

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009
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, June 29, 2009, with the following members present: Mrs. Ula Jean Metzler and Mr. Glenn D. Reeser. Mr. Jay H. Wippel was absent. Ryan Scribner, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

**In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:**

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to approve the minutes from June 22, 2009.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mrs. Metzler, yes; Mr. Reeser, yes; Mr. Wippel, absent.
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 June 26, 2009, 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 **\$164,115.22** on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of
New Liquor License Approved for
Rankin Enterprises, LLC:**

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to approve new Liquor License #71978910020 for Rankin Enterprises, LLC, 8531 SR 56 E, Pickaway Township, Circleville, Ohio 43113, with no request for a hearing.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Meeting with County Coroner
Regarding Pandemic Flu:**

Michael Geron, Pickaway County Coroner, met with the Commissioners for a discussion regarding the influenza A (H1N1) virus. On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) raised the worldwide pandemic alert to Phase 6 in response to the ongoing global spread of the influenza A (H1N1) virus. A Phase 6 designation indicated that a global pandemic is underway. Phase 6 is a reflection of the spread of the virus, not the severity of illness it causes.

More than 70 counties are now reporting cases of the influenza and this number has been increasing over the past few weeks, but many of the cases reportedly had links to travel or were localized outbreaks

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without community spread. The WHO designation of a pandemic alert Phase 6 reflects the fact that there are now ongoing community level outbreaks in multiple parts of the world.

Dr. Geron stated that he has been informed by the Ohio State Coroners Association (OSCA) that the county will be receiving mass supplies of gloves, masks, body bags, Tyvek (protective) Suits, and protective glasses within the next few weeks from the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Office of Vital Statistics. The items are being provided by the federal government as a proactive measure in the event of a local outbreak. Dr. Geron stated that the local health department has already received seventy-five (75) ventilators that have been delivered to Berger Hospital. The amounts of supplies that counties receive were calculated by the ODH based on population. Dr. Geron stated that included with the preparation, there is also the necessity for the county to designate a locale if mass burials were to become necessary. Designating an area on county-owned property where the Pickaway County Airport is located in Pickaway Township was discussed. It was then determined that a meeting will be scheduled for next Monday, July 6, with members of the Pickaway County Airport Authority and the Pickaway Township Trustees to further discuss the matter.

A brief discussion was then held in reference to relocating the county coroner's office from the lower level of the old jail/sheriff residence to space that is available in Memorial Hall.

In the Matter of
Pickaway County Board of
Developmental Disabilities Update:

Randy Beach, Bob Hively, and Lori Horvath of the Pickaway County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (PCBMRDD) met with the Commissioners to provide an update. The PCBMRDD's mission is to support people with mental retardation and development disabilities to live, learn, work, and participate in the community and encourage individual choice and family involvement.

Mr. Beach reported that since 2004, the agency has been focusing on allocating resources where they are needed the most. In doing so, existing and new programs are being examined to determine if some of the same services the agency has to offer are provided elsewhere. Another aspect that is being examined is if resources are being spent on a certain category of recipients at the expense of others who also require various forms of assistance. Mr. Beach stated that for anyone who requests PCBMRDD's services, a customized plan is developed. He pointed out that by law the local agency is prohibited to service anyone with local funding that is not a resident of Pickaway County.

Topics reviewed in the update included:

- **Board Name Change:** Per new legislation, Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities have changed to Boards of Developmental Disabilities (BDD). The change will officially go into effect after Governor Strickland signs the bill. This law does not change the roles and responsibilities of the boards that were originally formed in 1967. Mental retardation is just one of many diagnoses or conditions that may contribute to an individual having a developmental disability. No diagnosis or condition, in and of itself, automatically makes an individual eligible for services from a county board of developmental disabilities.
- **Adult Services:** Over five (5) years ago, the local agency began discussions about "privatizing" its adult service program. As the state of Ohio made changes to how certain Medicaid services would be funded, it became apparent that the county BDD could not continue to operate its own adult program under the same manner and still ensure that all eligible individuals would have equal access to funds for services and support. Medicaid law now requires that any person eligible for and seeking certain Medicaid services be permitted to obtain those services from the provider of his or her choice. For some Medicaid services available to individuals with developmental disabilities there is a requirement for a non-federal match of the total costs. That match comes from the county BDD. As more Medicaid eligible individuals chose providers other than those operated directly by the local BDD, in effect it was paying for the same service twice by having fixed costs for its own operation and then also paying the cost for someone who chose a private provider. The best alternative for Pickaway County BDD to address this issue was to completely move its existing adult program out from under the direct control of the local board. In September of 2010, after a 2-year transition agreement ends, adult services provider Pickaway Diversified Industries (PDI) will be funded exactly as all other private providers are funded which is based on a standardized per enrollee/per attendance basis. (PDI was an arm of PCBDD until it

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privatized resulting in the transition agreement). Mr. Beach did state, however, that changes are being made to the agreement due to the fact that more eligible individuals chose other providers than was anticipated which financially impacts the local BDD because it has to pay for the private provider's services. Some changes are being made to the Medicaid waiver funds received as well in that PDI will begin billing for and receiving the funds directly rather than the funds being passed to PDI through the PCBDD account. In addition to the day program aspect, PDI has also become one of three transportation providers available to all eligible adult enrollees. The separation between the PCBDD and PDI has resulted in other changes to the PCBDD that include: 1) reduction of number of employees by 21 (16 in adult services and 5 in transportation); 2) based on the current per person costs at the end of the transition agreement, the PCBDD will reduce costs for serving the same number of people by at least \$250,000; 3) standardization of transportation payments and reduction of direct cost for insurance and other indirect costs associated with maintaining a transportation system.

- **Help Me Grow (HMG) Grant**: PCBDD has administered this program since its inception. HMG is the State of Ohio's program established to be in compliance with Federal Regulations related to the Disabilities Education Act for children under the age of three. HMG provides Service Coordination to eligible children and their families and the requirements under the grant specify certain protocols and procedures. Mr. Beach stated that since the PCBDD also operated a direct service Early Intervention Program, the dual function seemed like a good idea. When the PCBDD first agreed to administer the program, it did so with one caveat; the PCBDD would not allocate and spend its funds for the administration of the HMG program. Over time, as the two systems continued to operate, PCBDD ended up blending them together to the point where it was difficult to separate the two functions and the PCBDD began assuming costs that were never its responsibility. Ultimately, the PCBDD ended up spending nearly \$480,000 for a program that was funded at a rate of \$285,000. This was clearly in conflict with the board's intention. A major problem with all of this is that HMG was to be a county system and not a single agency system. Mr. Beach stated that the PCBDD, while operating a good system, did a disservice to the rest of the county by not letting the various oversight agencies be a part of the program development and problem solving development. In 2008, the PCBDD began to re-evaluate its position and in 2009, it became known that the grant funds were going to be significantly reduced in the new budget cycle. For the PCBDD, this meant even further reductions. Mr. Beach stated that the PCBDD took official action to state that it would not apply for the new grant cycle that is to begin July 1, 2009, however; will contribute in-kind services and evaluations. This will allow the grant to go to another agency that does not also provide direct services to children less than three years of age. Mr. Beach reported that based on current cost estimates, PCBDD will reduce allocations of MRDD funds for the HMG program by at least \$200,000 for a 12-month period. He also stated that the Pickaway County Educational Service Center will now administer the program.
- **School/Preschool Transportation**: The legal responsibility for educational services for all children is that of the school district where the child resides. The PCBDD system is an alternative placement sight for school districts and parents of children with certain needs. PCBDD used to fund the school and preschool system entirely with its local levy funds and Ohio Department of Education funds. In the 2004/2005 school year, PCBDD stopped providing related services (i.e. occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy). The school districts each assure that the students placed at Brooks Yates Center (BYC) School/Preschool receive appropriate specialized services at the district's cost. At that time, the districts were informed that PCMRDD would also be looking to further reduce expenditures for those things that are the legal responsibility of the school districts. Beginning with the 2009/2010 school year, PCBDD will no longer provide transportation for age students going to BYC School/Preschool. The Pickaway County Educational Service Center (ESC) will become a transportation provider as part of its plan to establish collaborative non-duplicated services to the school districts in the county. In accordance with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) rules, the ESC has the authority to re-assign school busses that the PCBDD obtained with ODE funding. The ESC will be taking four (4) of the PCBDD busses to use for transportation services and the PCBDD bus drivers and bus aides will be employed by the ESC. The transportation costs will be passed on to the school districts. Mr. Beach pointed out however, that beginning in January of this year, the PCBDD began billing the school districts for the current school year. He also stated that one district has opted to provide its own transportation. The change in no longer providing transportation also applies to the private providers of adult services, (Goodwill and Good Hands). Based on current cost estimates, this action will reduce the PCBDD costs by at least \$150,000 for a 12-month period.

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- **School/Preschool Educational Services Costs:** Similar to the school/preschool transportation matter, the PCBDD will be passing on some costs of the operation of the school and preschool to the school district. The districts were previously informed of this in a formal letter stating that the PCBDD will be charging some costs in excess of ODE funding to the school districts. The exact formula is yet to be determined. The PCBDD will continue to assume financial responsibility for some items that are above and beyond what would be expected of a school district and would be considered “specialized services”. Based on current cost estimates, the PCBDD will recoup at least \$220,000 of costs that are currently above the amount funded by ODE.
- **Attrition/efficiency & effectiveness actions:** Since the fall of 2008, approximately \$93,000 in wages plus benefits has been saved through attrition. The vacated position responsibilities were restructured and/or combined among the remaining staff.
- **Individuals Served/:** The numbers of individuals receiving various services ranging from early intervention to adult services along their respective funding distinctions that are being provided by the PCBDD were reviewed.

At the conclusion of the update, the Commissioners thanked everyone for their time.

In the Matter of
Resolution Adopted Authorizing
Participation Agreement Regarding Employment
Verification Services for Pickaway County Job & Family Services:

Rhonda Hoffman and Sonya Burris of the Pickaway County Job & Family Services (PCDJFS) met with the Commissioners and requested their authorization to utilize their membership with the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio and obtain their signatures on a participation agreement for employment verification services that will be utilized by the PCDJFS. The service is being offered at a substantially reduced rate to all county Job & Family Services Departments in Ohio through the Child Support Enforcement Agency Director's and County Commissioners' Associations of Ohio.

Following a brief question and answer session, Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to adopt the following Resolution and to sign the Participation Agreement Regarding the Employment Verification Services of Consumers of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Corporation:

Resolution No.: PC-062909-1

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 9.48 (B) (2) authorizes counties to be able to participate in a joint purchasing program operated by or through a national or state association of political subdivisions in which the purchasing county is eligible for membership. County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Company (through its parent, CCAO) qualifies as such an association, and

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Job and Family Services with all other counties in Ohio have been given an offer to participate in a joint purchasing program for employment verification services at a substantially reduced rate through a contract established by the Ohio Child Support Director's Association through the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Job and Family Services requests authorization from the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners, as a member of County Commissioners' Association of Ohio, to participate in this joint purchasing program, then

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners as a member of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio do hereby authorize the Pickaway County Job and Family Services to participate in the joint purchasing program offered through the contract established by the Ohio Child Support Director's Association through the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
2010 Tax Budget Reviewed:

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The Commissioners and Ryan Scribner, County Administrator, reviewed the proposed 2010 Tax Budget that will be available for public viewing in the County Auditor's office and Commissioners' office beginning July 2, 2009. The Public Hearing on said budget will be held in the Commissioners' office, 139 West Franklin Street, on Monday, July 6, 2009, at 11:00 a.m.

**In the Matter of
State of Ohio, Driver's Testing Bureau
Renewal Rental Lease Signed:**

The Commissioners signed the one (1)-year renewal lease agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety for the Drivers License Testing Bureau that is housed in 954 sq. ft. of space in the Pickaway County Annex, 141 W. Main Street, Circleville, Ohio. The lease is in effect for the period of July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, with the option to renew for an additional year prior to its expiration. The rental lease was renewed with no increase to the current rate of \$8.00 per square foot.

**Resolution Adopted to
Assess Benefited Landowners of County Ditches:**

At the written request from Robert Parker, Pickaway County Engineer, Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to adopt the following Resolution assessing benefited landowners for the annual maintenance of the following county-maintained ditches:

Resolution No.: PC-062909-2

BE IT RESOLVED that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Auditor to place the necessary assessments upon benefited landowner's tax duplicates for year 2009, payable in 2010, for the following county-maintained ditches:

**Autie Howard Group Ditch
Blue Anderson Ditch
Bulen Main/Bulen Lateral Ditch
Braskett Ditch
Congo Lateral #1 Ditch
Cooks' Group Open Ditch
Dry Run Lateral #1 Ditch
George's Run Upper Terminus Ditch
Greenbriar Extension #1 Ditch
Grove Run Ditch
Hughes County Ditch Lateral #1
Hughes Lateral #3 Ditch
Hughes Upper Terminus & Lateral #1 Ditch
Metzger-Ewing-Johnson Group Ditch
Mud Run Lateral #1 Ditch
PC Acres Storm Water Ditch
Springwater Run Ditch
Wampler Hills Storm Water Ditch
Wolf Run Ditch (Resolution adopted during Joint Board Meeting on 5.26.09)**

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Amended Certificate Approved for
Tax Increment Financing Fund:**

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

Resolution No.: PC-062909-3

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission granted an AMENDED CERTIFICATE in the amount of **\$105,464.94** for the **Tax Increment Financing Fund #312**, then

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriate the following sum for expenditure for period ending December 31, 2009:

**Tax Increment Financing Fund #312
\$105,464.94**

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Appropriations Approved:**

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

**119,535.06 to 312.7102.5401 – Tax Increment Financing-Contract Services
105,464.94 to 312.7102.5401 – Tax Increment Financing-Expense
105,464.94 to 312.0000.4926 – Tax Increment Financing-Revenue
1,500 to 297.5002.5301 – Economic Improvement Corporation-Supplies**

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Waivers Approved:**

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Mrs. Metzler to waive the waiting period to issue payment to the following:

US Route 23 Supply, LLC in the amount of **\$2,055.05** from line item #401.7115.5529 and **\$1,075.51** from line item #101.1102.5301 for a total amount of **\$3,130.56**;

Sutherlands Lumber in the amount of **\$475.10** from line item #101.1102.530; **\$77.17** from line item #401.7115.5956; and **\$1,793.76** from line item #401.7115.5529 for a total amount of **\$2,346.03**.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

**In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report:**

The weekly report for the Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending June 27, 2009.

A total of \$849.80 was reported being collected as follows: \$288 in sales of dogs; \$55 in redemptions; and \$233.80 in donations; \$208 in sales of tags; and \$65 in late tag fee penalties.

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Eleven (11) dogs were euthanized.

No firearms were discharged.

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

Ula Jean Metzler, President

Glenn D. Reeser, Vice President

ABSENT

Jay H. Wippel

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Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk