

Sandusky County Commissioners – 622 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420

MEETING 2021

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 1/28/2021

Time: 8:00AM – 10:40AM

Present: Commissioners: Russ Zimmerman President; Scott Miller V-President; Charles Schwochow

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others present by teleconference: Monty Montgomery, Steve Shiets

Others Present: Jeff Jackson, Sheriff Hilton

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)		Russ Zimmerman, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 1/26/2021 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioner Zimmerman was unable to attend the contractor meeting on Tuesday. He talked to Ron Hiser, Facility Management Director, this morning on building updates. They did work on the boiler issue. It is the pressure that is the problem. They will have to most likely replace the system fill valve. The Fifth Street buildings are almost through the punch lists and working on the exterior. Commissioner Zimmerman wants to make sure we get a sign on the front of the Facility Management building to show where the Building Code Office is. Administrator Garcia will work with Ron on the signing.	Russ Zimmerman		
	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Visitors Bureau meeting at the Hayes Center. Charles Schwochow resigned his position on the board. He was vice chair. They voted to place Tim Brown as vice chair. They approved the 2021 budget. They had to make quite a	Russ Zimmerman		

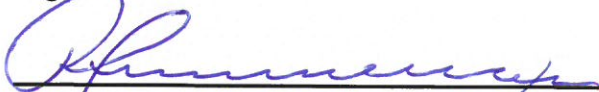
	<p>few cuts for 2021. They still have a \$4,500.00 shortfall. They do not have the revenue from bus trips coming in and that makes a difference. They are hoping to get some Cares Act funding. They had 22 trips canceled last year. They only have 15 tentatively scheduled for this year. Dave Thornberry had volunteered to take some time off, unpaid, to help with the budget. They talked about the basketball tournament they had scheduled and canceled last year. They would like to reschedule but probably not until 2022. They do have a link on Destination Toledo for the Sandusky County Visitors Bureau for those who go to that site for tourism information.</p>			
	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman attended the LEPC meeting by teleconference. There wasn't much on the agenda. They talked about the inflatable light mechanism used at the Keegan Farm fire in Clyde. Lisa Kuelling, 911 Director, asked if the group was interested in purchasing those lights for LEPC for the group to use. It sounded like everyone agreed this was a good purchase.</p>	Russ Zimmerman		
	<p>Commissioner Schwochow attended the TRIPS meeting by teleconference. It was a short meeting. They presented the financial report. They are running within budget. The shuttle passenger count is down. They had election of officers and Melanie Allen, DJFS Director, was voted chair and Beth Hannam, EDC Executive Director, as vice chair.</p>	Charles Schwochow		
	<p>Commissioner Miller attended the 911 Committee meeting for Commissioner Zimmerman. They are still working with Central Square and there is no live date scheduled to have that up and running. Lisa is getting quotes for the citizen alert system as she does every year. The Safe Harbor areas at outlying police stations are all almost up and running. Chief Foes, Fremont Fire Chief, is out of office until his official retirement date.</p>	Scott Miller		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	<p>CCAO Standing Committee applications were discussed. Administrator Garcia will submit the applications to CCAO for the Commissioners.</p>	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	<p>There was a recommendation presented by Board of DD to reappoint Cheryl Durnwald for a third term on their Board. The Commissioners agreed and will officially re-appoint her by resolution next week.</p>			

	<p>Commissioner Schwochow was approached with a resolution for the Commissioners to consider regarding the Second amendment and agreeing to be a sanctuary county. By oath the elected officials are bound to uphold the second amendment. Sheriff Hilton was present during the discussion and gave his opinion. The Commissioners would like an opinion from the Prosecutor on this matter prior to making any decisions. Administrator Garcia will forward the document to the Prosecutor for review and comments.</p>	Charles Schwochow		
	<p>Administrator Garcia updated the Commissioners on the purchase of a camera for the mailroom. At the last elected officials meeting there was still some concern regarding the security of the mailroom. A camera will be installed and security will be able to view the camera and it will be recorded.</p>	Theresa Garcia		
*Then and Now	None			
* Personnel	<p>Apiary update notification to the State was signed by the Commissioners</p>			
* Travel Requests	None			
Mark "Monty" Montgomery	<p>Mark "Monty" Montgomery from Wightmans Grove Conservancy / Sandusky River Company asked to speak with the Commissioners. He joined by teleconference. Steve Shiets, Sanitary Engineer joined the call. Monty had a few quick remarks he wanted to make to the Commissioners. He spoke first for the Sandusky River Company. He talked about the letter he had received from Steve Shiets, Sanitary Engineer, regarding the project at Wightmans Grove. He read some concerns, from his view point as Sandusky River Company, and then from the view of the Conservancy. He asked several questions on the project and the funding for the project. Commissioner Zimmerman asked Mr. Montgomery to send a copy of his comments to Administrator Garcia for review. Mr. Montgomery stated he has had many people reach out to him about the project and he feels there are still questions that need to be answered and there are shovels on the ground and they need to be answered. The Commissioners noted they will speak with the Prosecutor to ask for an opinion on whether or not they can use public money to assist in a private project and get back with him.</p>	<p>Mark "Monty" Montgomery – Sandusky River Company / Wightmans Grove Conservancy</p>		


EMS	<u>Jeff Jackson – EMS.</u> Jeff came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment A for agenda items. He is still having issues with the Ford and it is going back for more repairs. He has had it in the shop several times and there are still issues they cannot resolve. He is losing two staff members and he is hoping to have them replaced sooner than later. Over half of his staff has been vaccinated for Covid-19. He has received his second vaccination. They finished the month of December with the highest run volume as well as transport for a one month period. Jeff is also working on an educational reimbursement program for EMT's who want to be certified as a Paramedic. Commissioner Zimmerman asked about the power load systems needed for the squads. Jeff reviewed what these systems do for the squads.	Jeff Jackson - Chief		
Auditor	<u>Jerri Miller – Auditor.</u> Jerri joined by teleconference for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. Sales tax is up by 1% from last year. 2020 budget was finalized and our revenue and carryover came in higher than budgeted. Jerri then asked the Commissioners to review the Credit Card and Procurement Card policy. Her staff is having some difficulties when they are reviewing purchases made on credit/procurement cards and if these purchases fall within policy guidelines. The Commissioners are going to review the policy and reach out to CCAO on an opinion on ORC rulings on the use of Credit / Procurement Cards and how the way Counties do business has changed.	Jerri Miller - Auditor		
* Resolutions	2021 - 53 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO VARIOUS GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS FOR 2021 EXPENDITURES	Various General Fund	\$1,500,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes - 3
	2021 - 54 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FROM DITCH ROTARY TO MICHAELS DITCH (\$55,000.00) AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO MICHAELS DITCH CONTRACT SERVICE (\$50,320.00) FOR DITCH CONSTRUCTION	Michaels Ditch	\$55,000.00 \$50,320.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes - 3

Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – Craig Shoup, News Messenger. Tom Fullen, Eagle 99 Elected Officials – Jerri Miller, Auditor. Chris Hilton, Sheriff.			
Sheriff Hilton	Chris Hilton – Sheriff. Sheriff came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. He asked if the Commissioners would be able to help with funding on the reimbursable grant they received. He does not want the fund to go in the red while waiting for reimbursement. Administrator Garcia will look into appropriations and appropriate funds to help cover beginning expenses. Sheriff also asked if the commissioners would be willing to assist in purchasing a new boat for the marine patrol. The one they have is on its last leg. They have a grant to cover the operation just not for the boat itself. Sheriff would like for an additional Corrections Officer. An additional officer would cost approximately \$63,000.00. The Commissioners will take all these under consideration. Sheriff has a meeting tomorrow in Wood county on the records management system for the Communication Center and is hoping for a tentative go live date for the records system.	Chris Hilton - Sheriff		
* Adjournment (10:40am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes - 3


Signature of:



Russ Zimmerman, President



Scott Miller, Vice President



Charles Schwochow

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

Attest: Theresa Conway
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



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Attachment A

EMS Agenda
January 28, 2021

- Ambulances

We did send the one Ford ambulance back to Ford. It was there for approximately 6 weeks for the engine light issue. We picked it up on December 29th and before I could leave the parking lot the light was on. We have since talked with Ford and will be taking it back to them on Monday the 1st of February they have assured me that they will have a dedicated mechanic assigned to the truck.

We are still in the holding pattern for new vehicle specs to be returned

- Personnel

Accepted a resignation from 1 full time Paramedic she is seeking a new career.

We are holding interviews on February the 3rd.

We continue to monitor al employees via health screening in the mornings.

We had about 66% of the employees receive the vaccine.

- General Discussion

All crews just completed Pediatric Advance Life Support training.

We have purchased a new Pediatric care bags which includes a computer application for proper drug dosages and all equipment needed for the pediatric patient. It can be used by weight base or age. The name is HandTevy. This will be a valuable tool for the critical pediatric patients

We finished the month of December with the highest run volume as well as transports for a one month period. 670 calls for service and 425 transports. I hope to have the yearend report by the February meeting.

We are working out the details to try and help reimburse or pay for paramedic school for the EMTs. We are just at the beginning of this however we have several EMTs asking about it.