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Minutes of the Board of Logan County Commissioners

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met in regular open session on this date of November 14, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Robinson moved, Commissioner Yoder, seconded, to approve the agenda of the November 14, 2023, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below.

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yoder moved, Commissioner Robinson, seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2023, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below.

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

REPORT OF MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Jim Lange advised Mr. Kline and recommended the WIFI box be replaced at courthouse. Mr. Lange will explain further with Commissioners later today.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Received some questions regarding the county reimbursement for meals. Current resolution shows reimbursement amount \$25.00. Current resolution maybe needing reviewed for updating reimbursement amount.

Received calls regarding use of county agencies parking lots during the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse event. Commissioners recommend recommendations from legal counsel, EMA, and Sheriff. No action taken.

REPORT OF COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Not Present

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL E. YODER

Attended Township Trustee Dinner on Thursday, November 9th.
Participated in Ohio High Point interview contest on Friday, November 10th.
Attended Bellefontaine Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MARK ROBINSON

Attended West Liberty Village Veteran Day Celebration Thursday, November 9th.
Attended Downtown Business Partnership meeting on Friday, November 10th.
Attended Bellefontaine Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER JOE ANTRAM

Attended MORPC meeting Thursday, November 9th.
Attended West Liberty Village Veteran Day Celebration Thursday, November 9th.
Attended Bellefontaine Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th.
Attended Shelby County SCARF event Saturday, November 11th.
Attended Logan County Chamber Legislative meeting Tuesday, November 14th.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Approved Additional Appropriations for Auditor, Health District, Prosecutor, Solid Waste District, Logan Acres, Engineer, Treasurer and Commissioners.

Approved establishing new fund to be known as “Healthy Aging Grant Fund”.

Approved transfer of Solid Waste funds \$3,335.00 from Repairs Drop Sites to Jail Salaries.

Discussed Board of DD request to reappoint Frank Gianola to the Logan County Board of DD board. Item tabled to get clarification on next board meeting date and time. No action taken.

Discussed NACO 2024 renewal. County dues for the period 1/1/24 to 12/31/24 for \$917.00. Commissioner Yoder moved; Commissioner Robinson seconded to renew NACO membership for 2024. Further discussion. Commissioner Yoder indicated that renewing would give more time to see if there is value and benefits of being a member. Commissioner Robinson does not see value in being a member to NACO, however does agree in giving it more time to see if there is value and benefits of being a member. Commissioner Antram also agree that renewing would give more time to evaluate the benefits and values of being a member. Commissioner Robinson-No, Commissioner Antram-Yes, Commissioner Yoder-Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed:

- 223-23 Additional Appropriations
- 224-23 Establish New Fund Healthy Aging Grant
- 225-23 Transfer of Funds Solid Waste District

Commissioner Robinson moved, and Commissioner Yoder seconded to **approve Additional Appropriations**
Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

Commissioner Robinson moved, and Commissioner Yoder seconded to **Establish New Fund Healthy Aging Grant**

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

Commissioner Robinson moved, and Commissioner Yoder seconded to **approve Transfer of Funds Solid Waste District**

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

MEETINGS

The Commissioners met with Melanie Engle Director Children's Services and Sarrah Minnich Board President- Ms. Engle announced Kids Fest will be returning from not having in the past few years. Kids Fest will be held at Bellefontaine High School on April 27, 2024. There will be carnival games and vendors from the community set up. MOU between Children's Services and all local law enforcement, JFS and Judges on how they do business with Children's Services is due at the end of December 2023. Every two years MOU needs renewed. Ms. Engle is currently working on some changes to the MOU and will provide a copy to the Commissioners for review. Ms. Engle indicated that she has a few names to replace board member Jacob Estes who recently resigned from his position from the board. Once she has a third, she will provide them to the Commissioners to review. Children's Services is seeing a reduction in number of placements. Last quarter ten (10) children were either reunited with family or adopted. They are budgeting for less children in 2024, however are budgeting higher due to provider per diem increasing. Ms. Engle also indicated they maybe hiring a new position for screening calls. Finished up reporting all staff participated in self-defense training.

The Commissioners met with Auditor Jack Reser, LeAnn Taylor, Kacy Kirby, and Jim Lange for Auditor 2024 budget hearing meeting- Mr. Reser confirmed that he submitted his 2024 budget with a 3.5% increase to staff payroll for each employees' salaries. Mr. Reser indicated that he has currently two payroll staff, one budgetary officer and will be hiring a second in December 2023, and five real estate employees. Department 122 Weights and Measurer new request for separate salary code in this line. Software for the new weights and measures truck was provide by Licking County. Mr. Reser also communicated the efficiency from Jon Cirea has been great. Mr. Reser also reported on Department 238 Indigent Defense fees transfer numbers like last years.

Ms. Taylor reported on various lines such as Data Services was reviewed in October, Aunalytics is the large part of the line, along with multi vendors and service contracts.

Ms. Kirby reported on Sales Tax numbers to spend are hit and miss. Dog and Kennel line numbers are being kept the same, however the Human Society contract with Shelby County could change that number. Commissioners indicated that they have not heard anything different from Shelby County officials at this time. Reale Estate Line slight decrease revalues coming in 2025.

Mr. Lange reported on projects that he has being working on moving forward with Cloud services, wireless has been standardized all the same, and KnowBe4 training showing 90% employees who has completed. There are 211 users and seems elected officials are encouraging employees to complete the training. Mr. Henry added that Mr. Lange has worked very hard on county projects and that since Mr. Lange has started with the county as a consultant, he has saved the county major savings.


Commissioner Yoder thanked Mr. Reser for holding employee's salary increased to 3.5% as discussed in elected officials meeting.

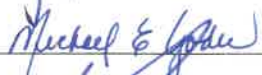
The Commissioners met with Steve Searson with Soil & Water to discuss the proposal and maps Soil and Water provided for the repairs to the county farm property known as the Children's Home farmland. Mr. Searson recommend three grass water ways with total cost estimates of \$15,466.00 and \$24,778.00. Commissioners will review for further discussion. No action was taken.


The Commissioners met with Travis Irvan Health District Commissioner for 2024 Budget Hearing- Mr. Irvan discussed the multiple grant funding the health district receives and reports. Health District has two positions open health educator and Director of Nursing. Mr. Irvan is hopeful they will be fully staffed in 2024. Mr. Irvan also communicated they did a salary scale review board has approved adjusting employees' salaries in 2024. They used a formula to calculate each employee's salary, as each employee increase was different. Health District is adjusting environmental fees that have not been increased in a while.


The Commissioners held zoom meeting with Ohio Department of Development.

The meeting of the Logan County Board of Commissioners was adjourned until November 16, 2023.









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ROLL CALL

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Robinson moved, Commissioner Yoder, seconded, to approve the agenda of the November 16, 2023, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below.

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Yoder moved, Commissioner Robinson, seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below.

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

REPORT OF MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Waibel called to JDC building looking at air handler 1. Could be a software problem.

Colonial building electric breaker kicking off outside lights. Mr. Kline investigated and found the old light poles in the back parking lot causing the problem. Commissioners authorized Mr. Kline to remove the old light poles as they are not in working conditions anymore.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Attended Aunalytics customer service and security meeting on Wednesday. Metrics have improved over last month. Request to have report provided about access to our network.

Received request from Family Court to add account number to budget.

Robin Francisco with Indian Lake Pickleball requested meeting with Commissioners again as she had seen Commissioner Robinson at an event told her to contact our office to schedule another meeting for updates on their project. Commissioners suggested that Ms. Franscisco come during an open forum time. Administrator Henry will notify Ms. Francisco.

Working on updating the SAMBA report for CORSA. Sent email out to agency that have employee's drive company vehicles to update the current list of who needs to be on the list.

HR Training has been scheduled for December 1st. Currently 28 employee's department heads have registered.

REPORT OF COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Currently working through open enrollment submissions. Next week any changes need applied by Wednesday, November 22nd.

Received letter from BWC Logan County has been selected for audit of payroll and tax fillings. Copy of letter sent to Auditor office. Deadline 10 business days to reply.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL E. YODER

Attended Logan County Fair Board meeting Wednesday, November 15th. Discussion of harness racing returning to the fair in 2024. Other discussion plans to improve perception of the fair. Commissioner Yoder asked that they provide a 5-year plan to see where the fair is going.

Attended LEPC meeting on Tuesday, November 14th.

Attended FCFC meeting today, November 16th. FCFC reported they are serving more children than last year. Approximately 30 more children this year.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MARK ROBINSON

No Report

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER JOE ANTRAM

Attended former Logan County Recorder Linda Hanson funeral on Wednesday, November 15th.

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Krista Oldiges Logan County Board of DD advised that board member Frank Giannola term will expire on December 31, 2024. Ms. Oldiges requested to reappoint Mr. Giannola to the board. Terms will be from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027.

Commissioner Robinson moved; Commissioner Yoder seconded to reappoint Mr. Frank Giannola to the Logan County Board of DD board as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion on voting to approve the 2024 county budget. Commissioner Robinson requested that the 2024 budget be approved and voted in two separate resolutions excluding JFS from original budget. No action taken.

Engineer Scott Coleman sent request for approval to attend the National Association of County Engineers Conference in April of 2024. Commissioner Robinson moved; Commissioner Yoder seconded to approve Engineer Scott Coleman request as presented. Motion carried.

Approved Adult Parole request to use former JDC gym for training December 19th 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Discussed submitting Columbus Region State Capital Budget Questionnaire FY2025-26 for Eastern Regional Treatment Plant Upgrade/Improvements. Deadline for submitting November 17, 2023.

Commissioner Robinson moved; Commissioner Yoder seconded to authorize Administrator Henry to submit Columbus Region State Capital Budget Questionnaire FY2025-26 as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed:

226-23 Approval of Bill Payments

227-23 Reappoint Board of DD Board Member

Commissioner Antram moved, and Commissioner Yoder seconded **Approval of Bill Payments**

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

Commissioner Robinson moved, and Commissioner Yoder seconded to **Reappoint Board of DD Board Member**

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Robinson moved, Commissioner Yoder seconded, to enter Executive Session at 1:59 pm for the purpose of Personnel.

Approved by responding Yes: Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

RETURNED from Executive Session at 2:53 pm.

Commissioner Antram -Yes Commissioner Yoder- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes

MEETINGS

The Commissioners met with Prosecutor Eric Stewart and Annie Kauffman for 2024 Budget Hearing-Mr. Stewart submitted his budget with 3% salary increase for regular staff. The extra salary increase requested is for attorneys. Mr. Stewart explained how the current attorneys are underpaid compared to other counties compared to Logan County. Mr. Stewart had reached out to other counties to get their salary range for their attorneys. Other counties are starting out new attorneys at \$60K where Mr. Stewart is starting new attorneys at \$55K. He also communicated he lost two attorneys this year and staff retention is a concern and feels they are being paid improperly. Ms. Kauffman added that their attorneys are working 24/7, preparing for trials, and are just very overloaded with cases. Mr. Stewart will have a fully staffed office after week of Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Yoder explained his concerns of asking for the extra salaries increase, as they had an elected officials meeting to discuss salary increases. Commissioner Yoder was in hopes that everyone could work together and be a team player with giving a 3.5% salary increase as discussed in the previous elected officials meeting.

The Commissioners met with Ben Vollrath President Logan County Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Ben Stahler, and City Safety Director Wes Dodds- Mr. Vollrath reported next round of Brownfield grant funding opens next Monday, November 20th with application opening December 5th and closes on April 1, 2024. Mr. Vollrath reported two Logan County projects being submitted, the former West Liberty School and Brick building on Florence Ave in city of Bellefontaine.

One Columbus reached out to Mr. Vollrath for a potential industry interested in a site visit. Mr. Vollrath gave a presentation and a site visit at Peak Industrial Park. Industry is part Intel supply chain and would create approximately 30 jobs.

Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE) hosting ED 411 event on December 1st. Event focus on leadership dividing public/government. Mr. Vollrath announced he was elected 2-year term as Vice Chair to MODE.

Honda support over the past year, The Harwood Institute has engaged leaders and resident across Logan County to understand what's going on in the community and build stronger civic culture. The Harwood Institute has scheduled a meeting at the YMCA on Monday, November 27th at 1:30pm to present their report and discuss what they heard from Logan County, implications for moving forward, and next steps.

The Commissioners met with Brian Schultz Director Sewer District- Mr. Schultz updated Orchard/Wolf Island Sanitary Sewer Replacement, next project meeting scheduled November 28th at 9:00am. Next work to the project is Wolf Island pump station upgrades. Mr. Schultz is submitting township rezoning application and variance for fence height. Commissioner Robinson moved; Commissioner Yoder second to authorize Mr. Schultz to submit township rezoning application as presented and authorize Commissioner Antram to sign. Motion carried.

Presented evaluating alternate design approaches and funding for Eastern Regional Sewer District

Build Sewer System & contract with Marysville for treatment \$30M+

- \$18M Sanitary Sewer + \$12M sewer to Marysville + Treatment/Connection Costs

Rehab existing sewer & replace Flat Branch (same capacity) (\$2.75M)

- \$250k sewer rehab + \$2.5M Flat Branch WWTP

Build Sewer System & Build new 0.4MGD Package Plant (Otter Creek) (\$24M)

- \$18M Sanitary Sewer + \$6M WWTP

Build Sewer System + 0.2MGD Flat Branch + 0.2MGD E.L. WWTP (\$20M)

- \$14M Sewer System + \$2.5M F.B WWTP + \$3.5M E.L. WWT

- Cost estimates as designed exceed LCSD financial capability as funded • Evaluating alternate design approaches & funding

- Build sewer system & contract with Marysville for treatment (\$30M+)

- Rate structure?

- Rehab existing sewer & replace Flat Branch (same capacity) (\$2.75M)

- No new revenue sources (14 customers) • Build sewer system & build new 0.4MGD Package Plant (Otter Creek) (\$24M)

- Reduces staffing & regulatory requirements (\$633k annual debt)

- Build sewer system + 0.2MGD Flat Branch + 0.2MGD E.L. WWTP (\$20M)

- Eliminates mid-point pump station & force main (\$500k annual debt)

Costs are preliminary and being confirmed with engineer & vendors.

Continue to work on easements processes and working on 2024 sewer rate proposal for commissioners to review. Hope to have proposal to Commissioners by next week.

The meeting of the Logan County Board of Commissioners was adjourned until November 21, 2023.








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