

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

MEETING 2021

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 7/15/2021

Time: 8:00AM – 11:28AM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia; County Administrator

Others Present: Tawny Lejeune, Martha Bowen, Sarah Zimmerman, Michelle Mong

(*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 7/13/2021 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	The Commissioners all attended the DJFS Staff Appreciation event. It was a good event and service awards were presented to staff. It was nice to see the group together and how well they work together. Commissioner Zimmerman thanked the group for their work and how impressive they are as well as how much the Community appreciates the work they do.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioners Miller and Schwochow attended the Land Bank meeting. There were several guests at the meeting with several being from the City of Fremont. There were many concerns on the foreclosure procedure and getting parcels to the land bank to sell. They discussed how to speed the process up to get more parcels on the books.	Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		

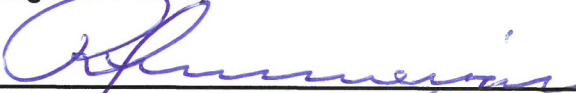
	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Regional Planning Board meeting. They talked about the lots out by Schiets Motorsports. Those are residential lots and they asked if there was a possibility to approve those lots for commercial zoning. There is going to be a River Cleanup this Fall sometime. They also talked about the Sandusky River Water Trail. There was a discussion on lot size changes out at Wightmans Grove too.	Russ Zimmerman		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	The Dog Warden submitted a request to increase adoption fees. She reviewed current costs and what they cover and what she would like to cover. The Commissioners were agreeable to the proposal as long as it was covering her costs. A resolution will be presented for approval with the changes.	Theresa Garcia		
	Commissioners talked about the request that was presented for the sound system and video needs of Common Pleas Court. The County IT team has been working with the Judges on the needs and has received quotes for them. Commissioner Miller made a motion to move forward with the three projects presented with the help of county IT receiving quotes, and working with the Courts on the systems. The projects could be paid for from PI with the total of the projects not to exceed \$70,000.00	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		*Motion: Move to Approve AV and Video systems for common pleas Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	The Commissioners discussed the request from the Sheriff regarding the replacement of the marine patrol boat. The Commissioners agreed it needs to be replaced but would like to have verification from River Front Marina regarding the expiration of the quote received and how much the quote will increase if not ordered prior to the end of the year. If the boat needs to be ordered prior to the end of the year with the delivery and balance due in 2022 they agree it needs to be ordered now.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller Charles Schwochow		
* Then /Now Documents	Five certificates were presented by the Board of DD. PO's could not be established until the recent Board contract was signed by ECI. Five invoices make up these certificates all for ECI. \$5,505.34 \$4,235.77 \$4,785.74 \$4,549.77 \$4,364.68	Board of DD	\$5,505.34 \$4,235.77 \$4,785.74 \$4,549.77 \$4,364.68	*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3

	One certificate was presented by Probate Court. The vendor changed names and invoicing and was asked to send a new invoice in 2020 but they did not send it until 2021. One invoice makes up this certificate. Avenu - \$723.55	Probate Court	\$723.55	
* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
Health Department	<u>Martha Bowen – Health Department.</u> Martha came in to present a project that needs funding. She felt the project would qualify under the Recovery Funding. The project is in Hessville. There are 77 homes that have sewer drainage issues. Right now the discharge is going in to Muddy Creek Bend. The park conducts programs in the Creek and having this drain to the Creek is not a healthy condition. Commissioners asked if she could get a preliminary quote on what the cost would be for this project. Martha also mentioned she has grant funding available to repair or replace sewage systems and tap in costs. She received money from the H2Ohio program to cover these costs. The City of Clyde is also asking citizens to tap in to their sewer system so she is contacting those who have not done so to work with them on the project.	Martha Bowen – Director of Environmental Health		
* Resolutions	2021 - 227 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO PROSECUTOR DRETAC CONTRACT SERVICES (\$5,000.00) OR CLERK OF COURTS TRANSCRIPT INVOICE	Prosecutor	\$5,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2021 - 228 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER AND ADVANCE FOR SHERIFF FROM ADVANCE FUND TO SPECIAL DETAIL (\$30,000.00) TO COVER INITIAL EXPENSES	Sheriff	\$30,000.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2021 - 229 RESOLUTION – PETITIONING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE SANDUSKY COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD TO GENERAL FUND OF SANDUSKY COUNTY PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.15 AND 5705.16 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE	Law Library		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3


	2021 – 230 APPROVING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR SHERIFF CHRIS HILTON AND CAPTAIN KENNETH ARP TO ARLINGTON TEXAS FROM AUGUST 9TH TO AUGUST 13TH, 2021 TO ATTEND THE LEADS ONLINE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	Sheriff		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 3
	2021 - 231 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO BUREAU OF CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS FUND (\$57,190.59) FOR 2021 INVOICES AND PI SUPPLIES (\$700.00) FOR PIPES FROM THE ENGINEERS OFFICE	BCMh and PI	\$57,190.59 \$700.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Charles Schwochow 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – Lee Swartz, Veterans Board Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – none			
	Lee Swartz came in to update the Commissioners on the Veterans Memorial Park. They are pretty much done with the park. They are planning a picnic of sorts and a car show for this coming Saturday along with a band just to bring people in and have people socialize. He also asked if there were objections for them to plant a couple more colorful trees. The Commissioners had no issues.			
Board of DD	<u>Sarah Zimmerman and Michelle Mong – Board of DD.</u> See attachment A for agenda items. Sarah discussed 2021 budgetary updates. There were some State Budget items that have impacted their Revenue. There has been some advocacy on increasing the waiver rates and it has been approved. They are also experiencing staffing issues due to the wages being paid. The increase in waivers will help but won't make a huge impact. They did find a youth respite home in Ballville Township. It is a great location and home, however they do not have staff for the program right now. Staffing is an issue all the way around. It is difficult to compete with all the companies in the community. They are looking for another adult group home as well. The Senior Center projects have been moving along but they did have some surprises during the construction. They have paid for some of those items but will be reimbursed by GLCAP.	Sarah Zimmerman – Superintendent Michelle Mong – Fiscal Officer		

* Adjournment (11:28am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes - 3
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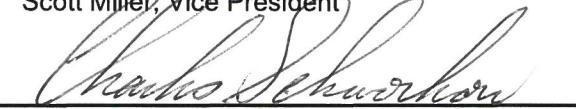
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Russ Zimmerman, President

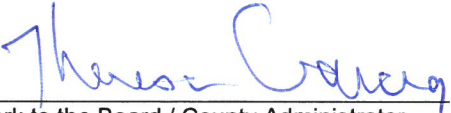


Scott Miller, Vice President



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

Sandusky County Commissioners Report

July 15, 2021

2021 Budgetary Updates

- **State Budget Impacts:** Lobbying initiatives were successful to secure across-the-board waiver rate increases equivalent to 2% per year in both years of the biennium. This was advocated for fiercely during the budget process largely due to an overwhelming statewide shortage of DSPs either leaving the field and an inability to recruit new DSPs thus leaving several counties in emergency situations. It is believed the latitude given to DODD to administer this may result in a rate increase being ‘front loaded’ in the first year (ie: 4%) to help with the DSP workforce crisis. Ongoing discussions on county boards potentially contributing to an additional rate increase beginning in the second biennium year is being considered. A 2% waiver rate increase would increase DSP’s hourly rate approximately 26 cents per hour. The current statewide DSP average hourly rate is \$12-13.
- **Adult Day Service Rates:** Enhanced COVID service rate changes for all day program services continues with discrepancies on when it will end and who will pay for the enhanced rate (if it continues) after 9/1/21. Currently county boards are responsible for the ‘state of emergency’ enhanced rates through 9/1.
- **SCBDD Budget Updates:**
 - Waiver Costs: *ESTIMATES AS OF 7/15/21*
 - FY21’s 5th invoice: \$1,072,000.
 - FY22’s match: \$3,112,000.
 - Budget revision will be on the August board agenda. Money will be transferred to West CON COG to manage and pay DODD after the board motion.
 - Capital Improvement: A budget revision will be on the August board agenda due to GLCAP’s kitchen renovations and unexpected building repair costs, which are initially SCBDD’s budgetary expenses. GLCAP has reimbursed SCBDD for most expenses incurred through the renovations although SCBDD has had a few unexpected capital improvement repairs and upgrades which were unbudgeted.

Residential DSPs: The Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) shortage in residential settings has transitioned from a crisis to an emergency level across the state and in Sandusky County. In late May, the local concern became alarming. SCBDD has been in constant communication with providers to identify their greatest areas of concerns, shortages, brainstorm, and support strategies to combine services/homes to ensure essential levels of support for health and safety is maintained. In April, SCBDD approved a residential provider support program to offer onboarding, training, and longevity incentives to DSPs to recruit and retain DSPs in the field. While the staffing shortage in Sandusky County has not improved since May, it has thankfully not gotten worse.

Youth Respite and Adult Residential Home - updates

School of Hope Playground - update

Kiwanis Play Park: The community build is scheduled for August 16-20 in Rodger Young Park. A volunteer survey is being distributed to organize the week.



7/15/2021

Name	Signature	Contact Information
John Howard	[Signature]	[Signature]