

Sandusky County Commissioners – 6225 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420

MEETING 2019

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date:5/28/19

Time: 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Present: Commissioners: Scott Miller, President; Russ Zimmerman, V-President; Kay E Reiter

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others Present: Ron Hiser, Beth Hannam, Jeannie Gore, Pat McColley (see sign in sheet for others)

(\*action items)

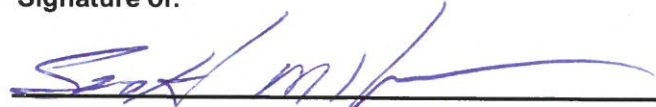
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)		Scott Miller, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 5/23/19 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller, Russ Zimmerman, Kay E Reiter		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Kay E Reiter Yes - 3
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	All Commissioners attended the VFW Memorial day event on the courthouse steps on Monday. Many comments on how nice the park and the courthouse looked during the event. It was a good ceremony and Commissioner Miller walked in the parade and Commissioner Zimmerman drove in the parade after the ceremony.			
Commissioners and Administrators Discussion	Commissioners met with their Department Heads prior to session. The Department Heads shared what was happening in their offices. Commissioners updated the group on the courthouse ramp project, reminded all about budgets and updated everyone on the building projects that will begin this year.			
	Commissioners had discussed the Airport Apron repair loan request. The original request was to ask the Commissioners to advance the money for the repairs and repay the advance in two installments. One in 2019			

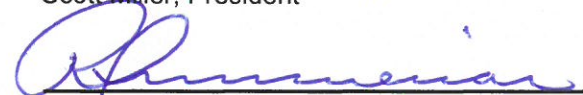
	and on in 2020. They have asked if they could repay the advance in one payment in 2020. Administrator Garcia didn't see why that wasn't possible. A MOU will have to be put together and approved by the prosecutor. We will need information from the Airport to put this together.			
<b>* Then /Now Documents</b>	<p>One certificate was presented by EMA/911. They needed a fuse for the 911 upgrade and made the purchase and did not make director aware until the receipt was turned in. One invoice makes up this certificate. Atul Chopra - \$9.63</p> <p>One certificate was presented County Court #1. Clerk was not aware of the use of this vendor until after the bill was received. One invoice makes up this certificate. Court Diagnostic Treatment Center - \$632.00</p>		\$9.63  \$632.00	*Motion: Move to approve certificates. Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Kay E Reiter Yes - 3
<b>* Personnel</b>	None at this time			
<b>* Travel Requests</b>	None at this time			
<b>Facility Management (8:30am)</b>	<b>Ron Hiser – Facility Management.</b> Ron was in for his bi-weekly meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment A for agenda items. Ron and Administrator Garcia talked about the Habitec alarms that went off at the courthouse over the weekend. Administrator is going to get with the Habitec technician to see what the issues were. Pre-construction meeting is this week for the ramp project. Commissioners would like to talk to Jody Hatfield, Courthouse Security, to talk about the plans for ADA entrance at the back of the building. There needs to be some communication with the date of the construction and where to go with the date of the start, the week prior and the day before with emails and with fliers.	Ron Hiser – Director		
<b>Auditor (9:30am)</b>	<b>Jerri Miller – Auditor.</b> ** Jerri was unable to attend her meeting. Commissioners did review the sales tax report and budget performance reports that were forwarded for the meeting. Sales tax was down slightly and budgets were in line other than a few wage and benefit lines that will be addressed.			

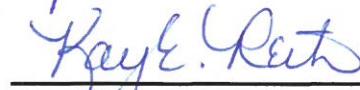
<p><b>* Resolutions (10:00am)</b></p>	<p>2019 - 164  APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR BOARD OF DD FROM CONTRACT SERVICES TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR BUILDING PROJECT (\$15,000.00)</p>		<p>\$15,000.00</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to approve  Moved by: Russ Zimmerman  2nd: Scott Miller  Yes - 3</p>
<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p>	<p>Citizens Attendees – see sign in sheet  Media Attendees – none  Elected Officials – none</p>			
<p><b>EDC/AEP (10:30am)</b></p>	<p>Beth Hannam requested to meet with the Commissioners along with AEP to discuss a tax abatement request. Beth is here to formally approve the enterprise zone agreement between AEP and the City of Clyde. The City of Clyde has approved the abatement in April and the Clyde – Green Springs Schools and Vanguard have also submitted approval. Commissioners asked a couple of questions on the project.</p> <p>Motion was made by Commissioner Reiter to add a resolution to the agenda approving the abatement request.</p>			<p>*Motion: Move to add an additional resolution  Moved by: Kay E Reiter  2nd: Russ Zimmerman  Yes - 3</p>
	<p>2019 - 165  APPROVING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLYDE AND AEP ONSITE PARTNERS, LLC, 303 MARCONI BLVD., COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215</p>			<p>*Motion: Move to approve  Moved by: Kay E Reiter  2nd: Russ Zimmerman  Yes - 3</p>
<p><b>Citizen meeting (11:00am)</b></p>	<p>Jeannie Gore requested to meet with the Commissioners to discuss her concerns regarding wind turbine projects. She is a York Township resident. She had dropped off books earlier in the year about wind turbines. She presented documents to the Commissioners about concerns with side-effects of wind farms. She reviewed the data and facts she had gathered. She feels the AEZ agreement passed several years ago by the Commissioner is giving the wind farms abatement from taxes and she feels they should at least be paying their share of taxes. She has concerns in the Bellevue area on how it can affect the Karst levels. Commissioner Reiter stated when the AEZ was put in place she was not sure if this was dealing only with wind farms or wind and solar farms and how it would negatively impact these alternate energy zones if we were to rescind the resolution. There is a concern on what happens when the life expectancy of wind turbines is over and what happens with these turbines. Ms. Gore stated her understanding was if it was rescinded you</p>			

	would look at each project individually. The Commissioners would need to get legal advice on what would happen. Ms. Gore would like to see an evening meeting scheduled, possibly at a different location, to have a deeper discussion with other residents. The Commissioners asked Administrator Garcia to look at an evening meeting in June to have this discussion. (See attachment B for fact sheet presented)			
<b>ODOT (11:30am)</b>	Patrick McColley from ODOT came in with regional staff (see sign in sheet) to review ODOT's 2019-2020 road and bridge plans. A power point presentation was presented for review and discussion. Road paving, culvert repair and safety projects were on their list. Two projects discussed were the upgrades to the east and west end bypasses.			
<b>* Adjournment (12:20pm)</b>	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			<b>* Motion: Move to Approve Moved by: Kay E Reiter 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes - 3</b>

Signature of:

  
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 Scott Miller, President

  
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 Russ Zimmerman, Vice President

  
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 Kay E Reiter

**Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio**

Attest:   
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 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.

# Sandusky County Commissioners Agenda



Topics of Discussion for the meeting Dated May 28th, 2019

\* Denotes action needed

1. We have awarded the Building Automation System (BAS) at the service center to CSO and have secured the contract. They started field measuring with their sheet metal contractor Tuesday 5-21-2019.
2. The office renovation at the Sheriff's office location is finished and carpet has been installed.
3. Window installation at the Commissioners Bld. is complete and Theresa and I met with Vendor on window treatment. Tentatively present ideas this Friday
4. We have continued to meet with Poggemeyer Design Group to develop scope of work. We met with the building group on Tuesday and the MEP group on Wednesday.
5. The new courthouse ADA ramp construction project was awarded to KDH Construction; we have a Pre-construction meeting set for May 29 with Architect, Contractor, and CDBG provider.
6. We have received competitive quotes for cleaning services for our multiple county buildings and are have selected Cummins Facility Services (Findley Oh.) The contract is signed and they will start June 1st.
7. Working on removing the sky-lights at the EMS/Sanitary Engineers location.(add panels on to another job to reduce shipping costs )
8. Installed new AC unit in the Server room at the communications center.
9. We are working on installing the HVAC unit in the new CCW offices.(this week)
10. One of the clothes dryers at the jail is in need of replacement (getting quotes).
11. We met with Capitol Aluminum on Phase 2 of the window replacement 5-24-2019.
12. Inventory Control Project, (working on racking and cabinets layout).

## Attachment B

Sandusky County Commissioners, I would like to thank you for allowing me to speak to you today. I am Jeannie Gore, a concerned York Township/Sandusky Co. resident.

I would like to address the AEZ (alternative energy zone) that Sandusky Co. presently has in place.

Republic Wind Project case # 17-2295-EL-BGN is current and going thru the steps of development now. Another project involved is the Buck Springs Wind LLC, State of Ohio certificate no. 4154727. It is also proposing to be a Sandusky Co. project.

Being part of this zone means these wind turbine companies are basically given a blank check in regards to tax abatements. As a Sandusky Co resident, I feel that giving away these tax dollars is wrong. Every resident will feel the effects of the industrial turbines if these projects are allowed to proceed as planned.

If you let the AEZ stand, YOU are giving them all of your bargaining chips. You will be unable to negotiate their tax rates, thus the funds for highways, community projects, police and fire, ems funds - all projects that benefit the WHOLE community and not just a hand full of lease holders – will be negatively affected.

If you look at the numbers of dollars that are generated EACH year in the Sandusky Co. Profile pages you will see that the amount that Apex is proposing to pay one time is FAR LESS that what they would pay on a yearly basis. I am including a printout of some of those numbers.

I know that at least one of you attended the Shining Star presentation by the Sandusky Co. Convention and Visitors Bureau. The amount of tourism dollars brought into this county is outstanding, and growing due to the promotional efforts of the current staff. Do you think people will continue to flock to the area if our rural landscape takes on the look of an industrial wind farm? NO, THEY WILL NOT! Speaking of flocking, look at the funds fed into the area in just one week in May during bird migration. Sandusky Co. tourism growth was 14.2% last year, Sandusky Co. being in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of Ohio's 88 counties. The state growth rate is 3.5% average growth. That tells me Sandusky Co. has a lot to offer.

2020 will be the Sandusky County's Bicentennial. The plans that are in the works for the upcoming year are outstanding. Studies show that tourism supports 1 in every 13 jobs, so during this big event next year, just think of the dollars that will come into the communities within Sandusky Co. In 2017 total tourism sales was \$167.5 million dollars. With the AEZ you will be turning away those kinds of dollars.

The above items are just a small piece of the downside to the AEZ /wind project, here are some other reasons that the AEZ needs to be rescinded:

1. effects on quality of life
2. water contamination
3. effects on wildlife
4. flicker effects

5. sound
6. infrasound
7. changes in water runoff and flooding
8. skyline
9. effects on the county and township roads
10. life flight
11. weather radar interference
12. interference with others' use of property in the footprint
13. decrease in property values

Erie and Huron County Commissioners voted not to grant such projects a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes). AEZ automatically gives the wind farms a PILOT. So, Sandusky Co. has basically rolled out the red carpet for them to come into OUR rural countryside, farm land and skyline, and ruin it.

If they are permitted to proceed, and down the road they repower the turbines (make them more powerful and efficient), you will be unable to renegotiate the tax dollars, thus making more money for the big corporate folks that pay minimal amounts into Sandusky County's tax base.
















Let's learn from others that have or are dealing with these wind farms and are regretting it, taking on a battle they cannot afford.

I ask that you would hold an open public meeting in the evening for Sandusky Co. residents to attend so that they can voice their concerns and opinions.

**LET'S DON'T JUMP FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE!**

# Public Session Sign in Sheet

**5/28/2019**

Name	Signature	Contact Information
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Kym Roesner		ODOT
Pat McGetter		ODOT