

SANDUSKY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – 622 CROGHAN STREET, FREMONT, OH 43420

MEETING 2019

Meeting: Board of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 10/29/19

Time: 6:00PM – 7:55PM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia, County Administrator

Others Present: Jeff Jackson, Sarah Zimmerman, Michelle Mong, Bethany Brown, (see sign in sheet for citizen participation)

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DOLLAR AMOUNT	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (6:00pm)	*** Commissioner Zimmerman was not in session due to other obligations	Scott Miller, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, Incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 10/24/19 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 certificates Moved by: Kay E Reiter 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 2 (Zimmerman abstain)
Review of External Board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioners Miller and Zimmerman attended a SWOT meeting at Promedica on Monday. They were given a report on how Promedica has positioned themselves in the community. Some of the comments made by Pam Jensen, President of Fremont Promedica Hospital, was the amount of hours and the PT services that were removed from Promedica. They provide the services, they do not hire out for those services. They hired approximately two thirds of the outside staff to work at the Promedica center. They had been contracting with a linen service and the Fremont contract was turned over to Reno Services and the work has been kept in the County. They discussed different conditions that are automatic transfers to other facilities as they do not have the ability to treat those conditions. ER doctors will assure individuals are transferred to the proper facility. The living wage at Promedica is above normal. Hospital costs are their highest expense and they are working on that. They lose approximately	Scott Miller Russ Zimmerman		

	<p>79% of their billing for services due to non-payment. They do have a wellness program in the hospital. She said wellness is 20% about life choices. Promedica is too big and they want to make sure people don't get lost when they are transferred. They need to make sure these individuals can't be helped in Fremont before sending them to another facility. The hospital also talked about the remodeling that is still coming along. The Cancer Center is going to be expanded too. We have the lowest birth rate in history and those being born now won't live as long as we are now. One other challenge is that the population is growing and they are having issues finding employees.</p>			
	<p>Commissioner Reiter had a bi-centennial meeting on Friday. They are working on the bi-centennial ball. They anticipate over 250 people to attend the ball. It should be really nice. They will be selling a commemorative knife made by the Christy Company. They are getting many calls and people are calling in to reserve their knife. They are only making 200 and the first and last knife will be auctioned.</p>	Kay E Reiter		
	<p>Commissioner Miller attended the downtown Fremont New Year's Eve organization meeting. A 2020 event will be part of the New Year's Eve celebration.</p>	Scott Miller		
	<p>Commissioner Miller sat in on the Village of Woodville council meeting yesterday. He congratulated Mayor Harmon on his years of service and his upcoming retirement.</p>	Scott Miller		
Commissioners and Administrators Discussion	<p>EDC lease update. September CPI was at 1.7. County Commissioner Reiter made a motion to increase by the 1.7. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion.</p>			<p>*Motion: Move to approve rental increase Moved by: Kay E Reiter 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3</p>
	<p>Carlos Baez, County Engineer, forwarded the agenda for the Elected Officials meeting. The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 7:45am. The main item will be to discuss the schedules and office hours for the up-coming holidays. Commissioner Zimmerman would like to start the conversation regarding the central purchasing.</p>	Theresa Garcia		

	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman wanted to discuss the email from Steve Shiets, Sanitary Engineer, regarding the Conservancy and the Wightmans Grove project. Commissioner Miller talked to Judge Dewey, Common Pleas court Judge, and asked if he could provide documents on the Conservancy and when they were last sworn in. The flood wall is in question. The Army Corp of Engineer has passed on the responsibility of the wall to the Conservancy. Commissioner Zimmerman is concerned about the Conservancy maintaining the retaining wall. If this isn't done some of this responsibility could fall on the Commissioners. Commissioner Reiter asked to have a meeting set up with the Conservancy and the Sanitary Engineer to make sure we are all working together. They would like to have the information from Judge Dewey prior to setting up this meeting. Sheriff Hilton was in session and he stated they have been on many calls to Wightmans Grove complaining about the validity of the Conservancy. Sheriff was willing to share some of those complaints with the Commissioners.</p>	<p>Scott Miller Russ Zimmerman Kay E Reiter</p>		
<p>*Then and Now Documents</p>	<p>One certificate was presented by FCFC. Finance Clerk was not made aware of this bill until after the invoice was issued to the department head. One invoice makes up this certificate. Ohio Auditor of the State - \$2,829.00</p> <p>One certificate was presented by the Sheriff's Office. Deputy paid for veterinary services unnecessarily. It was discovered when the statement was received marked paid. Once invoice makes up this certificate. Allen Dorsey - \$318.88</p>	<p>FCFC</p> <p>Sheriff</p>	<p>\$2,829.00</p> <p>\$318.88</p>	<p>*Motion: Move to approve certificates Moved by: Kay E Reiter 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes - 3</p>
<p>EMS (6:37am)</p>	<p>Jeff Jackson - EMS. Jeff met with the Commissioners for his regular meeting. Jeff and Angela do have most of their computer services up and running. The trucks have all been up and running. They have been preparing the squads for winter so they have shovels, ice melt and other winter gear loaded on the squads. They have been working on the radio equipment. They currently have one radio that has three heads to change frequency. The problem was it was not allowing them to communicate out of the one radio. They did get the programming updated to allow them to make the</p>	<p>Jeff Jackson - EMS Chief</p>		

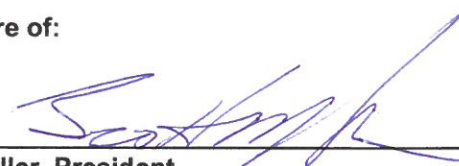
	<p>adjustments to allow them to use one radio to access all three frequencies. This system will also help the Sheriff's office. They are getting ready to put the old squad on Govdeals. It has been cleaned and stripped and ready for sale. He also has the GPS technology is being placed on the squads which will allow dispatch to see on the CAD mapping where the squads are to assist in better dispatching the closest squad. Med Pat training was completed for the year and everyone passed. They did make some changes in the program. Because most of the cots have automatic equipment and newer EMT's and Paramedics are not use to manually handling cots and lifts. The industry is changing to all automatic and they don't manually lift stretchers as in the past. Last week they completed some tactical training. The training was building them up to get a tactical rescue team together for the County. The purpose of the training is to put law enforcement in front of and behind the EMS to assure the safety of the medical personnel. They now have to start looking at the tactical geared needed. There was a compliment to Sandusky County for law enforcement to come in and help with the training and working with them. Captain McGinnis was asked to go to Detroit, Michigan to present a training on heads up CPR and their success rate. Chief Jackson presented his quarterly reports for review.</p>			
<p>Board of DD</p>	<p>Sarah Zimmerman and Michelle Mong – Board of DD. Sarah came in for her quarterly meeting with the Commissioners. Michelle Mong, Fiscal Clerk, was with Sarah. Sarah See attachment A for agenda items. They are working on job descriptions to assist in whether or not they replace positions due to five retirements. They have a couple of outstanding job postings they are having some difficulty filling. Sarah discussed the waiver rate changes for 2020. Service updates were reviewed. Family Support services has increased and she is budgeting for that increase. The Bush Street was awarded 100% reimbursement for the renovation of the home. They have served 176 individuals with the employment services program. September was National Direct Support Professional (DSP) month. They had four billboards out in the county to recognize the DSP's in the County.</p>	<p>Sarah Zimmerman – Superintendent Michelle Mong – Fiscal Clerk</p>		

	<p>October is National Disability Employment Awareness month. They are spot lighting some of the employers in the County that participate. There are 63 employers in the County that participate in the County. The number of employers has increased in the last five years. Sarah shared their first newsletter. Sarah left a sign in sheet for anyone who would be interested in receiving electronic copies.</p>			
<p>Health Department</p>	<p>Bethany Brown – Health Department. Bethany came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. Bethany wanted to update everyone on the Health Department Levy. They have one week left before election day. They are trying to get as much information out to the community as possible. The levy is a renewal so there will not be any additional funding coming to the Health Department. Many of the services provided by the health department that are not covered completely by the levy funding. Most of these are covered by fees received by the Health Department. The nursing division that provided immunizations is only partially funded by the State. They have had to purchase the rest. They were unable to provide some of the vaccines and they were fortunate to receive support from Promedica for these vaccines. This is one program that will have to be cut if they lose their funding. They have many programs going on right now on prevention. They did just received a federal grant to assist on the opioid epidemic and they will be working with the mental health board on with this grant. Governor DeWine seems to be more engaged in the Health Department issues and supporting their issues. There was discussion with the citizens attending on how to help and how to support the Health Department. The levy only supports 20% if the Health Department budget. Any additional funding needed from the City's, Villages and Townships will be looked at after the election next week. She is hopeful this will be a small amount.</p>	<p>Bethany Brown – Health Commissioner</p>		
	<p>Commissioner Reiter reminded all of the upcoming retirement party at DJFS and the meeting on Friday with Representative Reineke regarding the Capital Funding. The Commissioners were requesting funding to help replace outdoor emergency sirens in the County.</p>	<p>Kay E Reiter</p>		

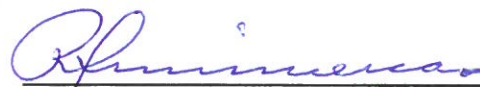
*Resolutions	2019 -33 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO SICK LEAVE FUND FOR SICK LEAVE CONVERSION PAY OUT (\$9,130.00)	Sick Conversion	\$9,130.00	*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 – 331 APPROVING TRAVEL FOR EMS PARAMEDICS AMANDA MCGINNIS AND ANDREW JOHNSON FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN ON NOVEMBER 7, 2019 TO PRESENT CPR SUCCESS TRAINING	EMS		*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 - 332 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR SHERIFF MPA FUND FROM WAGES (\$3,300.00), BENEFITS (\$1,560.00) AND SUPPLIES (\$120.00) TO CONTRACT SERVICES	Sheriff	\$3,000.00 \$1,560.00 \$120.00	*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 -333 APPROVING ADVANCE REPAYMENT FROM SHERIFF STEP FUND (\$2,100.00) AND IDEP FUND (\$4,900.00) FROM RESOLUTION 20018-321	Sheriff	\$2,100.00 \$4,900.00	*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 - 334 APPROVING ADVANCE TO SHERIFF STEP (\$1,500.00) FUND AND IDEP FUND (\$5,500.00) FOR 2020	Sheriff	\$1,500.00 \$5,500.00	*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 - 335 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR SHERIFF SRO FUND FOR WAGES (\$30,500.00) AND BENEFITS (\$5,650.00)	Sheriff	\$30,500.00 \$5,650.00	*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 - 336 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR JUVENILE COURT FROM FEES (\$4,000.00) TO CONTRACT SERVICES	Juvenile	\$4,000.00	*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2019 – 337 AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FUND WITHIN THE BUDGETARY SYSTEM OF SANDUSKY COUNTY ENTITLED; BUILDING CODE OFFICE, ASSIGNED FUND #20360	Sandusky County Building Code		*Motion: Move to approve resolution Moved by Kay E Reiter: 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3

Citizen Comments	<p>Mayor Harmon thanked Sheriff Hilton for participating in coffee with a cop and ice cream with a cop in their community. He also addressed Chief Jackson about his years of service with the community and what has changed in his 22 years.</p> <p>Woodville Township trustee thanked the Commissioners for coming out to the township with their meeting and was happy with the EMS service change and are happy to work together to make this work. The hopes is to keep this relationship moving. He also asked about Nexus equipment they are seeing in the area and wondering if this is repair work that was agreed upon on the RUMA. They didn't feel it was road work equipment it seemed to be like pipeline equipment. The Commissioners were going to reach out to Carlos Baez, county Engineer, to see if he had information. Kelly O'Connor wanted to thank the Commissioners for attending he sons Eagle Scout Ceremony last Sunday.</p> <p>Sheriff Hilton wanted to share with the group they now have a fully staffed special response team. It is a 22 man team from different entities. He is also inviting the park district to have someone sit on the team. He also talked about the female that wondered off a few weeks ago and how impressed he was with the community response and assistance in saving this individual. Because of the success of the search she is now a member of the Project Life Saver and is monitored. It makes him proud to be the Sheriff. The Village should be proud of the Police Chief and what he did to put the search together.</p> <p>Bill Andrews thanked Sheriff Hilton for having staff in Woodville on accidents when needed.</p>	Mayor Rich Harman, Village of Woodville		
Public Open Session	<p>Citizen Attendees – see sign in sheet Media Attendees - none Elected Officials – Sheriff Hilton</p>			
*Adjournment (7:55pm)	<p>With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.</p>			<p>Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Kay E Reiter 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3</p>

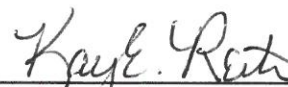
Signature of:



Scott Miller, President



Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



Kay E Reiter

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 the Journal.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

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