Minutes 2013

Thursday June 20, 2013
Boardroom of the Commissioners
622 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

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Session began at 8:00a.

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Throughout the day the following occurred…….

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Commissioners reviewed numerous mailings. Several other items for other offices were signed and/or reviewed by the Commissioners. Minutes from the regular session on 06.18.2013 were signed by those members who were present at said session. Invoices were cared for in electronic fashion.

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Then & Now certificates: none

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County Administrator issues: Notation made to Commissioners that funds transfer occurred paying back funds allowed from Permanent Improvement to the Dog Warden for vehicle purchase in 2011 in the amount of $8,597.

Also discussed was the matter of the possible engagement of an apiary inspector for the county. County Administrator will contact the current Erie County inspector and inquire as to the utilization of his services in Sandusky County.

Discussion was also had on the possible budget item of having the county employees handle all of their PERS pickup. Currently the county picks up 8.5% of the 10% that is currently the requirement for the employees' portion. No decision made other than continuing to discuss the matter in preparation for budget time.

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Travel Request(s) approved: none

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Personnel Action(s) approved: none

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Joe Michaels, constituent in Fremont, entered session and discussed the recent meeting the Commissioners had with representatives with BIG Fremont. Discussed was the matter of water pricing for the city's residents. He presented some tables showing the large users and the

breakdown of the commercial users. Discussion was also had about the new sewage treatment plant and the possibility of looking to the township residents that are served by the city's sewage treatment plant. His intent was to just to provide information for the Commissioners about the local rates.

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Kirk Mizerek, Amy Hoffman, Josh Felix, from Palmer Energy, a consulting group that has assisted in the county in the past with natural gas and electric broker matters, met with the Commissioners. He presented a catalog of the various programs that are core to the CCAO aggregation programs. He noted that the gas agreement program runs out in 2014. He spoke to the matter of the electric supply agreement for the county buildings. This new program will be very similar to the gas program. Electric aggregation in the villages in the county is being proposed and the Commissioners offered their collective approval to have Palmer contact the villages that have not yet been offered the aggregation program. Documents for approval on the programs which the county now participates will be forthcoming.

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Theresa Garcia, HR Director, and the County Administrator needed to discuss a serious personnel matter. Commissioner Damschroder moved to enter Executive Session at 8:53a. Second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Thatcher. Ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative. At 9:25a Commissioner Damschroder moved to exit Executive Session with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Thatcher. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Damschroder had to leave session at 9:30a to attend a groundbreaking ceremony in Gibsonburg.

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John Willey, Regional Planning Director, Assistant Prosecutor Norm Solze, and Brian Edwards and Scott Kieffer, from the GIS/Tax Map office, came to session to discuss the recent filing of the Hatch Annexation. Mr. Willey continues to have reservations about the process. Much discussion ensued as to the oversight process in these filings. The final decision is that the instant matter is okay and will proceed. All in attendance will look closely at future filings to be sure no subdivisions area occurring that would place townships, villages or cities in a position where their input for/against annexations would be limited. The meeting was about procedural issues and avoiding some pitfalls that can sometimes be hidden if eyes are not watching the filings.

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Mr. Willey then met singly with the Commissioners and discussed some general matters that are ongoing in his office. He noted that the comprehensive plan and its content for which he was responsible, is completed. He is working w/ EDC on the JEDD that includes Washington Township and portions of Ottawa County. He noted that floodplain permits have been issued for the FES high tension lines that are being refurbished. Discussion was had over the possible charging for these types of permits. Some discussion was had on the possibility of doing some

LMI work to produce some tables that would remain available to other governmental entities to use. Comments were offered that this information can become stale quickly and that he should think more about the effort before pursuing it. He has revamped some internal forms to show more detail. Finally, he noted that there is some tension between the Regional Planning office and the Sandusky Township Trustees. He will try to smooth the waters but it may not work to keep them from pulling away from the Regional Planning group.

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At 10:30a Attorney Bill Pearce entered session to handle, on behalf of the petitioner, the annexation hearing on Independent Venture Investment, Ltd. This is Annexation 2013-04. Commissioner Polter opened the hearing. Attorney Pearce offered comments on the merits of the petition. There was no one present to be heard otherwise. Commissioners asked a few pertinent questions but nothing that would give rise for concern. After this short discussion Commissioner Thatcher moved to allow for the annexation with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Polter. They both voted aye in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Additional notes can be found in the annexation file.

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At 10:46a Commissioner Damschroder returned from the groundbreaking ceremony.

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Public forum portion of session proceeded.

Citizen attendees: none

Media attendees: none

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RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED ON THIS DATE

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2013 – 211

Authorizing submittal of Sandusky County's CDBG formula application for fiscal year 2013 to the Ohio Development Service Agency (ODSA)

M - Thatcher S - Polter Vote – all, yes

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At 11:25a and business being concluded for this date, Commissioner Polter moved for adjournment with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Thatcher. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Attest: _____
Clerk to the Board

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.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio