

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420		2024 MEETING	
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Meeting: Board Of Commissioners	Location: Commissioners' Board Room	Date: 3/21/2024	Time: 8:00AM – 11:18AM
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Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman – President; Scott Miller– Vice President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Dr. Williams, Bob Kurtz, Sheriff Hilton, Granger Souder, Ron Hiser

(*action items)				
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)	*** Commissioner Zimmerman was not in session in the morning	Scott Miller, Vice President		
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*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 3/14/2024 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)
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Coroner	Dr. James Williams – Coroner. Dr. Williams came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. Dr. Williams reviewed death counts from 2023 and year to date for 2024. He reviewed the cause of death for those that were coroner cases. There were 93 coroner cases in 2023. Accidental cases need the most investigation. He is trying to eliminate some of the autopsy cases if he can. The investigators can sort out information at the scene and give a good recommendation if an autopsy is necessary. Commissioner Miller asked about the open cases. Dr. Williams explained these are cases he is waiting on results from Lucas County on autopsies. Dr. Williams has worked with the Sheriff and EMA on preparing for any type of mass causality situation.	Dr. James Williams - Coroner		
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Building Code Department	Robert Kurtz – Building Code Department. Bob came in for his regular meeting with the commissioners. They have been very busy. Everything has been going well. Commissioner Miller asked if individuals have to use the local office or do they have the option to go to Columbus. Bob noted that if they go to Columbus, they will generally send them to the local office. Commissioner Schwochow asked if there was a need for a permit for solar panels. The panels would not, it is considered a utility. Some of the work may need a permit but most does not. They are staying steady; some weeks are quiet and others it is very busy. New regulations went into effect on March 1st. He went to several trainings on the new laws. Some of the biggest changes were for permits on existing buildings.	Robert Kurtz – Chief Inspector		
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioner all attended the Children’s Services Program update last Thursday. The meeting is informative and enlightening but also very sad. There are no words to describe some of these situations some of these children have had to endure. The team does a great job helping these children and families get through the struggles and it is the best money the County spends is to help these children. They talked about the bridges program to help eighteen-year-olds transition as an independent adult and they have other programs that give them additional help after they leave custody.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioners Miller and Zimmerman both attended the Health Department meeting last Friday. See attachment for summary of the minutes. They had a guest in the meeting that talked about challenges he has had with some building additions and expansions because it may cause issues with the current septic system. They reviewed other statistics and program updates. They talked about the Solar Eclipse and some training they have scheduled.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		
	Commissioners Miller and Schwochow attended the ribbon cutting for the Buckeye Community School last week. It is an optional educational facility for students to obtain their GED and gives them more one on one assistance and works around the student’s schedule. They have 43% to 50% of the students graduate.	Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		

	Commissioners all attended Leadership Day at Board of DD. They had six presenters who went over what the programs have done for them. Commissioner Zimmerman presented a proclamation. The stories are always great to hear. They talked about their challenges and successes. There were successful employment stories and life stories. There were many officials in attendance at the ceremony.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	The Commissioners attended the CCAO/CCEO quarterly meeting yesterday. They went to Wauseon for the meeting. It was well attended. They had the election of officers. Sandusky County Engineer is the new President of the group. They had a tour of the Fulton County courthouse. They just completed a remodel, and it is beautiful. It is a work of art. Next meeting will be in Hancock County.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioners Zimmerman and Miller attended Alivia Ernsberger's Eagle Scout Ceremony. She is the first Female Eagle Scout in Sandusky County. Her sister is working on hers and her brother already achieved his Eagle Scout.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		
	Commissioners attended the Wolf Creek Ditch View. There was drone photos presented and a handful of questions form the group. The first hearing is scheduled for	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioners Miller and Schwochow joined a conference call for the joint Packer Creek Ditch. They needed to discuss a change in location for the first hearing due to the number of people that attended the view.	Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Commissioner Schwochow had a call from a citizen about a neighbor dumping trash on their property. This is something outside of what the Commissioners can help with. He recommended they talk to the Township Trustees. He also had a farmer ask about access to a field on East State Street when we develop out there.	Charles Schwochow		
	*** Commissioner Zimmerman entered session at 9:25am			

<p>* Then /Now Documents</p>	<p>One certificate was presented by the Common Pleas Court. PO was not available due to the Court Administrator not knowing service was requested. One invoice makes up this certificate. Jillian Navarrete - \$80.00</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Treasurer's Office. Thought all PO's were prepared for the News Messenger however it was done under the wrong vendor address. One invoice makes up this certificate. MNCO - \$333.35</p> <p>One certificate was presented by Common Pleas Court. Court Administrator was not aware of scheduled dates for visiting Judge. One invoice makes up this certificate. Philip Mayer - \$83.84</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Board of DD. Employee changed positions and had been using a county vehicle and not turning in mileage, so no PO was opened for her this year. One invoice makes up this certificate. Rebecca Dayton - \$38.86</p>	<p>Common Pleas Court</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Common Pleas Court</p> <p>Board of DD</p>	<p>\$80.00</p> <p>\$333.35</p> <p>\$83.84</p> <p>\$38.86</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)</p>
<p>* Personnel</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>* Travel Requests</p>	<p>None</p>			
<p>Sheriff</p>	<p>Chris Hilton – Sheriff. Sheriff had another IGNITE Program graduation this week. He had a past graduate speak about his success. He is employed and has his own place and the IGNITE program helped him make all this happen. It was a great ceremony and went exceptionally well. The Marine Patrol grant match needs to be appropriated to the fund. The old boat is wrapped and ready to be sold. Sheriff would like to offer it to one of the other Sheriff's offices before putting it up for public sale. Sheriff asked about when the new cars would be in. He has had some large repair bills. Sheriff is making some plans for the Solar Eclipse and staffing. They are going to need to order a new breathalyzer machine. It could take ten to twelve months for it to come in and won't need to be paid for until it comes in. The counsels in dispatch are no longer supported by the current vendor and they will need to update the program. The current part-time housekeeper works for Facility Management. They would like to have her put under the Sheriffs payroll and supervision. Administrator Garcia will work out details for the transfer.</p>	<p>Chris Hilton - Sheriff</p>		

* Resolutions	2024 - 99 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FOR DJFS FOR MARCH MANDATORY SHARE PAYMENT (\$15,295.67) AND FEBRUARY 2024 CHILD PLACEMENT COSTS (\$98,183.80)	DJFS	\$15,295.67 \$98,183.80	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2024 - 100 ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (GLCAP) TO ACT AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACT FOR THE PY23 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM (CHIP) B-C-23-1CO- 2	GLCAP		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2024 - 101 APPROVING FUND TRANSFERS FOR BOARD OF DD FROM THEIR GENEAL FUND TO RESIDENTIAL FUND (\$3,600,000.00) AND FAMILY FUND (\$125,000.00)	Board of DD	\$3,600,000.00 \$125,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2024 - 102 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST GENERAL FUND FOR INCREASE IN CONTRACT/PURCHASED SERVICES (\$2,500.00)	FCFC	\$2,500.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2024 - 103 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO WRAPAROUND FOR INCREASE IN SUPPLIES (\$1,000.00) AND CONTRACT/PURCHASED SERVICES (\$22,000.00)	FCFC Wraparound	\$1,000.00 \$22,000.00	*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 – Chris Hilton, Sheriff.			
Solcient Energy	Granger Souder from Solcient Energy came in to review his feasibility study proposal. He had come in a few months ago to get information on what the Commissioners would like to do with a parcel that is unbuildable by placing solar panels to provide energy to Countryside buildings. His proposal is for a power purchasing plan which would be a contract to sell the county energy and we would just agree to make the purchase. Ron Hiser, Facility Management Director, was at the meeting and asked some questions on supply.			

* Adjournment (11:18am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: 2nd: Yes - 3
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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

CORONER CASE BREAKDOWN

478 Deaths is Sandusky County, not including deaths that occurred inside Bellevue City Limits.

2023 CASE DATA

Suicide	8
Homicide	0
Natural	44
Undetermined	1
Open Cases	5
Accidental	32
Overdose	16
Non-Coroner Cases	3
Infant	2
(Minues 3 NC cases) 93 Coroner Cases	90
Cases Numbers Assigned	93

Suicides: 8 Total
5 gunshot; 2 hanging; 1 suffocation

Homicide: 0 Total

Undetermined: 1 Total
Cause was hypothermia (malnutrition, mental illness)

Accidental: 32 Total
Vehicle Accidents: (car/motorcycle/bike/excavator) 9
Fall: 3
Fire: 1
Electrocution: 1
Suffocation: 1
Asphyxia: 1 (infant)
Overdoses: 16

Natural: 44 Total

Open: 5 Total
Oldest case DOD is 10/18/23 ~5 months

Infant Deaths: 2 Total
1 Asphyxia (included in Accidental total)
1 Natural (included in Natural total)

2024 CASE DATA

Suicide	2
Homicide	1
Natural	2
Undetermined	0
Open Cases	10
Accidental	2
Overdose	0
Non-Coroner Cases	0
Infant	0
Total 2024 Cases	17

Suicides: 2 Total
2 gunshot

Homicide: 1 Total
Stabbing

Undetermined: 0 Total

Accidental: 2 Total
Fall: 1
Hypothermia: 1

Overdoses: 0

Natural: 2 Total

Open: 10 Total

Infant Deaths: 0 Total

Data as of 03/21/24



SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



GOOD AFTERNOON!

MARCH 15, 2024

The following is a summary of agenda items discussed and action taken @ the regular Friday, March 15, 2024 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting held @ 8:30 A.M. in the Front Conference Room:

1. Guests in attendance: Sandusky Co. Commissioners Scott Miller and Russ Zimmerman; and Mr. Michael Pendleton.
2. The minutes of the Friday February 19, 2024 Sandusky Co. Board of Health meeting were approved.
3. The monthly financial report was reviewed with revenue for the month of \$357,350.47 and revenue year to date of \$603,388.28. Expenditures for the month totaled \$291,018.93 and year to date expenditures are \$494,104.51.
4. The monthly bills were approved as well as two (2) Supplemental Appropriations for Prevention Partnership and Smoke Free Work Place funds
5. The State of Ohio Audit has commenced for fiscal year 2023. Sandusky Co. Board of Health members will receive a questionnaire for completion.
6. A variance strictly for the setback isolation from building foundation to septic tank was granted to Mr. Michael Pendleton. Mr. Pendleton will need to provide, in writing on letterhead from Norweco, the size and verification of the sewage disposal system tank.
7. Heard a report on the annual Sandusky Co. District Advisory Council meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2024. As a quorum was not present, Executive Committee was formed. John L. Yuhas, D.O. was reappointed to the Sandusky Co. Board of Health for a five (5) year term ending April 11, 2029. Michael Chudzinski and Christina Ward were appointed to the Sandusky Co. District Licensing Council. Township Trustees and Village representatives brought up Sandusky Co. Public Health nuisance codes and enforcement. Sandusky Co. Commissioners stated there is no agenda for a countywide nuisance code; however, zoned township would follow a template for zoning case investigations, enforcement and remediation.
8. The Opiate/Suicide Fatality Review Board met on February 8, 2024 to review deaths from drug overdoses and suicides. Demographics focus on areas to target for prevention, education, distribution of Narcan to lower these deaths.
9. Sandusky Co. Public Health offices will be closed Monday, April 8, 2024 for the solar eclipse. Inspections of temporary campgrounds and food service operations will be completed as necessary.

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10. Heard a report on Community Health Improvement Plan meeting held February 8, 2024. Sandusky Co. Public Health Community Health Improvement Plan priorities: Substance Abuse, Mental Health, social determinants of health and chronic disease.
11. Five (5) of the ten (10) domains have been uploaded to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) website in re-accreditation. All documents need to be completed by May 8, 2024.
12. Health Planning and Education Coordinator Charlotte Stonerook gave a report on the presentation @ the Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (P.I.R.E.) conference, in Washington, D.C. Sandusky Co. Public Health was first to partner with P.I.R.E. in prevention activities. Application has been made for additional funding with Ohio University and P.I.R.E.
13. Director of Nursing Deb Agee reported Reproductive Health and Wellness and immunization clinic numbers have increased. A part time home visiting position in the Help Me Grow program is open.
14. Active Shooter Training was held for staff on March 6, 2024.
15. Charlotte Stonerook reported 150 attended the Ben Cort, Weed, Inc. training on February 22, 2024, with much positive feedback. Re-application for the five (5) year SPF-PFS grant has been in submitted in partnership with Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties. Overdose Death Awareness Day is August 29, 2024 @ Connor Park. Tobacco compliance checks were completed with a thirty-three (33%) percent failure rate in Sandusky Co. Efforts will be made to encourage ID of individuals in tobacco purchasing.
16. W.I.C. Director Angie Ruth stated billboards advertising the W.I.C. program have been placed throughout Sandusky Co. Federal funding for the W.I.C. program has been approved, with an increase in voucher amounts for fruits and vegetables that was first initiated during the pandemic.
17. Interviews are being conducted for the Sanitarian position.
18. THE APRIL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING IS FRIDAY, THE 19TH @ 8:30 A.M.

19. Sandusky Co. Board of Health, convening from Executive Session, voted for the dental insurance coverage premium breakdown @ eighty (80%) percent employer contribution and twenty (20%) percent employee contribution

PLEASE NOTE: SANDUSKY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE. WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.

