO COUNTYWIDE REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS (\$52,000.00) AND ADMIN FEES (\$50,000.00) FOR SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES</p>	Coroner Countywide	<p>\$100.00 \$52,000.00 \$50,000.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)</p>
	<p>2024 - 92 APPROVING THE CHANGES TO THE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE POLICY IN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL SECTION 5.20.1.</p>	Commissioners		<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)</p>

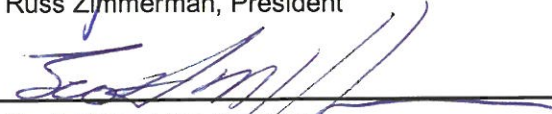
	2024 – 93 APPROVING THE IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA), A DIVISION OF SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (SCDJFS), AND THE SANDUSKY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT (SCJC) FOR MAGISTRATE SERVICES	DJFS		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)
	2024 - 94 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR SHERIFF FROM SUPPLIES TO PRISONER TRANSPORT (\$5,000.00) FOR ADDITIONAL 2024 EXPENSES	Sheriff	\$5,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)
	2024 - 95 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR EMS TO CAPITAL OUTLAY (\$40,000.00) FOR REPAIRS TO AMBULANCE THAT WAS DAMAGED DUE TO ENGINE FIRE	EMS	\$40,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)
	2024 - 96 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO SHERIFF DONATION FUND CONTRACT SERVICES (\$2,000.00) AND SUPPLIES (\$4,000.00)	Sheriff	\$2,000.00 \$4,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)
	2024 – 97 APPROVING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF CHRIS HILTON, CHIEF HASTINGS, MAJOR JODY HATFIELD AND MAJOR NICKOLAS KOTSOPOULOS TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OK. FROM JUNE 22ND TO JUNE 29TH 2024 FOR NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE ***There was discussion about having the four top individuals for the Sheriff's office leaving at the same time and will be gone for a week. They would like to have an idea at the beginning of the year when they are traveling.	Sheriff		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)

Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – Tom Fullen, Eagle 99 Elected Officials – none			
Sandusky County Fair Board	Three Fair Board members came in to talk to the Commissioners about projects. They are starting a committee for some repairs and upgrades at the fairgrounds. See attachment for agenda items. One project is to tear down one of the old barns and putting up a new barn. It is estimated the project may cost in total about \$200,000.00. They presented a three year plan the AG Society has on projects they would like to complete. A few years back they worked on a capital campaign that raised funding but some of those donors have given what they can. There has been a rumor the Fair Board has not used money that was earmarked for certain projects on other expenses. This is not true. They have checks and balances used to make sure this does not happen. They are asking the Commissioners for help with the project. Commissioners will discuss this and get back to the Board.	Martin Jay, Greg Dietrich and Harold Overmyer – Fair Board Members		
	Administrator Garcia was asked to transcribe some of the audio from the 1/25/24 meeting that the group that attended session on 2/29/24 had issue with. The Commissioners discussed the portions in question and feel that the group misinterpreted much of the conversation with SafeBuilt. (see attached items)			
* Adjournment (11:29am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 2 (Schwochow absent)

Signature of:



Russ Zimmerman, President

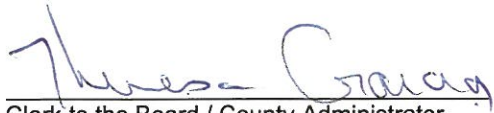


Scott Miller, Vice President

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

2024 AT-A-GLANCE

- Traffic count INCREASE; milder weather and increased flight activity
 - Local and itinerant traffic on the rise
 - Increase in charter, corporate jet activity (Green Bay Pkg, Whirlpool)
 - General comments: no overcrowding, positive customer service and professional treatment
- Sales
 - Jet A fuel revenues lagging due to Mercy aircraft issues
 - Hangar revenues to increase -2 new clients inbound
- Presence in Community
 - Collaboration with county agencies and local business
 - Increased website and social media use
 - Promotion of emergency services as based tenants
 - Solar Eclipse 2024
 - Promotion activities ongoing
 - Monitoring for contacts
 - Working with local agencies and businesses
 - Clyde FD will stage vehicle on-site



SanduskyCounty
Regional Airport

BUDGET

2024 Budget status:

- Infrastructure – alternatives/AGREED TO ASSIST EFFORTS FOR STATE FUNDING/EARMARKS
- Direct Assistance
 - Signage and posters
 - PAPI/REIL Local Match Fund
 - County IT services
 - Equipment access through services-in-kind (Scissor Lift)
- Considerations for Assistance (To be determined if by loan or cost absorption)
 - Terminal maintenance/repairs
 - Hangar maintenance/repairs (1 & 2 only)
 - Local matches for Capital Improvements



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Commissioner Meeting Agenda – March 12, 2024

1. Solar Eclipse Update
 - Hotels and camping
 - Events
 - Street construction
 - Presentations (Bellevue Mature Audience Luncheon, Beck Oil, Fremont Federal Credit Union, Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society, Kiwanis, table set up for Terra State Gardening Club Solar Eclipse Presentation)
2. Rock & Awe Holiday Light Show
 - Veteran’s Park – meeting with Terry Sanforth
 - Transworld Halloween and Holiday Light Conference
3. America 250-OH Grant
 - Barn
 - America 250-Ohio Community



Sandusky County Agricultural Society



The Sandusky County Agricultural Society, in cooperation with a local donor, has undertaken the task of replacing a barn that needs repair. Our intent is for this new barn to house the goats. This species has undergone tremendous growth that continues, and this barn seeks to provide a home.

This project will involve site preparation, building construction, asphalt drive, electrification, and other construction related expenses. The total cost of this project is estimated to be just over \$200,000.00.

We have explored the planning necessary so that this project could be completed by fair time 2024. The Ag Society would appreciate your support to make this addition to our grounds possible.

We appreciate your consideration and hope with the help of your support this building would provide our youth with not only a livestock barn but a place to make lasting fair memories with friends and family.

Please contact the office at 419-332-5604 if you have any questions on this project. If you are interested in donating to this project, you can mail payment to Sandusky Co. Ag. Society, 901 Rawson Avenue, Fremont, OH 43420.

Sincerely,
Sandusky Co. Ag. Society
Board of Directors

Business Office
901 Rawson Avenue - Bldg. 16
Fremont, Ohio 43420

419-332-5604
Fax 419-332-4853
www.sanduskycountyfair.com

Fairground Location
901 Rawson Avenue
Fremont, Ohio 43420

SANDUSKY COUNTY AG SOCIETY 3 YEAR PLAN
2024-2026

2024

- Replace Draft Horse barn to house goats (or as needed)
- Purchase additional goat pens
- Asphalt roadway by Horse Barns
- Finish the roof on the Historical Building including the logo
- Replace roof on Dairy Barn
- Install Security cameras on fairgrounds
- Install lock system for gates
- Tear down Hot Dog Heaven and make into shelter house
- Add temporary shower in Campgrounds

2025

- New roof on Crop and Shop Building
- Upgrade bathroom next to horse building
- Skid Loader
- Put screen in GP room for presentations

2026

- New roof on Jr. Fair GP building
- Upgrade or replace Exhibitor's Building
- Asphalt campgrounds

Speedway Bleachers

1. Safety Concerns:

- a. Structural
- b. Hitch class

2. Need additional space:

- a. Combine draft horses with open class
- b. Move goats to new barn as needed
- c. Additional space for off season usage
- d. Additional space for winter storage

3. Value:

- a. Improvement/increase value to Fairgrounds
- b. Reduce repairs/insurance claims
- c. Covered area for show prep

Inconvenient Truth 1

1/25/24 John Cheetham 1:34:16

... Last I wanted to talk again about residential, Because when we first came on we were talking about adding residential on within a year and that never happened and now 3 ½ years has gone by and so wanted to talk to you about that, whether as a county or we really need to talk about residential....

Commissioner Zimmerman than asked to address the residential comment. 1:34:36

... when we originally talked we were going to have commercial and then possibly take a look at residential once we got up and running but we have had a monumental hill to climb up for some reason in this county....

Inconvenient Truth 4

1:36:25 Commissioner Zimmerman on discussion at the fair.

... that the whole thought is that some of the “BIGGER BUILDERS” in the county and I shouldn’t say some of them there is one in particular I’m thinking of, no name, but if you hire a contractor they should know what he’s doing you shouldn’t need a building code...

Inconvenient Truth 2

Mr. Herr did not call the commissioners individually, he called the office. He did note what some of the discussion was going to be about but never stated the commissioners would be in front of the group as panelist that were supposed to have answers to questions.

Inconvenient Truth 3




The group at the Baptist Church and at Building Code meetings were very intimidating, loud and disrespectful. Saying things like was said on 2/29/24 “If you think January 6th was bad just wait”

Inconvenient Truth 5

1/25/24 Commissioner Zimmerman 1:37:36

... I think we would really have to do some homework and multiple meetings and stuff around the county, just the talk of residential.... I have a good feeling just cause we’re sitting here talking about it they’re gonna come see us... I don’t want to say it’s not worth the fight but I guess that’s the issue because we need to do a lot more educating people if that was gonna happen... 1:42:13 before we go any further I don’t want to get these guys anyone listening this comment is mine. We haven’t discuss this in the meeting but these are my thought...

3/12/2024

Name	Signature	Contact Information
KE Reitan		SCRAA
Greg Diedrich		Sand Co. Ag Soc.
Martin Jay	Martin Jay	SCAS
Harold Overmyer		SCAS