

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420			2024 MEETING	
Meeting: Board Of Commissioners	Location: Commissioners' Board Room	Date: 6/6/2024	Time: 8:00AM – 11:07AM	
Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman – President; Scott Miller– Vice President; Charles Schwochow				
Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator				
Others Present: Amy Hoffman, Steve Shiets				
(*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 attending the FCFC meeting this morning and will join session after the meeting.	Scott Miller, Vice President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 6/4/2024 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)
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioners attended the OSS Solid Waste meeting. They talked about the programs they are working on and what is happening in each County. They did go in to executive session to discuss the Sunny Farm Law Suit. The Board attorney reviewed a resolution for Solid Waste and suggested approval of an Amended District Rule 2023-01 Requiring Approval Of Plans And Specifications For The Construction, Enlargement Or Modification of Solid Waste Facilities. Seneca County made mention they don't feel they should have to ask permission to spend money needed for their county solid waste needs. The Board feels they are just doing their due diligence by inquiring what the funds are being used for.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		

	*** Commissioner Zimmerman entered session at 9:10am			
	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the FCFC meeting this morning. They recognized John Detwiler who has retired and will no longer be on the board. They approved moving grant funding from FCFC general fund to the federal grant fund that was established. They discussed the new name for Village House. Village House is no longer able to do business in the State so they need to give it a new name for the new business. They have established a new screening program for children 0 to 5 years old. They received a grant that will allow the first 40 people to sign up to receive a free car seat. Imagination Library is moving from Terra Community College to United Way.			
	At 8:30am Commissioners Miller and Schwochow moved to go into recess until 8:55am with their first guest.			
* Then /Now Documents	One then and now was presented by Common Pleas Court. Invoice went to the wrong location and PO was done in 2021 and closed. This invoice was just received. One invoice makes up this certificate. SHI International - \$253.91	Common Pleas	\$253.91	*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman absent)
* Personnel	June Health Insurance transfer was signed		\$302,006.94	
* Travel Requests	None			
Palmer Energy	<u>Amy Hoffman – Palmer Energy</u> . Amy came in to update the Commissioners on the aggregations. We are in a two year contract. Residents can leave the aggregation at any time and they can opt in anytime. There are several Townships not in the county aggregation. The contracts are coming up next June and she plans on visiting those Townships to remind them they can join the County program.	Amy Hoffman – Energy Consultant		
Sanitary Engineer	<u>Steve Shiets – Sanitary Engineer</u> . Steve came in to update the Commissioners on meetings with EPA and City of Fremont on the St. Rt. 53 water project. The EPA presented three different options to provide water to the area. The County supply the water, City supply to County and the County run distribution with a master meter or the City supply and do the distribution. Steve	Steve Shiets – Sanitary Engineer		

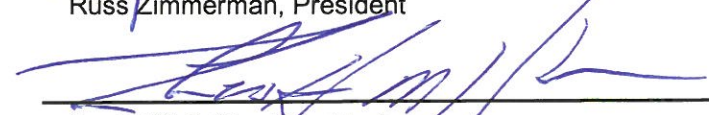
	<p>supplied a handout with the options and some cost comparisons for each. Commissioner Miller asked how we move forward if we want this to be a County project. Steve suggested we move forward with the way we have been. The only difference is we would not have to have a general plan approved if it was regionalized but that would only save a couple a months of the project. The Commissioners all agreed the project needs to move forward in the direction it has been moving. Steve suggested to meet with the Township Trustees to give them an update. Commissioner Miller thought it would be best to meet with them at the end of June once there are completed plans for the project.</p>			
* Resolutions	<p>2024 – 176 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM SANITARY ENGINEER GENERAL SEWER FUND TO VARIOUS FUNDS FOR OPWC LOAN PAYMENTS (\$11,958.33)</p>	Sanitary Engineer	\$11,958.33	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3</p>
	<p>2024 - 177 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM SANITARY ENGINEER GENERAL SEWER FUND TO VARIOUS BOND FUNDS FOR OWDA LOAN PAYMENTS (\$225,514.01)</p>	Sanitary Engineer	\$225,514.01	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3</p>
	<p>2024 - 178 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO COUNTYWIDE BENEFITS (\$500,000.00) FOR 2024 HEALTH INSURANCE</p>	Countywide	\$500,000.00	<p>*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3</p>
Public Open Session	<p>Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – none</p>			
Drug Task Force	<p>Dean Bliss and Charlie Horne – Drug Task Force. Dean and Charlie came in with an update for the Commissioners on DTF. They switched to a new records management system. They are using the Matrix system that the Prosecutors Office is using. It is allowing them to print reports and enter cases. A report was presented for review with 2024 year to date statistics. The overdoses within Sandusky County are a third of what they were in the past. It has been very helpful to have the program available to have individuals contacted that have</p>	<p>Dean Bliss – Commander</p> <p>Charlie Horne - Agent</p>		

	<p>overdosed and get them into treatment programs. They are also managing their own evidence instead of turning evidence over to local law enforcement. This saves a step when logging evidence, it goes directly into lock up. They have gone to a couple of trainings and one they were evaluators for training for students they learned a lot from more. Charlie mentioned there are many man made drugs out in the communities and the Governor passed legislation to allow testing on some of these drugs to make them felonies to have and not just a misdemeanor. The drug issues span throughout the County. They are doing a lot of local networking to teach different groups about drugs in the community.</p>			
<p>* Adjournment (11:07am)</p>	<p>With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.</p>			<p>* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes - 3</p>

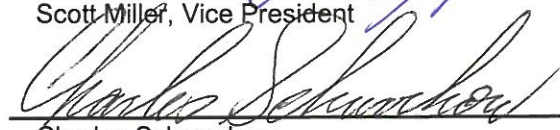
Signature of:



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

RICE TOWNSHIP WATER IMPROVEMENTS

EPA outlined 3 ways to serve the Rice Township Area

1. County Water Supply & Distribution
 - a. Requires OEPA License with testing via Sanitary Engineers
 - b. Utility Billing performed by Sanitary Engineers
 - c. County Customers complaint process is Sanitary Engineers to County Commissioners
 - d. Rates are suggested by Sanitary Engineers and approved by County Commissioners
 - e. County / Townships controls development
2. City Water Supply & County Distribution (Master Meter)
 - a. Requires OEPA License with testing via Sanitary Engineers
 - b. Utility Billing performed by Sanitary Engineers
 - c. County Customers complaint process is Sanitary Engineers to County Commissioners
 - d. Most rates are suggested by Sanitary Engineers and approved by County Commissioners
 - e. City does control treatment/supply rates via the City/County Agreement
 - f. Control of development is limited to City/County Agreement
 - g. Typically City has to approve connections of development
 - h. City appears reluctant to allow a Master Meter
3. City Water Supply & City Distribution
 - a. OEPA License with testing would be part of the City's existing license
 - b. City would most likely take over billing County / Township residents
 - c. County customers complaint process is to City of Fremont (no representation)
 - d. County / Townships lose all control of development
 - e. With new industrial park, City may not have the ability to serve Rice Township

County vs. City Rate Comparison

Area Served	County	City	Customer Monthly Savings
Wightman's Grove (Current)	\$108.00	\$121.30	\$13.30
Wightman's Grove (30 Years*)	\$38.00	\$77.30	\$39.30
Westwood (Current)	\$75.00	\$111.30	\$36.30
Westwood (30 Years*)	\$35.00	\$77.30	\$42.30

*Assumes no Inflation / O&M Increases / Replacement Costs

COUNTY VS. CITY RATE COMPARISON

WIGHTMAN'S GROVE COMPARISON (2021)

CURRENT

COUNTY LS O & M	\$8.00	\$8.00	COUNTY LS O & M
COUNTY LS DEBT	\$24.00	\$44.00	COUNTY LS DEBT
COUNTY TREATMENT PLANT O & M	\$30.00	\$61.11	CITY TREATMENT
COUNTY TREATMENT PLANT DEBT	\$46.00	\$8.19	CITY EPA CHARGE
	\$108.00	\$121.30	

COUNTY SAVES CUSTOMERS **\$13.30 PER MONTH** VERSUS CITY TREATMENT

FUTURE (AFTER CONSTRUCTION LOAN PAID OFF)

AFTER DEBT IS PAID OFF IN 30 YEARS, INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT & INFLATION SHOULD BE NEGLIGIBLE WHETHER IN THE COUNTY OR THE CITY

COUNTY LS O & M	\$8.00	\$8.00	COUNTY LS O & M
COUNTY TREATMENT PLANT O & M	\$30.00	\$61.11	CITY TREATMENT
	\$38.00	\$8.19	CITY EPA CHARGE
		\$77.30	

COUNTY SAVES CUSTOMERS **\$39.30 PER MONTH** AFTER CONSTRUCTION LOAN IS PAID OFF

WESTWOOD COMPARISON (2018)

CURRENT

		\$8.00	COUNTY LS O & M
		\$34.00	COUNTY LS DEBT*
COUNTY TREATMENT PLANT O & M	\$35.00	\$61.11	CITY TREATMENT
COUNTY TREATMENT PLANT DEBT	\$40.00	\$8.19	CITY EPA CHARGE
	\$75.00	\$111.30	

COUNTY SAVES CUSTOMERS **\$36.30 PER MONTH** VERSUS CITY TREATMENT

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		\$61.11	CITY TREATMENT
	\$35.00	\$8.19	CITY EPA CHARGE
		\$77.30	

COUNTY SAVES CUSTOMERS **\$42.30 PER MONTH** AFTER CONSTRUCTION LOAN IS PAID OFF

Sandusky County Drug Task Force

Fremont, Ohio

Commander Dean Bliss

Prosecutor Beth A. Tischler, Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS

Chief Derek Wensinger, Fremont PD
Lt. Angel Burgos, OSP Post 72
Sheriff Chris Hilton, Sandusky County
Chief Marc Linder, Bellevue PD



Chief Steve Gilkerson, Woodville PD
Chief Monti Campbell, Clyde PD
Chief Don Karr, Gibsonburg PD
Chief Amy Dickman, Green Springs PD

2024 Statistics Jan-May

Cases Opened 113

Searches conducted 33

People Indicted 29

Charges By Level

F-1 20

F-2 20

F-3 24

F-4 8

F-5 21

Confiscation

Cocaine 359.8 Grams

Crack 19.51 Grams

Mushrooms 6.7 Grams

MDMA 1 Gram

Fentanyl (powder) 153.28 Grams

(pills) 37 pills

Methamphetamine 1063.38 Grams

79 pills

Other pills 84 pills



Firearms 54 Firearms

Currency \$1210.00

Presentations 10 for 250 People

Overdoses 20 total 4 fatal

6/6/2024

Name	Signature	Contact Information
Amy Holmes DEAN DEERS		Palmer Energy
CHARLE HORNE		SCDTF
		SCDTF