

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

2023 MEETING

Meeting: Board Of Commissioners

Location: Commissioners' Board Room

Date: 10/17/2023

Time: 8:00AM – 11:00AM

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

Present: Theresa Garcia – County Administrator

Others Present: Peggy Courtney, Gwen Soule, Allen Gahler

(*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 10/12/2023 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
Review of External board / Meetings Attended by Commissioners	Commissioner Schwochow attended the Outpour Coffee Ribbon Cutting last week. There was a lot of support for the business and many attended the event. They have a lot of community support. The owners have a strong religious background. The shop is very cozy and set up almost like a living room. Very nice family owned business.	Charles Schwochow		
	Commissioner Zimmerman visited Governor DeWine's home last week. They discussed Issues one and two that will be on the ballot in November. Mrs. DeWine talked about the imagination library.	Russ Zimmerman		
	Commissioner Zimmerman attended the Soil & Water meeting last week. They approved their 2024 budget. They voted on new officers for the Board. The Explore Your Backyard program was a success. They have	Russ Zimmerman		


	<p>about 600 children participate. They are getting ready for their State Audit. They did verification training for the H2Ohio program. Financials were reviewed. They moved some of their funds to Star Ohio and the interest being earned has increased. There are some conferences they will be attending.</p>			
	<p>Commissioners Schwochow and Zimmerman attended the Regional Planning meeting yesterday. They talked about the zoning regulation policy. They also talked about laying out zoning maps. There was discussion on Solar and Wind Power programs. They approved some plans. If the Townships do not have a policy on these programs they are open to projects. The County does not want to set their zoning regulations, they want to back up the Townships on what they want their zoning regulations to consist of.</p>	<p>Charles Schwochow Russ Zimmerman</p>		
<p>Commissioners and Administrator Discussion</p>	<p>Administrator Garcia reviewed some of the budgets that have already been reviewed. Commissioners will sign off on each budget and it will be sent to the Elected Official and/or department head.</p>			
	<p>Commissioner Zimmerman received a call from Gary Baty, Solid Waste Director, about those that are supporting HB119 went to Columbus to speak, and October 25th they will hear from those opposing the HB. Gary would like to take emails and other documents noting there has never been votes that were two against one voting against Seneca County requests.</p>	<p>Russ Zimmerman</p>		
	<p>There are open positions on the Regional Airport Board. County Administrator will be sending out a notice to the Airport Manger to see if they have recommendations on board members.</p>			
	<p>Clydescope is asking for letters of interest for Board Members. Commissioner Miller is currently on the Board and his term in coming up this year. There was discussion on whether or not he should continue as a board member again or just participate as an observer. All agreed Commissioner Miller should remain on the board if approved.</p>			

* Then /Now Documents	One certificate was presented by the Commissioner's Office. PO was not established prior to receiving invoice due to oversight. One invoice makes up this certificate. Cousino Restoration - \$81,642.98	Commissioners	\$81,642.98	*Motion: Move to Approve certificates Moved by: Scott Miller 2nd: Russ Zimmerman Yes – 3
* Personnel	October health insurance transfer was signed		\$325,540.12	
* Travel Requests	None			
Visitors Bureau	<u>Peggy Courtney – Visitors Bureau.</u> Peggy came in for her regular meeting with the Commissioners. See attachment for agenda items. Commissioner Zimmerman talked about the flash light jail tour he did on Friday. The sign is supposed to be delivered today and should be set up by Friday. The flags should be coming in the next week and the whole project should be done in the next couple of weeks. When Brady Sign was there they talked to them about moving the other electronic sign. They are going to get some information. They are working on the Rock & Awe Holiday Light Show. They have some hand wands and wrist bands to pass out that will change colors and will sync to the music. People can keep them for the season or turn them back in. They are receiving more information on events that are organized for the solar eclipse event. There are many camping spots in several parks in the county and other events they have received confirmation on. Commissioner Miller talked about the events being set up out at the airport. They will get all these uploaded to their web page. Peggy attended an annual conference and they discussed the America 250 celebration. The Commissioners have already registered to be on the list to receive information. There is grant funds available for events. There is a webinar on Friday to give more information.	Peggy Courtney – Executive Director		
OSU Extension	<u>Gwen Soule and Allen Gahler – OSU Extension.</u> Gwen and Allen came in for their regular meeting with the Commissioners. Gwen gave the 4H update. They are starting to make plans for 2024 events. Katie is putting together some Fall programs. They were looking at signing up 500 students and they had 705 sign up this year. Most of the increase was coming from Bellevue City Schools. They were presenting agricultural programs and mindfulness programs at the school. Gwen had presented the 2024 budget with an increase	Gwen Soule – Educator Allen Gahler - Educator		

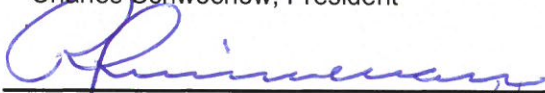
	that was passed along from OSU State office. She did help with the Explore Your Back Yard program presented by Soil & Water for fourth grade classes. Only one school in the county did not participate. Allen is still working on research projects. They still have some cabbage at the research farm. Good slate of winter programs they will have available. They received a grant for a forage research program. They were able to donate some of the produce this year from the research farm. Master Gardner group is slowly dwindling. Allen noted he is not sure how the community garden will be kept up next year. He is not sure where that group is heading.			
* Resolutions	2023 - 279 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DTF INTERDEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENT (\$2,100.00) FOR FUEL EXPENSES FOR BALANCE OF 2023	DTF	\$2,100.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2023 - 280 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR DOG KENNEL TO CAPITAL OUTLAY (\$12,000.00) TO PURCHASE SHED FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE AND TO CONTRACT SERVICE (\$4,500.00) FOR VEHICLE REPAIR	Dog Kennel	\$12,000.00 \$4,500.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2023 – 281 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EMA TO UTILITIES (\$11,500.00) AND CONTRACT SERVICES (\$1,500.00) FOR REMAINDER OF 2023 EXPENSES	EMA	\$11,500.00 \$1,500.00	*Motion: Move to Approve resolution Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller Yes – 3
	2023 - 282 APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO SHERIFF SRO FUND WAGES (\$15,000.00), BENEFITS (\$5,900.00) AND INTERDEPARTMENTAL (\$30,648.03) FOR 2023 REMAINING EXPENSES	Sheriff SRO	\$15,000.00 \$5,900.00 \$30,648.03	*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 – none			

* Adjournment (11:00am)	With business completed for the day the meeting was adjourned.			* Motion: Move to adjourn Moved by: Russ Zimmerman 2nd: Scott Miller
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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



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Commissioner Meeting Agenda – October 17, 2023

1. Relief Grant Funds project
 - Sign
2. Rock & Awe Holiday Light Show
3. Solar Eclipse Update

