

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

2023 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 9/14/2023

Time: 9:30AM – 11:29AM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Melanie Allen, Beth Tischler

(*action items)

AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (9:30am)		Charles Schwochow, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 9/12/2023 minutes were reviewed/approved by the Board. The Board reviewed incoming mail and external meeting notices.	Charles Schwochow Russ Zimmerman Scott Miller		*Motion: Move to Approve minutes Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
Job and Family Services (JFS)	Melanie Allen – JFS. Melanie came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Custody has held steady the last couple of months. They did have to sets of siblings (five in each group) that came in to custody a couple months ago. Total placement costs are remaining close to the same. It has been ten years since they have had costs over \$1,000,000.00. New Children Services Administrator started this week. She will be a good fit for the group. She has five staff openings. Union negotiations will be starting soon. Treatment Foster Care program is growing and they work with other agencies. They may be adding Ottawa County to their group. They have received money for completing expectations for the State Best Practice Incentive program. Child Welfare worker appreciation week is this week and they will have a luncheon. It is also Workforce Development month.	Melanie Allen - Director		

Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	<p>Commissioner Miller attended the Land Bank meeting yesterday. They reviewed financials. They are waiting for State reimbursement on some projects. They don't have many new listings they are working on. The new Clerk has been there for a couple of months and is still learning. She seems to be doing well. There are also some new grant opportunities they are looking at.</p>	<p>Scott Miller</p>		
	<p>Commissioner Miller attended the Clydescope meeting this morning. They had a Solar Eclipse presentation by the Visitors Bureau to, once again, make people aware of how large this could be and to talk about events that could be planned. The City of Clyde is still working on a spur for Norfolk Railroad to hold additional train cars. This could cause more delays in traffic in town when the trains are stopping and is a concern. Finances were reviewed and are in good shape. Clyde – Green Springs schools will have a levy on the ballot that will combined two current levies.</p>	<p>Scott Miller</p>		
	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman was on a call for the Solid Waste Disposal plan submitted to the EPA. They were told that the plan was going to be denied. They had a discussion on why the plan was going to be denied. The portion on restrictions for the Landfill in Seneca County was in question. The Solid Waste attorney noted the same restrictions are in several other plans that have been accepted and questioned why OSS Solid Waste plan is being denied. They did not come to a conclusion as the EPA group on the call had another meeting. They have to have a decision back in four days.</p>	<p>Russ Zimmerman</p>		
Commissioners and Administrator Discussion	<p>Cyndi Zienta, Law Library Librarian, called to let the Commissioners know the Law Library Board has reviewed hard copy books and are happy with what they are getting at this time. Cyndi has gone through all her subscriptions and eliminated a few they don't need any longer. She is also going to ask the Board about covering the cost of the ZOOM program for common pleas court.</p>	<p>Theresa Garcia</p>		
	<p>Administrator Garcia discussed the Garmann Miller report on courthouse security that was received. She had a discussion with Facility Management and Courthouse Security about some procedural items. She will be meeting with Sheriff, Major, Security Supervisor</p>	<p>Theresa Garcia</p>		

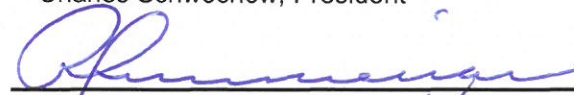
	and Facility Management next week to talk about this.			
* Then /Now Documents	None			
* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
* Resolutions	2023 – 247 ADOPTING HEALTH INSURANCE RATES WITH CEBCO FOR SANDUSKY COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2024	Commissioners		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2023 – 248 UPDATING APPLICATION FEE FOR SEWER AND WATER SERVICE FOR THE SANDUSKY COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.	Sanitary Engineer		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2023 – 249 UPDATING WATER FEES FOR THE GENERAL WATER DISTRICT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.	Sanitary Engineer		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2023 - 250 AUTHORIZING DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS FOR PROPERTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FREMONT, OHIO, 43420 OWNED BY VARIOUS OWNERS BE CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION TO THE SANDUSKY COUNTY TAX DUPLICATE	Sanitary Engineer		*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
	2023 – 251 APPROVING APPROPRIATION TRANSFER FOR BOARD OF ELECTIONS FROM BENEFITS TO CONTRACT SERVICES (\$2,271.96) FOR ELECTION EXPENSES	Board of Elections	\$2,271.96	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – Beth Tischler, Prosecutor			

<p>Prosecutor</p>	<p>Beth Tischler – Prosecutor. Beth came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. She had Drug Task Force staff come and speak with the Commissioners last month for an update. She is working on next year's budget. She plans to take a look at space at the service center for a possible move. Caseloads are clicking along. The pile of cases does keep growing. She has had several cases that have been appealed. Commissioner Miller asked if she was getting adequate State Funding. Beth noted the mandated victims advocate program does not come close to funding what they are mandated to provide. She is down one staff and it could be a challenge to fill.</p> <p>Beth is going to put together information on how TIFF's work and a summary on the County's responsibilities. Beth on Airport hangar sale and board member owning. She does have some concern about a conflict of interest. She is going to look in to the matter but does not feel the board member should be participating in the transaction at all.</p>	<p>Beth Tischler - Prosecutor</p>		
<p>* Adjournment (11:29am)</p>	<p>With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.</p>			<p>* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman</p>

Signature of:



Charles Schwochow, President



Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



Scott Miller

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

Sept Commissioner's Agenda

9/14/23

- I. Placements
 - a. Current custody: **36** (36 last month)
 - b. Forecasting Placement-\$800k estimated for this year
- II. Building / Staffing status
 - a. Children Services Administrator onboarded
 - b. 5 openings, 1 omj and 4 in children services – 2 on maternity leave. Managing coverage
 - c. Union notice to negotiate received
 - d. Treatment foster care, growing, might be adding Ottawa to our team
 - e. Best Practice Incentives – desks purchased and other agency updated items
 - f. Child Welfare worker appreciation week
 - g. Workforce Development month

