

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

2023 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 9/21/2023

Time: 8:00AM – 10:42AM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Dr. James Williams, Bob Kurtz,

(*action items)

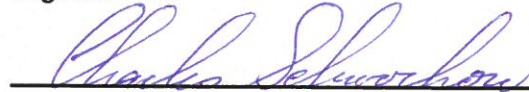
AGENDA ITEMS	BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS / ACTION STEPS:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	DOLLAR AMOUNT:	MOTION / VOTE
Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance (8:00am)		Charles Schwochow, President		
*Review & Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, incoming Mail Review & External Meeting Notices	The 9/19/2023 minutes were reviewed/approved 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
Coroner	Dr. James Williams – Coroner. Dr. Williams came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. His numbers are slowly increasing. The Drug Task Force stopped some drugs coming in through the post office. Dr. Williams talked about some of the drugs in the community. They are looking at bringing on the investigator intern they have as a part-time investigator. By bringing on a third investigator it will help with the two current investigator to cover if one retires. He is working with Ottawa County to contract the investigators. They currently do not have a coroner and only one investigator. Dr. Williams made a presentation at the Northwest Coroners Association yesterday.	Dr. Williams - Coroner		
Building Code	Robert Kurtz – Building Code. Bob came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. They have been busy. Commissioner Miller talked about the	Bob Kurtz – Chief Inspector		

	<p>satellite school being built downtown. The owner of the building has had some concerns. They feel that they are not being serviced quickly enough. Bob said the contractor has done renovations on schools before. They were working on the building downtown prior to notifying the building code office. It took them a while to get the plans for the building to him to be approved. Commissioner Schwochow asked if he has heard concerns about finding the office. He wondered if it would be better if they were somewhere they were more visible. Bob noted they don't receive too many visitors and do most of their work online with contractors.</p>			
<p>Regional Planning</p>	<p><u>John Willey – Regional Planning.</u> John came in for his regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. John went on a few site visits with the Health Department to review lot splits. He is on track for normal number of lot splits for the year. Several townships have adopted or are adopting updated solar energy regulations. John had not heard of any solar fields being constructed. The Commissioners have not heard of anything, some rumors but nothing official. John asked about a county wide zoning code. He would like to meet with whatever group is working on this. Commissioner Schwochow noted it is a topic at the next Township Association meeting. It would not be county wide but there would be a general plan adopted by Townships and they would work off the general plan. The topic of GIS mapping and updating the zoning maps and floodplain maps was brought up. Commissioner Zimmerman stated he was getting a meeting together to discuss this with the Auditor. He continues to work with the City of Clyde on the Complete Street Project. They are also interested in joining the Regional Planning Board. John explained what the Complete Street Project entails. It has design teams look at all modes of transportation when building transportation roadways.</p>	<p>John Willey - Director</p>		
<p>Palmer Energy</p>	<p>Mark Frye from Palmer Energy called in to talk to the Commissioners about solar fields. Mark is of the understanding the Commissioners have been approached regarding a few pieces of property that would be good spots for solar fields. He is open to help with where the area is and what they would need to do to help. Commissioner Schwochow updated some of the areas in the county that would be possible locations</p>	<p>Mark Frye – President</p>		

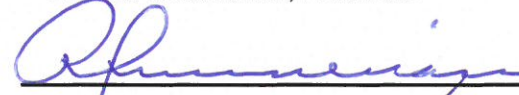
	<p>such as out by the Industrial Park. Depending on how much energy would need to be generated the City of Fremont could declare themselves a municipal utility. If the energy would all be used by the Industrial Park it wouldn't be necessary. That is one way this could be handled. The county should have EDC make sure and notify possible contractors at the Industrial Park that there may be a solar array put in for energy. Commissioners asked Mark to put together a plan on what they need to do to move forward and find a suitable vendor for a solar array.</p>			
<p>Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners</p>	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman attended a Solar Eclipse meeting. They will be meeting in January and then monthly starting in February. EMA bought flags that can be set up by anyone having events prior to the eclipse to advertise the event. EMA will be in full mode for five days around the event day. Band width is going to be a challenge and may affect those accepting credit cards with card readers. Statewide EMA Directors have been meeting and listing possible needs in each County. They discussed several events that will be happening in the county. United Way may be having a fundraiser to sell hats and t-shirts.</p>	Russ Zimmerman		
<p>Commissioners and Administrator Discussion</p>	<p>There is going to be a Township Association meeting 9/28/2023 at 6:00pm. The agenda will be to talk about Aggregations, Solar and Wind Farms and Zoning.</p>			
	<p>Commissioner Schwochow asked about 2023 budget needs. The Auditor noted some funds that are running over expenses and may need to have a supplement appropriated. This will be done within the next week or two. Administrator Garcia has talked with the Recorder already on her 2024 budget needs and a budget letter will be ready to send out to all departments today.</p>	Charles Schwochow		
	<p>Commissioner Miller received a text from a citizen about having an event after homecoming. They wanted to tour the old jail. Administrator Garcia gave an update on the request. The Visitors Bureau had reached out about the tour date. Unfortunately they were not available to assist with the tour. The Commissioners discussed being available to help.</p>	Scott Miller		

* Then /Now Documents	None			
* Personnel	None			
* Travel Requests	None			
* Resolutions	2023 – 257 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO JUVENILE/PROBATE COURT TECHNOLOGY FUND CONTRACT SERVICES (\$118,015.00) FOR UPGRADE	Juvenile/Probate	\$118,015.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: 2nd: Yes – 3
	2023 - 258 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)	LEPC		
	2023 – 259 APPROVING OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR SGT ALLEN DORSEY AND DEPUTY GEORGE DORSEY TO ALPENA, MICHIGAN FOR 2023 NAPCH (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL CANINE HANDLERS) ANNUAL NATIONAL WORKSHOP FROM SEPTEMBER 29TH TO OCTOBER 5TH 2023	Sheriff		
Public Open Session	Citizens Attendees – none Media Attendees – none Elected Officials – none			
* Adjournment (10:42am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman

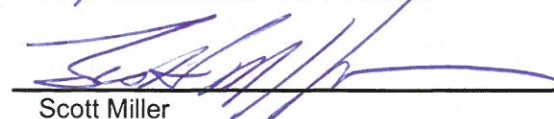
Signature of:



Charles Schwochow, President



Russ Zimmerman, Vice President



Scott Miller

Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County Ohio

Attest: Theresa Garvey
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

Regional Planning Update
21-September-2023

1. Lot Splits
 - a. Went on a few site visits with Nina to review lot splits
 - i. With Geophyta
 - ii. Very helpful, I may try to ask them to present to the SCRPC
 - b. On track for normal number of splits for the year
2. Zoning Updates
 - a. 8(?) of 9 zoned townships have adopted or are adopting updated solar energy regulations
 - i. Still trying to reach out to Scott Township
 - ii. No change
 - b. What is the situation with a County Wide Zoning code?
3. GIS Maps
 - a. Updating Zoning maps
 - b. Spoke with Fremont about changes to floodplain maps
 - i. We will update the website
 - ii. FEMA website has wrong date
 - iii. Along Front Street
4. Complete Streets
 - a. Working with Health Department in Clyde

