

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

2023 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 5/11/2023

Time: 9:00AM – 12:16PM

Present: Commissioners: Charles Schwochow – President; Russ Zimmerman– Vice President; Scott Miller

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Casey Morrow

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (9:00am)	Commissioner Miller was not in session at the beginning of the meeting as he was attending the Clydescope meeting.	Charles Schwochow, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, in-coming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 5/9/2023 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Charles Schwochow Russ Zimmerman		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Charles Schwochow Yes – 2 (Miller absent)
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioners Miller and Zimmerman attended the Land Bank meeting. The administrative assistant submitted her resignation as of May 26 th . She did note she would be willing to come in to help answer questions and train a new person. The Land Bank Director report was presented. They are waiting for State money for a few projects. There was a foreclosure report presented by the County Treasurers office. They discussed a credit card policy and the use of a credit card for the office. There is a building in Helena that the owner agreed to allow the land bank to demo and he would retain the parcel. There is some concern about the electricity to the property. Commissioner Miller asked about the process of hiring someone and asked for some assistance with getting this process moving by the County Administrator.	Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		

	Commissioners attended a special OSS Solid Waste meeting. They met to discuss the ratification of the Solid Waste ten year plan. They are down to the final weeks to the deadline for an approval. There were some questions and concerns that were discussed. After discussion they believe everyone understands and should be ready to sign the agreement. Seneca County had told entities in the county not to ratify and will now inform them they recommend signing. It was a good discussion that will continue for any amendments that may need to be done. Commissioner Miller felt there was some misunderstanding on the ratification and amendment process.	Charles Schwochow Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Soil and Water meeting. There were five board members that joined by ZOOM. September 14, 2023 is set for the annual meeting. There are people coming in to ask for soil testing for their gardens. Soil and Water staff will obtain test kits and run tests at a charge for those people. They were able to hire a new person for the H2Ohio program clerk.	Russ Zimmerman		
	Commissioner Miller attended the GLCAP Board meeting. Their budget is high and finances are in good shape. They have many programs they are responsible for. They brought on two new board members. Many of their programs benefit young children and our senior citizens. See attachment for GLCAP agenda summary.	Scott Miller		
	Commissioner Miller attended the Clydescope meeting this morning. There is a new company that opened and the owner joined Clydescope. The Directors report was reviewed. The Director is very involved. He has been working closely with the Clyde City Manager. They had some grant money rescinded because the business could not complete the agreement they had signed. The Clydescope Director, Bill Brown, works very well with County Groups such as EDC and the Visitors Bureau.	Scott Miller		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	Sandusky Register submitted a request about information they received regarding a proposal to close one of the county courts. Commissioner Schwochow responded to the request and notified them there is no proposal to reorganize the county court system that would involve closing one of the courts.			

	Ron Hiser, Facility Management Director, completed the request to run a test on the water at the jail. Tests came back and the water is acceptable and there are no concerns. Administrator Garcia will respond to the individual that had requested the test and send a copy of the results.			
	Congresswoman Kaptur's office contacted County Administrator regarding new funding that could be used for a solar field. The Commissioners had discussed the possibility of a solar field and will look at possible funding.			
* Then /Now Documents	None			
* Personnel	None			
	*** Commissioner Miller entered session at 9:29am			
* Travel Requests	None			
Job and Family Services (DJFS)	Casey Morrow – DJFS. Casey Morrow came in for the regular DJFS meeting. See attachment for agenda items. They are down in custody count from last month. They had one that emancipated and they took one new child in to custody. They are keeping an eye on some raising placement costs. Most of these are due to children with behavioral issues that need to be placed in special care. They continue to build their treatment program. There are seven treatment homes in the Tri-County Collaborative. They have three staff graduating from Leadership Sandusky County. Their food drive ends this month. They have a huge supply of food on hand for anyone that needs help. Annual employee recognition is scheduled for June 14th at 8:00am. Commissioner Miller asked some questions regarding how it is determined when a child has to be sent to a special facility and how they are determined to be IV-E eligible, meaning the County gets reimbursed for a portion of the cost. They have a Foster Family informational meeting tonight and they will also be appreciating current Foster Families.	Casey Morrow – Program Administrator		

* Resolutions	2023 – 137 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR LAW LIBRARY INTERDEPARTMENTAL (\$151.55) FOR CORSA INVOICE PAYMENT	Law Library	\$151.55	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2023 – 138 AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT & PRESERVATION (CHIP) JOINT COOPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANDUSKY COUNTY, THE CITY OF FREMONT, THE CITY OF CLYDE AND THE CITY OF BELLEVUE AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT	GLCAP		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – Beth Tischler, Prosecutor			
Prosecutor	Beth Tischler – Prosecutor. Beth came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. The pre-trial for the Ditch Petition case is next week. They had a big trial last week on the Clyde shooting incident from 2021. Waiting on responses from a couple of grants she applied for. Mental Health Board grant may grow. Beth felt the overdose case have decreased but drug busts have increased. Not sure if one has to do with the other. Victims' Advocates will be going through two days of training. Beth is going to send over some grand jury statistics from the last pull. Drug Task Force is also working on some statistics. There was discussion on Township zoning and some issues on enforcement. She is trying to work with any of the Townships that are having problems.	Beth Tischler - Prosecutor		
ODOT	Carlos Baez, County Engineer, came in with ODOT staff to give an update on the East State Street project at the by-pass. They are still working on a roundabout option at the by-pass. They have been funded for the project but they are still working on studies for the safety aspect of the project. ODOT presented several examples and the project was discussed.			
* Adjournment (12:16pm)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman

Attest: Theresa Garcia
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

Signature of:

Charles Schwochow

Charles Schwochow, President

Russ Zimmerman

Russ Zimmerman, Vice President

Scott Miller

Scott Miller

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

May Commissioner's Agenda

5/11/23

- I. Placements
 - a. Current custody: 22 (23 last month); 1 adoption finalized in April; 1 emancipation in May; custody of 1 in April
 - b. Continuing to keep an eye on rising placement costs
 - c. Continuing to build our treatment program, 7 treatment homes licensed in the Tri-County Collaborative

- II. Building / Staffing status
 - a. No major issues, will be removing old, rolling file cabinets for actual storage space
 - b. All staff positions filled
 - c. 3 staff graduating from Leadership Sandusky County on 5/17/23
 - d. Agency will be working on active intruder training/drill over summer

- III. Food drive ends in May; continue to have a large supply of stock

Additional:

June 14 Employee recognition breakfast

