

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio on Monday, May 19 2008, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel; Mrs. Ula Jean Metzler; and Mr. Glenn D. Reeser. Ryan Scribner, Pickaway County Administrator, was also in attendance.

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to approve the minutes from the previous meetings.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Payment of Bills:

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills have been found to be properly filed and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated May 12, 2008, in the Commissioners' Voucher Register, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners orders the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio to draw her warrant on this entry in the amount of \$485,273.22 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Allocation of March 2008
Sales Tax Collections:

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Reeser to allocate the March 2008, Sales Tax collections in the following manner:

22,000 to 401.0000.4122 – Sales Tax Reserve
419,805.02 – 101.0000.4121 – General Fund

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Memorandum of Agreement Signed with the
Citizens Bank of Ashville for the
Deposit of Public Funds:

A Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds with the Citizens Bank of Ashville was signed accepting for deposit and safekeeping the sum of \$750,000 of the inactive deposits of Pickaway County per Section 135.01 of the Ohio Revised Code for the full term beginning April 30, 2008, and ending April 29, 2013.

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In the Matter of
Bid Opening Conducted for the
Construction of the Wright-Poling Animal Complex:

The Commissioners conducted a bid opening for the construction of the Wright-Poling Animal Complex to be located at 21253 Ringgold Southern Road. The following individuals were in attendance: Dane Smythe of *Great Dane Construction*; Pat Neal of *C. P. Construction*; Jim Todd of *Seifert Construction*; Dan Eichorn of *Holdfast Technologies*; and Jason Isaacs of *Brazenwood*.

Project Estimate: **\$354,500.**

The following bids were received and read aloud:

Siefert Construction, Inc. 8663 Lancaster-New Lexington Rd. Breman, Ohio 43107	\$513,483
C. P. Construction 12967 Ashville Pike Ashville, Ohio 43103	\$379,000
Great Dane Construction, Inc. 26375 St. Rt. 159 Circleville, Ohio 43113	\$494,550

The bids will be reviewed prior to contract award.

In the Matter of Meeting in
Executive Session Regarding
Personnel Matters:

At 10:20 a.m., Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

At 10:40 a.m. Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to resume Regular Session.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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No action was taken.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Terry Frazier Regarding a Re-zoning Request in
Madison Township; Entering into
Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter:

Terry Frazier, Director of the Pickaway County Development and Planning Office met with the Commissioners and spoke with them briefly regarding township zoning amendments. He stated that the Pickaway County Planning Commission hears township trustee zoning comments and questions regarding zoning amendments prior to public hearings to hear the same from the public. Mr. Frazier stated that

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historically this has been handled in a number of ways. If possible, the rezoning is taken to the Planning Commission, where minimal comments are received unless it is in reference to a controversial situation. Mr. Frazier informed the Commissioners that he has a re-zoning request for land owned by the Columbus Regional Airport Authority adjacent to the *Hyperlogistics* warehouse in Madison Twp. for re-zoning from farm/residential, with an airport overlay, to business classified zoning. He informed the Commissioners that the law states that the zoning inspector has 5 days to notify the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission has a 20 total of days to respond. He stated that the problem is the public hearing will be held prior to the Planning Commission's next meeting day, scheduled for June 10.

In reviewing the options to address the matter, whether it is scheduling a special meeting of the Planning Commission to hear the zoning application; Mr. Frazier conduct a telephone poll with Planning Commission members for comment; or Mr. Frazier to comment as a Planning Commission staff member. In discussing the matter, it was ascertained that Mr. Frazier will contact several of the members of the Planning Commission, including Jerry Hines who resides in Walnut Twp., to receive comment. If there then appears to be no issue after consulting with the individuals, it was determined that Mr. Frazier may address the matter himself.

Then, in dealing with separate matter, at 10:46 a.m. Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Reeser to enter into Executive Session with Mr. Frazier regarding a personnel matter.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

At 11:12 a.m. Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to resume Regular Session.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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No action was taken.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Pickaway County
Park District Board Regarding Funding:

Charles Babb and Pete Hartinger of the Pickaway County Park District Board met with the Commissioners to request their consideration of pledging a donation for the purchase of real property from the *Dayton Power and Light Company* (DPL) that runs along the Penn Central Railroad. Terry Frazier, Pickaway County Development and Planning Director, and Mike Smith of *Clear Channel Radio*, Chillicothe, Ohio, were also in attendance.

For quite some time, the Park District Board has been working on a plan to secure real property along the railroad to eventually convert into hiking and biking trails. The first phase, Section 1, involves 17 acres at the price of \$650 each. The acreage runs from the southern portion of the City of Circleville, Circleville Twp., to St. Rt. 104. The District Park Board's ultimate goal is to purchase an additional 145.27 acres, Section 2, at the price of \$650 each, which will continue from St. Rt. 104 to the Village of New Holland, the far western portion of the county. Mr. Babb provided a copy of an OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY agreement between the Park District Board and DPL in the amount of \$1,000 which assigns the right and option to purchase the additional 145.27 acres within a specified period of time. Mr. Babb stated that the total amount to purchase all of the acreage will total approximately \$105,000. As another member of the Park District Board believes he has secured a foundation to provide one-half of the \$11,000 required to purchase the first 17 acres, and cover the \$1,000 cost for the assignment and rights to the second 145.27 acres, Mr. Babb requested the Commissioners' consideration in pledging a donation for the remaining half of the necessary funds. He added that the Park District Board has plans to seek out grants for reimbursement of most of the costs to purchase the remaining acreage.

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After providing the Commissioners with additional plans related to the acquisition of land, such as the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Scioto River, Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler pledging the requested \$6,000 toward the purchase of the 17 acres.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
Creation of New Line Item Approved:

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to approve the following request for the CREATION OF A NEW LINE ITEMS:

904.0000.4557 – Law Enforcement Assistance Fund-Revenue
904.2062.5430 – Law Enforcement Assistance Fund-Training

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
Appropriations Approved:

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to approve the following request for the APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:

1,000 to 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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In the Matter of
Transfers Approved by
County Administrator:

Ryan Scribner, County Administrator, approved the following requests for the TRANSFER and RE-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:

1,000 from 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
to
101.1105.5611 – Special Project Assessment-Interest

40 from 226.2057.5403 – Juvenile-Diversion-Travel & Expense
to
226.2057.5301 – Juvenile-Diversion-Supplies

In the Matter of
Meeting with Sheriff Radcliff
Regarding Inmate Overcrowding at County Jail:

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Sheriff Radcliff met with the Commissioners regarding the overcrowding of inmates at the local jail. Waylon Strickland of the *Circleville Herald* was also in attendance. The Commissioners have been aware of the overcrowding issue and have been discussing the prospect of constructing an additional pod designed for low-risk inmates sometime in the future, however; the funding for such is the issue.

The Sheriff informed the Commissioners that as of May 18, the facility is housing 144 inmates in the 110 bed facility. Inmates currently have to occupy the gymnasium, the medical and temporary booking cells, and interview rooms, in addition to “out-waiting areas”. These are areas where inmates are placed while waiting to go to court. He stated that the problem arises from not only the increase in criminal activity handled by his department, but the increased number of inmates the county is required to hold under state statute that are processed through the City of Circleville Municipal Court, which includes individuals charged by State Patrol which were traditionally held in the Circleville City Jail until this past year due to downsizing related to budget restraints the city has been experiencing. By statute, the county must accept those individuals. While Sheriff Radcliff pointed out that a small portion of inmates currently housed in the county jail are federal prisoners that the Federal Marshal’s Office pays an established daily housing rate per prisoner which generates approximately \$500,000 of annual revenue to the county’s General Fund, turning the federal prisoner’s back over to the Marshal’s Office will not solve the problem. With that being said, the Sheriff indicated that he may not have a choice if the overcrowding stays where it is. He also pointed out that he has told his road patrol staff to issue citations and summons to court whenever possible instead of taking offenders to the county jail. “We hate to do it”, he said, “but when we have so many prisoners coming in, something’s got to give.” While the Commissioners agreed with Sheriff Radcliff’s statement, they indicated that there may be no other alternative but to turn the federal prisoners back over to the Federal Marshal’s Office in an effort to alleviate the problem. The Commissioners pointed out that they are currently examining locations and options for a new county administrative complex, as an overcrowding problem exists at the Courthouse as well. The Commissioners indicated that they would like to currently address both issues, but instead will have to address them individually over a period of time due to funding. It is anticipated that the Commissioners will reach a decision on capital improvement projects by late summer or early fall of this year.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Jodi Black
Regarding the First Casino for Ohio:

Jodi Black, of *MyOhioNow.com* met with the Commissioners in an informational meeting regarding the initiative for the first casino in Ohio. Pickaway County Auditor Melissa Betz; Sheriff Radcliff, and Waylon Strickland of the *Circleville Herald* were also in attendance.

Ms. Black informed the Commissioners that she is the Regional Director for Rick Lertzman and Dr. Brad Pressman that maintain that they are Ohio entrepreneurs who are attempting to bring the largest private sector economic development project of the 21st Century to the state of Ohio. An initiative petition is in the process of being circulated in an effort to obtain the necessary number of signatures of electors required for a proposed Amendment to the Ohio Constitution to be placed on the November ballot. The Amendment will authorize the privately-owned casino in the State of Ohio to be legally operated at a specified site in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of State Route 73 and Interstate 71 in Chester Township, Clinton County. A sample Initiative Petition was provided for the Commissioners review, which requires at least 402,000 signatures, or 5% of the voting population from at least 44 of Ohio’s 88 counties. Ms. Black said that whether one agrees or disagrees with the concept of gambling, it is a reality that Ohioans are spending billions of dollars of gambling money outside of the state. She said that with the passage of the statewide ballot initiative, a portion the casino proceeds will benefit every county in the state, based on its population. In Pickaway County’s case, this could bring in an estimated \$979,940 annually to its General Fund. Ms. Black also emphasized that the casino, and approximate hour’s drive from Pickaway County, will bring up to 5,000 new jobs to Ohio that cannot be outsourced.

Ms. Black provided an overview of what the end result of the proposed minimum \$600 million investment project will consist of, including but not limited to: a total casino top floor space of approximately 180,000 – 220,000 sq. ft.; up to 1,500 hotel rooms; spa; conference center; golf course; live theater/entertainment center; multiple restaurants; child day care and arcade; specialty stores, etc.

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At the conclusion of the overview and following a brief question and answer session, the Commissioners took an impartial position regarding the proposed casino, and thanked Ms. Black for providing the information.

In the Matter of
Resolution Adopted Authorizing the
Disposal of Obsolete Aluminum Road Signs
By County Engineer:

Resolution No: PC-051908-1

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Reeser to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Engineering Department has replaced aluminum road signs that have been determined to be obsolete and unfit for the use for which they were acquired, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the total value of the scrap aluminum does not exceed twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §307.12 (B) (1) obsolete county property valued under twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) may be sold by private sale without public notification, and

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Engineer shall maintain records of all dispositions, including identification of the origin of the materials, the final disposition, and copies of all receipts resulting from the dispositions, then

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Pickaway County Engineer to dispose of the scrap aluminum by private sale.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report Filed:

The weekly report for the Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending May 17, 2008.

A total of \$533 was reported being collected as follows: \$160 in sales of dogs; \$30 in redemptions; \$70 in donations; \$182 in sales of tags; \$91 in late tag fee penalties.

Six (6) dogs and no cats were destroyed.

No firearms were discharged.

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Reeser to adjourn. Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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Ula Jean Metzler, Vice President

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