

**TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2007**  
**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 Tuesday, May 29, 2007, with the following members present: Mr. Glenn D. Reeser; Mr. Jay H. Wippel; and Mrs. Ula Jean Metzler. Daniel V. Bradhurst, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

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

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of**  
**Payment of Bills:**

Mr. Wippel 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 date May 25, 2007, 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 \$167,999.63 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of**  
**Reimbursement of Expenses Approved:**

The Commissioners authorized the reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$190.18 related to Ellery Elick's attendance, Pickaway County Treasurer, at the Ohio County Treasurer's Association conference that was held at the Marriott Inn in Columbus on May 15 – 17, 2007.

**In the Matter of**  
**Meeting Regarding Central Ohio**  
**Greenway Implementation:**

Erin Miller and Amy Lowe of Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) met with the Commissioners to provide an overview of MORPC's visioning process related to the possible creation of greenway recreational trails in Pickaway County. Terry Frazier, Director of the Pickaway County Development and Planning Office; Susan Liggins, Pickaway County Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator; Robert (Pete) Hartinger and Charles E. Babb, members of the Pickaway County Park District Board; Louis McFarland, P.E. City of Circleville Director of Public Service; and Steven Studenmund, of Franklin County Metro Parks were also in attendance.

Erin Miller began by providing copies of the Central Ohio Greenway (COG) Implementation Guide that a MORPC Greenway Steering Committee has been working on for greenway recreational trail building throughout a 12-county region, which includes Pickaway County for potential trails to be utilized for both recreation and transportation. She stated that recreational trails, among other positive aspects, encourage healthy lifestyles, create educational experiences, enriches the lives of the public, and connects communities. A draft display map was provided reflecting the main greenway trail network that currently exists in Franklin County and potential connection points throughout the 12-county region, though the location of connection

points will ultimately be decided by each participating county. Ms. Miller stated that the Olentangy Trail in Franklin County is complete, and is probably the most utilized trail in the state. The Alum Creek Trail is expected to be completed within the next two (2) years, and the Scioto Trail that travels through the heart of downtown Columbus is underway and includes potential connection points within Pickaway County. She stated that the final conceptual map and regional strategy end product will be able to be used for leverage by participating communities/counties for federal and/or state funding support opportunities.

Mr. Studenmund stated that a regional strategy also allows for multiple-jurisdiction partnerships within the region. He said that the two (2) major watercourses are Big Darby Creek, a State and National Scenic River, and the Scioto River, both of which traverse Pickaway County. He added that one of the grand visions of the Franklin County Metro Parks is to not only educate people on why the Big Darby Creek Watershed is so important, but could also experience its protected and preserved qualities, which can also attract economic development and tourism. "We would like to see a greenway system starting at Logan County where the head waters of Big Darby Creek are and come down all the way through Union, Madison, Franklin, and Pickaway Counties and have recreational trail corridors. Trails can be hard surface trails as wide as twelve (12) feet, or they can be a natural path as small as a deer run," stated Mr. Studemund. He also noted that one of the main partners in the COG Plan is *Rails-to-Trails Conservancy* (RTC). The conservancy converts abandoned industrial train rail corridors into recreational trails and has also taken the lead at the statehouse in an effort to work with the Ohio Rail Commission (ORC) in facilitating trails a certain distance from the centerline of active rails. Ms. Miller stated that RTC is working with the ORC in an effort to include it in the recreational waiver of liability and once that happens, it should be easier to work with the rail companies for the conversion of rails to trails.

Mr. McFarland then provided an overview of a project that the City of Circleville has been working with in reference to a RTC Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant. He stated that they are looking at an approximate one and a half mile section between St. Rt. 56 and Bolender-Pontious Road and purchasing property rights along an abandoned railroad corridor. Hopes are for the Pickaway Countywide Park District to work out a lease with Washington Township Trustees to further develop the Martha Hitler Park on the east end of the corridor and network trails to Barthelmas Park located on St. Rt. 56 near the west end of the corridor. He stated that due to funding influx, it will be several years before this and other plans can be realized. The city is also looking at an old railroad corridor through town and other shared-use trails. Mr. McFarland stated that Edsall & Associates, a firm contracted by the City of Circleville to assist with its Comprehensive Landuse Plan will be made aware of the plans. Mr. Frazier then added that the Pickaway County Historical Society has about 18,000 feet of narrow unimproved trail along the canal, which could be a connector to rails and inquired if abandoned canal lands are treated as greenways. Ms. Miller stated that they are. When Mr. McFarland inquired if MORPC's COG Plan will intend to buy property fee simple or acquire easements for greenway and trail building, Ms. Miller stated that the guide she distributed provides a variety of transaction options and step-by-step direction from initial planning through implementation of greenway and trail building. She added that such transactions are less difficult and more cost effective before development occurs.

A signage system has recently been completed for the COG Plan and if a community chooses to participate in the 12-county region, signs are already designed so it can be marketed as one regional system. Each trail will have its own designated signage color. Signs will begin to be installed this year along the existing Olentangy Trail in Franklin County.

When asked if criminal activity has been experienced or risen around greenways and recreational trails, Ms. Miller responded by stating that the majority of communities that have greenways and recreational trails have reported no increase in crime and, in fact, vagrant activity has declined.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Commissioners agreed that greenways and recreational trails definitely enhances the quality of life for residents and informed the group of the county's recently adopted policy of setting aside approximately \$30,000 - \$40,000 a year and accept proposals from various community non-profit, non-governmental organizations in requesting funding assistance for specified projects, as long as the county budget permits. They stated that they feel the COG Plan would be such a project for their consideration.

The group then thanked the Commissioners for their time.

### **In the Matter of *Partners for Success* Grant Agreement Signed:**

Commissioner Reeser signed the *SFY08 Partnerships for Success* (PFS) grant with the Ohio Department of Youth Services in the amount of \$100,000 that will be utilized by the Family & Children First

Council. The second year grant is allocated for the Family & Children First Council Coordinator position for related duties and collaborations dedicated to the PfS mission. The grant expires March 31, 2008.

**In the Matter of  
Request to Utilize Courthouse Steps Authorized:**

Commissioner Reeser signed an *Agreement for Use of Courthouse Steps* authorizing a request made by Gary Dumm, Chairman of the Pickaway County Democratic Party, to hold a Democratic Family Day on July 21, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Planned activities consist of a general membership drive, music, food, games, and voter registration. The attendance of 50 – 75 people is anticipated.

**In the Matter of Annual Meeting of  
Wolf Run Group Ditch Joint Board of Commissioners:**

The annual meeting of the Joint Board of Commissioners for the Wolf Run Group Ditch was held with the following members in attendance: Pickaway County Commissioners Glenn D. Reeser, Jay H. Wippel, Ula Jean Metzler; and Ross County Commissioners James Caldwell, Frank Hirsch, and Douglas Corcoran. Ross County Administrator, Kelly Shelton, and Robert E. Parker, Pickaway County Engineer, were also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the current fund balance, its 2007 anticipated revenue and expenditures, and to certify the 2007 ditch maintenance assessments made against benefiting property owners of the ditch located in both Pickaway County (Deercreek Township), and Ross County (Deerfield Township).

As of May 1, 2007, the ditch fund reflected a balance of \$1,028.00 with anticipated real estate tax collection revenue of \$504.51 and estimated expenses of \$820.00, for a projected fund carryover of \$712.51 at the end of 2007. The current base cost for the ditch is \$28,000, with a 20% maximum for contingences. Another base cost evaluation is due in 2011.

Mr. Parker distributed copies of the annual ditch inspection report that was conducted by Lloyd McManus, Pickaway County Soil & Water Conservation District Office Technician, on April 11, 2007. Bill Hamman, Wolf Run Group Ditch Committee member was also present for the inspection. In the inspection report it was noted that a collapsed culvert crossing was repaired last year for a total cost of \$3,694.25. The ditch will be mowed and Mr. Hamman will spot spray for brush and cattails. The berm needs to be reseeded on the McCollister/Hartsock properties.

The Joint Board of Commissioners reviewed the schedule of assessments that are to be made against benefiting landowners in both Pickaway and Ross Counties. Upon completion of the review, which was followed by a brief question and answer session, Mr. Caldwell offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler for the Wolf Run Ditch Joint Board of Commissioners to adopt the following Resolution approving and certifying the assessments for year 2007, collectible in year 2008:

WHEREAS, special assessments were made against the described real estate on the following list of benefiting acreage situated in Deercreek Township and Deerfield Township, Pickaway County and Ross County respectively, and

WHEREAS, assessments were made for the Wolf Run Group Ditch Maintenance Fund and is in compliance with O.R.C. §6137.02, then

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, and Auditor of Ross County, Ohio are hereby authorized and directed to place said assessments on 2008 Tax Duplicates for assessments collected in 2007, against the benefiting landowners listed below.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of Certification of  
2007 Assessments to the Pickaway County Auditor for  
Wolf Run Group Ditch:**

This is to certify that special assessments were made against the described real estate situated in Deercreek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Said assessments were made for the Wolfe Run Group Ditch Maintenance Fund in compliance with O.R.C. §6137.02, and the Pickaway County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to place said assessment on Tax Duplicates for year 2007, against the following schedule of landowners to be benefited, to wit:

**Wolf Run Group Ditch  
Deercreek Township  
Pickaway County  
2007**

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Benefited Acres</b>	<b>Assessment Amount</b>
Shaw, Harold	C09-0-001-00-376-00	53.2	13.2	\$ 26.68
Sheridan, Mary Ellen, Trustee	C09-0-001-00-380-00	273	19	\$ 38.99
Hamman, Andy Russell & Cathryn	C09-0-001-00-543-01	24.36	22	\$ 45.15
Mace, Harold (Trust), Mace, Norma, Trustee	C09-0-001-00-373-00	72.2	48	\$ 98.51
Mace, Harold (Trust), Mace, Norma, Trustee	C09-0-001-00-374-00	3.6	3.6	\$ 7.39
Massey, Norman D.	C09-0-001-00-380-01	7.18	4	\$ 8.20
Massey, Norman D.	P33-0-001-00-162-01	51.52	1	\$ 2.06
Shaw, Donald E. Sr. & Constance	C09-0-001-00-355-00	41	8	\$ 16.42
Shaw, Donald E. Sr. & Constance	C09-0-001-00-356-00	44	44	\$ 90.30
Shaw, Donald E. Sr. & Constance	C09-0-001-00-357-00	40	21	\$ 43.09
Shaw, Donald E. Sr. & Constance	C09-0-001-00-358-00	90	12	\$ 24.63
Barbee, T. Richard Jr.	C09-0-001-00-367-00	129	21	\$ 43.09
Totals:			216.8	\$ 444.51

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of Certification of  
2007 Assessments to the Ross County Auditor for  
Wolf Run Group Ditch:**

This is to certify that special assessments were made against the described real estate situated in Deerfield Township, Ross County, Ohio. Said assessments were made for the Wolfe Run Group Ditch Maintenance Fund in compliance with O.R.C. §6137.02, and the Ross County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to place said assessment on Tax Duplicates for year 2007, against the following schedule of landowners to be benefited, to wit:

**Wolf Run Group Ditch  
Deerfield Township  
Ross County  
2007**

<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Benefited Acres</b>	<b>Assessment Amount</b>
Will, Ruth	100705007000	294.81	19.2	\$ 39.40
Mace, Norma-Trustee	090705009000	237.7	206.8	\$ 424.40
McCollister, Scott E., etal	100705010000	163.35	98.4	\$ 201.94
GE-MJ Farms, LLC	090705003000	306.66	107.3	\$ 220.20
Hamman, Andy R. & Cathryn	090705002000	184.68	31.9	\$ 65.47
Massey, Norman D.	1007050120000	8.23	3.3	\$ 6.77
Total			466.90	\$ 958.18

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**In the Matter of County  
Planning Session:**

The Commissioners devoted the remainder of the afternoon to a planning session in reference to various county initiatives under consideration.

The first topic of discussion was determining the criteria in which to identify eligible applicants in requesting annual financial assistance from the county for specified projects from community non-profit, non-governmental, non-county general fund organizations. Setting of a maximum request amount; applicant's establishing financial need; providing a project's measurable outcome/countywide impact, and other criteria were discussed. It was determined that project funding requests from the county's 2008 funding cycle will be distributed to potential applicants in early September.

Commissioner Wippel provided an update of the county facilities plan. He reported that he is still waiting on an architect's conceptual drawing for the construction of a building that could house non-court related county departments currently occupying the Courthouse. The option of building a new facility to strictly house the Pickaway County Department of Job & Family Services (PCDJFS) in addition to the Jobs One-Stop Office had been considered, however, after weighing the pros and cons related to the payment of user fees from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services for housing the local agency as opposed to building depreciation was deemed more cost effective and the option of keeping the PCDJFS at its current location seemed more practical.

Discussion also was held regarding the addition of a minimum security pod at the Pickaway County Jail, in addition to options to consider regarding Memorial Hall that currently houses the Soldiers Monumental Association, Roundtown Players; Victims of Crime office; and records from the Pickaway County Historical Society. No recommendations or decisions were made at this time regarding the various discussions.

The topic of receiving quarterly updates from individuals they have appointed to various boards/committees such as the Pickaway County Airport Authority; Pickaway County Library Board; Berger Health System Board of Governors; Pickaway County/Circleville Building Advisory Board; Paint Valley Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (ADAMH) was discussed. It was ascertained that Commissioner Wippel and the clerk to the board will meet later in the week to discuss the topic and report back with suggested time intervals to receive the updates from the various board/committee appointees.

Commissioner Metzler reported on the Education Improvement Committee (EIC). She reported that a *Kids on Campus* summer enrichment program for fourth and fifth grade students who are interested in focusing on one mathematical content standard a day is scheduled for June 11 – 15, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Ohio Christian University. The program is sponsored by the Pickaway Higher Education Learning Partners for Students (Pickaway H.E.L.P.S.). T-Shirts will be provided to all students attending the program. Flyers have been provided to all district elementary schools for distribution.

At the conclusion of the planning session, it was determined that the Commissioners will routinely schedule sessions every two (2) weeks on a non-meeting day from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00. The next planning session is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2007.

**In the Matter of  
Transfer and Re-Appropriation Approved by  
County Administrator:**

Daniel V. Bradhurst, County Administrator, approved the following request for the TRANSFER and RE-APPROPRIATION of funds:

6,500 from 101.1140.5428 – Board of Elections-Contract Workers  
to  
101.1140.5501 – Board of Elections-Equipment

**In the Matter of  
Creation of New Line Item Approved:**

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

**229.0000.4926 – Clerk of Courts Computer-Other Receipts**

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of Weekly  
Animal Shelter Report:**

The weekly report for the Pickaway County Animal Shelter was filed for week ending May 26, 2007.

A total of \$221 was reported being collected as follows: \$96 in sales of dogs; \$15 in redemptions; \$45 in donations; \$52 in sales of tags; \$13 in late tag fee penalties.

Nine (9) 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. Wippel to adjourn. Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Reeser, yes; Mr. Wippel, yes; Mrs. Metzler, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Glenn D. Reeser, President

Jay H. Wippel, Vice President

Ula Jean Metzler  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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