

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

MEETING 2021

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 5/13/2021

Time: 9:30AM – 10:47AM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others Present by teleconference:

Others Present:

(*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		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 5/11/2021 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
Job and Family Services	Melanie Allen – Job and Family Services. Melanie came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment A for agenda items. Melanie reviewed placement costs. They are receiving a higher rate of reimbursement right now. Some of the will be discontinued in June. They currently have 34 children in custody. Thirty days to family is working well and they continue to look for kin to place children with. We have more children in our own Foster Homes compared to the past because we have more local homes. Melanie is still on the Directors workshop and they continue to work on a treatment foster care program. She is hiring for a couple of positions but staffing is hard to come by. She is starting a new program and will staff that with current employees. July 14 th is the staff appreciation event at 10:00am.	Melanie Allen - Director		

Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Riley Township Trustee meeting last night. They talked about what the commissioners could do to help the Conservancy with the Dike project. Commissioners will have a conversation with the Prosecutor on options and how we can help them.	Russ Zimmerman		
	*** Other outside meetings will be covered next session			
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	With the concerns regarding a possible gas shortage, Administrator Garcia reached out to Facility Management and the County Engineer. FM just filled tanks and Engineer contacted supplier and they are not concerned. The County should not have any issues	Theresa Garcia		
* Then /Now Documents	<p>Two certificates were presented by the Board of Elections. They were told they did not need a PO for Poll Workers or Poll Locations but they did need one. Various vendors make up these certificates. Various Poll Workers - \$27,970.40 Various Poll Locations - \$1,915.00</p> <p>Two certificates were presented by EMA/911. First certificate, 2020 PO was obtained however work was not contracted by vendor until 2021; second certificate emailed invoice was overlooked. Two invoices make up these certificates. Motorola - \$923.10 Stratus - \$25.44</p> <p>One certificate was presented by DJFS. The Caseworker approved services prior to the vendor and PO being setup. One invoice makes up this certificate. Econo Auto - \$271.80</p>	<p>Board of Elections</p> <p>EMA/911</p> <p>DJFS</p>	<p>\$27,940.40 \$1,915.00</p> <p>\$923.10 \$25.44</p> <p>\$271.80</p>	<p>Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3</p>
* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
* Resolutions	2021 – 170 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS (\$433.92) AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL OUTLAY TO REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS (\$15,959.57) FOR GRANT FUNDING RETURN	Board of Elections	\$433.92 \$15,959.57	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3

	2021 - 171 APPROVING FUND TRANSFER FOR MAY MANDATED SHARE PAYMENTS (\$16,341.58) AND APRIL PLACEMENT COSTS (\$70,126.80), AND APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS FROM DJFS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND CONTRACT SERVICES TO UTILITIES (\$700.00) AND OTHER COSTS (\$10,000.00)	DJFS	\$16,341.58 \$70,126.80 \$700.00 \$10,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2021 - 172 RESOLUTION - RECOMMENDING THE MERGER OF OTTAWA COUNTY TO THE EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF SENECA, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES	Mental Health Board		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – none			
Mental Health Board	Mircea Handru – Mental Health Board. Mircea called in to talk to the Commissioner about a merger with Ottawa County and the current Mental Health Board. They have had a Public Hearing in Ottawa County regarding the merger. Ottawa County and the Mental Health Board have passed resolutions recommending the merger. He is recommending the Sandusky County Commissioners pass a resolution recommending the merger as well. Mircea has met with the Sandusky County Prosecutor and the other County Prosecutors along with the State Prosecutor to verify the levies in each county will not be affected. Representatives from NAMI came in with a letter of support for the merger. (see attached letter) They feel this will be a positive move for all the counties. They already have very strong partnerships with all that are involved in the Mental Health Board. Many of the programs in Ottawa County will be partnered and they will be able to take advantage of those partnerships.	Mircea Handru – Executive Director Melanie Whiter, Dave Olds, NAMI Representatives		
Job and Family Services Non-emergency transportation bid opening	Bids for the Job and Family Services non-emergency transportation agreement were submitted. Bob Anderson, DJFS Fiscal Officer, was present for the bid. One bid was presented to the Commissioners for the agreement from Great Lakes Community Action Program. Bid bond was received. All necessary document was submitted. Commissioner Miller moved to have the bid tabulated by DJFS Fiscal Office and awarded at a later date.	Bob Anderson – DJFS Fiscal Officer		*Motion: Move to tabulate and award at a later date Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3

Prosecutor	Beth Tischler – Prosecutor. Beth's meeting will be rescheduled for next week.	Beth Tischler - Prosecutor		
* Adjournment (10:47am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: 2nd: Yes - 3

Signature of:

Russ Zimmerman, President

Scott Miller, Vice President

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.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Attachment A

May Commissioner's Agenda

5/13/21

I. **Placement Costs –**

- a. Reimbursement from state for IVE: 69.83%
- b. County costs remain reasonable – May request \$70,126.80 (At current rate annual County cost is trending to be \$750,000 to \$775,000 for 2021). If this pace holds- compare to prior years: over 1 million 2020, 1.3 2019 and 1.7 2018: **County costs from 3 years ago, will be reduced by 1 million dollars.**
- c. Current custody: 34 (35 last month) – 2 adoptions, 1 custody to relative, took 2 new in care. Found runaway, temp overnight detention, temp with foster, then going to residential Friday, unsure cost. Turns 18 in Dec.
 - i. 30 days update – continuing expanded work finding kin for placement, one of the April custody went to kin.
 - ii. The new legislation requiring kin payments will begin soon, may see some effect of this as we navigate this programming with our agency.
 - iii. Safe reductions: 2 are out of state with kin.
- d. Director's workgroups- placement costs, and treatment foster care program
- e. Foster home numbers are still good, much higher percentage of children in our homes than network homes.
 - i. In 2018 (48), 46% were in private network, 19% in agency homes. Today (34), 24% in private network, 26% in agency homes.

II. **Building status**

- a. Drive thru only open on Thursdays continues
- b. Seeing more influx of traffic, going well, awaiting probation move into building

III. **Budget**

- a. Staffing –
 - i. We have had 2 recent retirements and one upcoming. 2 of 3 will be replaced.
 - ii. Services seeing turnover, struggling to find qualified candidates to show up to interviews.
- b. New Programming – Hiring our team for Youth Career Services, taking over 7/1 from GLCAP. Filling those positions will likely come from within, we will have additional staff openings to fill. Positive turnover.

IV. **Other**

- a. July 14 @ 10 am Staff appreciation event, outdoors, under a tent.
- b. August, we can look for a date to do the placement discussion.



National Alliance on Mental Illness

**Seneca, Sandusky
& Wyandot**

May 13, 2021

Sandusky County Commissioners
622 Croghan Street
Fremont, OH 43420

Dear Commissioners:

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot (NAMI SSW) strongly supports the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky, & Wyandot Counties combining with Ottawa County. This consolidation will be a positive step for all consumers of mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction services in our service area. The MHRBSSW is a highly effective board and has encouraged NAMI SSW to collaborate with Ottawa County with CIT and other programs. Many consumers from Ottawa County currently rely upon NAMI SSW for support and other resources.

A strong working relationship between NAMI SSW, the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of SSW, and Ottawa County already exists and would only be enhanced with the new partnership. The Northwest Ohio CIT Program has included Ottawa County since 2018 and provides crisis intervention training to Law enforcement and first responders and others.

The mission of our organization is to educate, advocate, and support individuals, families, and caregivers living with or affected by a mental health condition or brain disorder. With our mission at the forefront, NAMI Ohio and NAMI SSW are ready and willing to support the new partnership.

It is our firm belief this new partnership will benefit Sandusky County and mental health outcomes of our residents.

Sincerely,

Melanie A. White

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Executive Director

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