

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

**MEETING 2021**

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 2/25/2021

Time: 9:30AM – 12:15PM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others present by teleconference: Jerri Miller, Craig Shoup

Others Present: Beth Tischler, Mark Apple, Sandusky County Patriots (see sign in sheet),

(\*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (9:30am)		Russ Zimmerman, President		
<b>*Review &amp; Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review &amp; External Meeting Notices</b>	The 2/23/2021 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: 2nd: Yes – 3
<b>Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners</b>	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Better Building Contractor meeting. They discussed outstanding change orders. One of the issues talked about was the switch plates and outlet plates being two different colors. They reviewed the original contract on how this happened. The contractor is going to change out the switches so they all match. There were several other change orders discussed and what responsibilities were the County and what responsibilities were the contractors. There is minimal change order dollars that the County will have to be responsible for.	Russ Zimmerman		
	Commissioners all walked through the dungeon hallway at the courthouse with the Visitors Bureau. They want to hang some historical photos in the hallway leading to the dungeon. The Commissioners are good with the idea and think it will be a nice addition to the tours. They also want to hang pictures in the cell areas in the Old Jail.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		

	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Visitors Bureau meeting. They are trying to come up with additional activities that work with Covid-19 guidelines. They are thinking of conducting some activities at the fairgrounds by the log cabin, maybe even an outdoor meal or something in the art barn. They have 17 tours scheduled this fall. Dave Thornberry and Brenda Havens, Visitors Bureau staff, were nominated for the Community Service award for the Chamber of Commerce annual awards. The Board reviewed the budget. They adjusted the budget to take in to consideration the PPE grant they are receiving. Dave Thornberry made a presentation on the current web page. There was an issue with an ad that popped up that should not have been there. The current web manager noted they could help stop that from happening. Dave felt he could do the same thing in house for much less. The Board agreed to have Dave handle this.</p>	Russ Zimmerman		
	<p>The Commissioners and the County Administrator attended the virtual EDC annual meeting. The presentation showed an uptick in employment and manufacturing despite the pandemic. The statistics were very impressive and looks good for the County.</p>	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow Theresa Garcia		
	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for PT Services Rehab. The new building was renovated and will serve the community well. They will be opening next Monday. They have many staff members that were at the Promedica rehab center that will be working at the PT Services center.</p>	Russ Zimmerman		
<b>Commissioners and Administrator Discussion</b>	<p>Commissioner Miller had asked about travel expense for Administrator Garcia ran reports and in 2020, for all county departments, travel costs were \$72,522.39, in 2019 it was \$192,207.87. General fund travel for 2019 was \$45,788.47 and for 2020 was \$14,981.24.</p>	Theresa Garcia		
	<p>Commissioner Miller contacted the dealership that is working on the EMS squad. He talked to the general manager and explained to them the importance of having that squad repaired and on the road. He also explained how long they had the vehicle without having work done on it. The squad was put in the shop that next day with orders to have it fixed before anything else was pulled in.</p>	Scott Miller		
<b>* Then /Now Documents</b>	None			


* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
Auditor	<p><b>Jerri Miller – Auditor.</b> Jerry joined by teleconference for her regular meeting. Sales tax for this month was reviewed. It was down slightly from last year but we are still over year to date. Expenses are in line for just being one month in to the year.</p> <p>Jerri talked about getting quotes for procurement cards to solve some of the problems they are experiencing with credit card purchases. She will keep us updated on what she is finding during her research. She did hear that credit card use may be on the State Audit radar. Jerri also talked about HB 144 and SB 71 regarding testing fuel quality. If this passes it would be at the County expense.</p>	Jerri Miller - Auditor		
* Resolutions	2021 - 85 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO BOARD OF DD TRANSFER ACCOUNT (\$493,321.34) AND FUND TRANSFER FROM BOARD OF DD GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT	Board of DD	\$493,321.34	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes - 3
	2021 - 86 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FROM CONTRACT SERVICES (\$40,000.00) TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR CRUISER INVOICE	PI	\$40,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes - 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – Sandusky County Patriots (see sign in sheet) Media Attendees – Craig Shoup, News Messenger Elected Officials – Jerri Miller, Auditor, Beth Tischler, Prosecutor			
Prosecutor	<p><b>Beth Tischler – Prosecutor.</b> Beth came in for her regular meeting. She has a posting open for an Administrative position that has not been filled yet. Jury trials are starting to move again. They are plugging away as best they can. Beth brought in the Drug Task Force supervisor to update the board on what they are doing. With the levy coming up for renewal the Commissioners felt it was good to hear an update. They have two new members on the drug task force. One new member for the Sheriff and one for Clyde PD. The Commissioners were given an overview on what happened in 2020.</p>	Beth Tischler - Prosecutor		

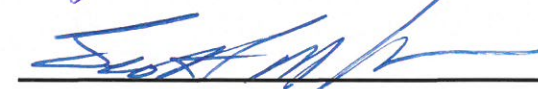
	<p>They worked 115 cases and confiscated several different types of drugs and some property. BCI helped on some cases with drones and other equipment at no cost to the County. Arrests were down in 2020 but he feels they will increase this year. Commissioner Miller asked if drug traffic changed due to Covid. Mark did not feel this had much of an affect. Commissioner Schwochow asked if they felt they were making a dent in the County drug issues. They work with other counties and they feel they are making a dent in the drug world in Sandusky County. Beth plans on using some of the statistics as a PR event to promote the levy renewal. Commissioner Schwochow asked about Beth meeting with Brian Woods from the land bank to discuss land bank needs. She does plan on meeting with him they just don't have a time scheduled yet. Commissioner Zimmerman mentioned a comment that was made at a Township meeting regarding contracts being held up at the Prosecutors office. Beth talked about the timing on when she received the contracts and how they turned them around.</p>			
<p><b>Sandusky County Patriots</b></p>	<p>Michael Roob came in representing the Sandusky County Patriots. He had several other members come in with him. Michael came in asking the Commissioners to pass a resolution making Sandusky County a sanctuary county. Their request is to solidify the second amendment. In the meantime it sounds as if the State is working on making Ohio a sanctuary State. He talked about other counties who have passed resolutions making their counties a sanctuary county and some that have noted they will not be passing a resolution. Commissioner Schwochow noted they are not passing new laws for the county but they will stand up and uphold the constitution and they will all stand up to the oath they took as elected officials. Some documents were presented with information from other counties on why they approved their resolution. The resolution that was presented to Commissioner Schwochow to approve was passed along to the Prosecutor for an opinion. Commissioner Schwochow noted we are all concerned with laws being presented at State and Federal levels and how they will affect law abiding citizens who own guns. Commissioner Zimmerman presented a letter to the group stating the Commissioners swore by oath to uphold second amendment rights and they will stand by</p>	<p>Michael Roob – Sandusky County Patriots</p>		

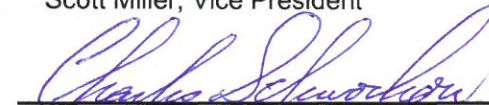


	those rights. The group was told they are welcome to present the letter from them to any organization they feel necessary.			
<b>Sheriff</b>	<b>Chris Hilton – Sheriff.</b> Sheriff came in for his regular meeting. Sheriff did not have much to update. He was also able to speak to the Patriots group before he came in for his meeting. Sheriff will be changing security supervisor on March 8 <sup>th</sup> . Stephanie Patterson will be taking over as Supervisor. He made a change in his drug task force staff representative. His road patrol is down by one and he has an open spot. He has had to make some moves to cover his sex offender office and foreclosures as they have both seen an increase in both areas. Sheriff attended an association meeting last week and they did discuss weather “emergency” language. They are going to work on these changes for all the counties but at this time will continue to use this until they come to an agreement on changes that will continue to keep citizens safe. Sheriff did want to make note the County Engineer did an amazing job keeping roads cleared during the last couple of snow storms.	Chris Hilton - Sheriff		
<b>* Adjournment (12:15pm)</b>	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			<b>* Motion: Move to adjourn</b> Moved by: 2nd: Yes - 3

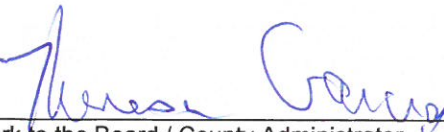
Signature of:

  
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Russ Zimmerman, President

  
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Scott Miller, Vice President

  
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Charles Schwochow

**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 its Journal.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

# Public Session Sign in Sheet

2/25/2021

Name	Signature	Contact Information
LAWRENCE J. HOLLAND		
Michael Roob		
Margaret Cocchini		
Barbara Bilger		
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