

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

MEETING 2019

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 8/8/19

Time: 8:00AM – 1:00PM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others Present: Bill Windnagel, Melanie Allen, Jody Hatfield, Chief Hastings, Tim Braun

(*action items)

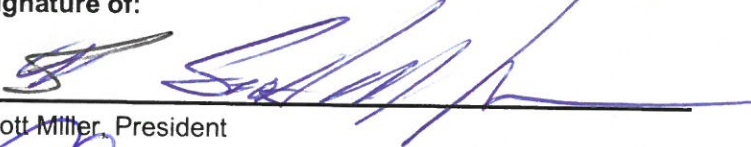
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)	*** Commissioner Reiter was not in session for the day for personal matters. Commissioner Miller was not in session in the morning to attend Clydescope	Russ Zimmerman, Vice - President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 8/6/19 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Scott Miller, Russ Zimmerman		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Reiter absent)
Commissioners and Administrators Discussion	Judge Fiser called Commissioner Miller to talk about some issues with the funding for county courts. There seems to be some confusion on their funding. It did not appear some of the appropriations completed for 2019 were correct. Judge Fiser was contacting the Auditor regarding the matter. Commissioner Miller noted the Commissioners are responsible for approval of general fund money and any additional funding would need to be approved by the Commissioners.	Scott Miller		
	Senator Burke was in town last night and Commissioner Miller talked to him about the State budget. The indigent defense dollars in the budget are further ahead than the JFS money in the budget. This indigent defense funding can be used for other indigent issues in a county not just defense.	Scott Miller		

	Cindy Welty talked to Commissioner Miller last night about DD "pull through" and what the Commissioners stand is on this subject. Commissioner Miller was not sure what she was referring to but feels it has to do with the hearing on the DD funding coming up on Monday. He plans to call Ms. Welty tonight to clarify.	Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Miller has been working with Jake Allison from the Veterans Office and Carlos Baez from the Engineers on the Veterans Memorial Highway dedication. Commissioner Miller designed the plaque and sent it to Jake for approval. Commissioner Miller is now ordering the plaque and organizing the placement with the Engineer.	Scott Miller		
* Then /Now Documents	None			
* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
Community Work Program (8:00am)	Bill Windnagel – CWP. Bill came in for his monthly meeting with the Commissioners. Bill had to put money in the van for brakes. He has a really good crew right now. There are a couple inmates leaving soon. Mowing was finished and held off for a while but now that we have had some rain they will probably have to mow Monday. He has had some guys with mechanical skills that have been able to work on the equipment. They painted the grates downtown Fremont last week. They will help with the OSU farm to pick vegetables this week and start mowing again. Bill submitted reports on work orders for the last month for review.	Bill Windnagel – CWP Coordinator		
	*** Commissioner Miller arrived at 9:20 following his attendance as a board member of Clydescope.			
DJFS (9:25am)	Melanie Allen – DJFS. Melanie was in for her monthly meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment A for agenda items. Current placement costs are still lower than last year. The efforts to keep these costs down have been successful. The 30 days to family will continue this trend. Melanie reviewed the placement listing with the costs year to date. Collaboration with Board of DD has dropped their costs. First case for the 30 Days to Family has started and they had two possible placements within the first 7 days. There are still more	Melanie Allen - Director		

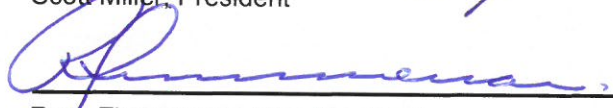
	calls to be made. They need to try to reach 80 family members. This will help to form a family support system to help each other with a placement. Nate Koenig's contract will be terminating soon. She has talked with Nate and with Mircea Handru, Mental Health Board, to talk about what they may be doing with this position. They are discussing a regional position. This could benefit the State by putting everyone on the same page. Melanie talked about an issue she had with the Auditors Office regarding a payment to Nate and what the resolve was. New supervisors will be taking their positions in the next month. She has another retirement coming up in February and she will be combining a couple of positions together to replace this position. Continuing to work on morale and everything is going well. All divisions will be at the fair this year instead of just Children's Services.			
	Jody Hatfield, Courthouse Security, and Chief Hastings, Sheriff's Office came in to briefly review the new security system for the Courthouse. Jody visited Erie County Courthouse to look at their set up. He would like the new equipment to be installed in the same manner. He provided photos to review. The Commissioners liked the plan and Jody will get with Ron to get the changes done.			
* Resolutions (10:00am)	2019 - 255 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DOG WARDEN TO INTERDEPARTMENT CHARGES FOR COST ALLOCATION INVOICE (\$1,000.00)		\$1,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: 2nd: Yes - 3
	2019 - 256 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR JUVENILE COURT FROM SUPPLIES TO INTERDEPARTMENT CHARGES (\$8,500.00) AND CONTRACT SERVICES (\$7,000.00)		\$8,500.00 \$7,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: 2nd: Yes - 3
Prosecutor (10:30am)	Tim Braun – Prosecutor. Tim came in for his monthly meeting with the Commissioners. The office has been very busy. They have had three jury trials this month. They have two more cases that could be life sentencing cases. They are hoping to resolve the cases prior to going to trial. There is a hearing with the Budget Commission next Monday with Board of DD. The new law regarding reserve funds will have a big impact on the hearing. He would like to establish a base line for carryover at this meeting. Tim also wanted to talk about the Health Department levy issue. Tim feels there needs	Tim Braun - Prosecutor		

	to be a meeting with the Townships and the Health Department regarding what happens if the levy fails. Everyone needs to work together to campaign for the need of the levy to avoid any issues of funding. Someone needs to step up to get the campaign moving and get some cooperative effort. This is a health and safety issue for the entire County. Administrator Garcia was asked to set up a meeting with elected officials throughout the County on working on the campaign.			
EDC (11:00am)	Beth Hannam – EDC. Beth came in at the request of the Commissioners to discuss some issues pertaining to EDC. The Commissioners discussed the AEZ resolution being rescinded and how that will affect what she does with new business. Rodriguez Street issue has had some changes and Beth will help if possible. The Building Code Department offices plan was reviewed. Beth didn't have any objections to the latest plan. She did ask if they would consider new carpet and paint when this happens. There will also be an opportunity to upgrade some data work and electrical.	Beth Hannam – Executive Director		
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – Tim Braun, Prosecutor			
* Adjournment (1:00pm)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Reiter absent)

Signature of:



 Scott Miller, President



 Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



 Kay E Reiter

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

Attest: Theresa Ganes
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

Attachment A

Commissioners' August Agenda

8/8/19

- I. **Placement Costs – handout, numbers look great.**
 - a. Current custody count: 26
 - i. Safe reductions.
 - ii. Contract with Nate.
 - iii. Budget/funding issues.
 - iv. Adoptions
 - v. Terminations
 - b. 30 days to family- Ohio. 1st case initiated.
 - c. Continuing to license new homes, some families are struggling to handle children's behaviors.
- II. **Building issues**
 - a. Security –Pricing out cameras.
 - b. Heating/ cooling- overall going well. Other building updates on agenda.
 - c. Talked with Ron about office space/ building walls.
- III. **Staffing**
 - a. New Admins taking over some duties.
 - b. Judi Simon retiring from agency, but also from the Children's Trust fund board.
 - c. Asst Director position/ Program Manager- in 2020, another upcoming retirement.
- IV. **Misc.**
 - a. Morale/ Image issues. Aug is child support awareness month.
 - b. Child Abuse prevention softball tourney weekend went very well.
 - c. Executime

By the numbers:

April 2018	June 2018	Dec 2018	April 2019	June 2019	Current 8/8/19
48	50	39	32	31	26

Placement cost totals:

County:

2013	\$ 662,960.59	\$ 406,588.32
2014	\$1,056,753.65	\$ 680,119.74
2015	\$1,497,319.39	\$ 952,477.66
2016	\$1,472,094.25	\$ 968,976.14
2017	\$1,682,309.06	\$1,214,142.60
2018	\$1,774,624.35	\$1,182,524.26
2019 YTD July 2019	\$ 627,324.47	\$ 511,154.74
Projected	\$1,100,000.	\$ 880,000

Adoptions:

		Ave # days in care
2014	2	1797 (4.9 yrs)
2015	10	1204 (3.3 yrs)
2016	9	1058 (2.9 years)
2017	4	2032 (5.6 years)
2018	10	1566 (4.3 yrs)
2019	8 so far	1242 (3.4 yrs)
	Potentially 4 additional	
2019 Projected	12	

