

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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, October 13, 2009, with the following members present: Mrs. Ula Jean Metzler; Mr. Glenn D. Reeser; and Mr. Jay H. Wippel. Mr. Wippel was not present for the morning meetings, but joined the proceedings in the afternoon. 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 October 5, 2009 minutes.

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

Attest: _____
Ryan Scribner, County Administrator

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

Mr. Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Reeser 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 October 9, 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 **\$154,902.89** on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

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

Members of the Pickaway County Park District Board met with the Commissioners to provide an update on their activities. Board members in attendance included: Pete Hartinger, Kenny Speakman, Marty DeLamater, and Michael Clark. Charles Babb, Park District Board employee, was also in attendance. Mr. Hartinger informed the commissioners that the Park District Board had been awarded a Rails to Trails grant for up to \$155,000 to be used towards the surveying and purchase of approximately 14.8 miles of right of way owned by Dayton Power and Light. He explained that the grant is replaceable money that will reimburse 75% of monies spent for the purchase and surveying of the land. The Commissioners suggested that the Park District Board check with the County Prosecutor's office to verify if a request for qualification process is necessary to determine who will do the surveying work that is expected to cost over \$100,000. Mr. Hartinger agreed to look into that and indicated that he would inform the Commissioners when the County needs to advance the funds previously committed as match for the grant.

**In the Matter of
Meeting with Dave Hannahs of PICCA
Regarding the Health Department Lease Agreement:**

Dave Hannahs, Director of PICCA, met with the Commissioners to discuss the current and future status of the Commissioners' lease agreement for the Health Department. When the Commissioners last met with Mr. Hannahs, they indicated that they were unsure if they would be able to continue the lease agreement

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with PICCA when it expires in 2011. Mr. Hannahs indicated that he had no potential alternative tenants for the space currently utilized by the Health Department. He said that he might be willing to reduce the rent amount in exchange for a shorter lease term than the current 10 year agreement. Mr. Hannahs asked the Commissioners to give him a written proposal for reduced rent costs that he could respond to. The Commissioners indicated that they would do that sometime in the next year before the lease expires.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Dan Bradhurst of Chris Wojno Consulting
Regarding the Community Housing Improvement Program:

Dan Bradhurst, consultant from Chris Wojno Consulting, met with the Commissioners to update them on the status of the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. He indicated that all 2008 CDBG program contracts had been signed for the projects to be completed in Darby Township, New Holland, and Muhlenburg Township. He said that he thought the ongoing problem with the county violating audit guidelines by holding CDBG funds for more than 15 days after drawdown could be resolved through better coordination with fund recipients. Mr. Bradhurst reminded the Commissioners that the 2010 CHIP application should be started in December and that a Request for Qualification for CHIP consulting services should be released as soon as possible. He suggested that the RFQ should be developed for a more limited range of consulting services that could be utilized to support Susan Robinson, the county's new program administrator.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Jack Middaugh of the
Pickaway County Sheriff's Office
Regarding Approval to Purchase
911 Voice Recording System Replacement:

Jack Middaugh and Lt. Rob Radcliff from the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office met with the Commissioners to discuss capital needs including the 911 Voice Recording System replacement. Mr. Middaugh shared an estimate of \$57,480 from Sound Communications, Inc for replacement of the existing 911 Voice Recording System. Mr. Middaugh explained that the quote was below the State Minimum Contract pricing for such a system and as such, no sealed public bid would be required to purchase the system. He also indicated that the capital funds used to purchase the system could be used as local match for a grant the Sheriff was pursuing for the purchase of a new 911 Call Center system.

Mr. Reeser offered the motion, seconded by Ms. Metzler to approve the purchase of the 911 Voice Recording System contingent upon documentation that the system quote was below state term pricing.

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

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In other business, Mr. Middaugh indicated the planned repairs to the jail roof would be delayed until 2010. He asked if the \$90,000 allocated for the planned repairs could be utilized for the purchase of three cruisers in 2009 instead. The Commissioners suggested that Mr. Middaugh and Ryan Scribner, County Administration, examine lease options for the purchase and report back to the Board with purchase vs. lease cost scenarios.

In the Matter of
Appointment of Interim 800 MHz System Administrator

Ryan Scribner, County Administrator, informed the board that with the retirement of Jim Bingman from the County Engineer's office, there was a need to appoint an interim 800 MHz radio system administrator to support and maintain the system until a permanent system administrator position is created and filled. Mr. Scribner said that Mr. Bingman had agreed to serve as the interim administrator until plans are finalized for the new permanent position.

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Mr. Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Reeser to appoint Jim Bingman as the Interim 800 MHz System Administrator for the purpose of supporting and maintaining the radio system. The position is to be an unpaid, temporary appointment until a paid System Administrator position is created and filled.

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

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In the Matter of
Dedication of Circleville Twp. Trustees' Crites Road Extension Project:

The Commissioners attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new Crites Road Extension Project.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Judge Long
Regarding Juvenile/Probate Court Security

The Commissioners met with Judge Long at the courthouse to discuss ideas to improve court security. Judge Long presented the Board with an idea to repurpose existing office space into a holding room for juveniles awaiting hearings. This would provide for a more secure option than having them wait in the hallway on a bench. The creation of the holding room would displace the employee currently using the space for an office. Judge Long asked if the meeting room on the first floor next to the boiler room could be used as a new office for the displaced employee. The Commissioners asked Ryan Scribner, County Administrator, to talk with the Building Department to determine what code issues would need to be addressed to utilize the space adjacent to the boiler room.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Berger Board of Governors Appointees:

The Commissioners met with Dr. Charles Hedges, Mark Leatherwood, and Dr. Serena Dresbach from the Berger Health System (BHS) Board of Governors for an update on board activities. Commissioner Reeser posed a series of questions to the board pertaining to recent personnel changes and the upcoming ballot initiative to require city residents to vote on certain changes to the ownership and management of BHS.

Commissioner Reeser asked if board members knew if Larry Thornhill, former President of BHS, had been in contact with Ohio Health, his new employer, before he left his position with Berger. The Berger Board Members indicated that Mr. Thornhill had been part of the search committee that was looking at candidates for the position that Mr. Thornhill ended up accepting, but they did not believe he had been considered as a candidate or that he was pursuing the position until after he resigned from BHS, effective October 1, 2009. Commissioner Reeser stated that he presumed BHS would be approached with business solicitations from Mr. Thornhill in the near future as his new position with Ohio Health might require.

Commissioner Reeser asked if Tom Klitzka had been terminated from BHS and if he was any kind of salary continuation. Dr. Hedges stated that Mr. Klitzka had been terminated from BHS for cause after a year and a half long performance improvement program had failed. Dr. Hedges said that he was unsure if Mr. Klitzka was receiving any kind of severance or salary continuation, but that it would not be out of the ordinary if he was.

Commissioner Reeser asked if the BHS Board had taken a position on the upcoming ballot measure that requires city residents to approve certain changes to the ownership and management of BHS by vote. The Board Members indicated that they oppose the measure because of poor wording and the potential for it to paralyze the governance of the hospital. Commissioner Reeser asked if there was a plan to campaign against the ballot measure. Dr. Hedges stated that there was no coordinate plan on the part of the board, but he believed some BHS staff may be working against it. He further stated that the BHS Board is unanimous in their belief that citizens should get to vote on BHS privatization, but the Board is also unanimous in their

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belief that the ballot initiative, as written, is bad. Mr. Reeser asked for further clarification on plans to oppose the ballot initiative, questioning whether there would be letter writing, cold calling, or email campaigns to encourage no votes. The BHS Board Members reiterated that they were unaware of any such formal campaign against the ballot measure. Dr. Hedges stated that regardless of what happens with the upcoming election, the BHS Board will push to have a vote on privatization in November, 2010.

Commissioner Reeser asked about the recent financial performance of BHS. Dr. Hedges indicated that BHS had just experienced a couple of the best months of business in the systems history, and that their days cash on hand was at 120, approaching their goal of 140. He also said that the combined financials will show the system performed at over \$1 million to the good in 2009. Commissioner Reeser said the Commissioners were concerned about the ongoing losses attributed to Pickaway Health System (PHS). The BHS Board Members stated they did not believe PHS was a net \$4 million/year loss for the system. Dr. Hedges said that PHS drives more dollars of business to the system than it loses. Commissioner Reeser said he hoped that was true, and that he would like to see an analysis to confirm it. Dr. Hedges and Ms. Dresbach encouraged Commissioner Reeser to attend the next BHS Finance Committee meeting.

Commissioner Reeser asked how the BHS Southern Point location was doing. BHS Board Members said it was not doing very well, but there were new doctors joining soon that would help increase activity at the location. Mr. Leatherwood said that anticipated development in the area had stalled, but he believed in the long term, the Southern Point location would be viable.

Commissioner Reeser asked about the status of the Rt. 23 development site for a Berger North campus. Mr. Leatherwood said that the project was on hold for now and that ultimately, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would need to be formally approached to provide ingress and egress from the site. If ODOT would not be willing to provide new access to the property, Mr. Leatherwood said the board would need to negotiate with the neighboring property owner to provide needed access. Dr. Hedges said that any future development would be contingent upon area population growth.

Commissioner Reeser asked what the Board would do if it were approached by Ohio Health for some kind of a sale, partnership, or merger. Dr. Hedges said he did not think the City of Circleville wanted anything to do with a sale or merger and the outcome of any solicitation from Ohio Health would be dependent upon the will of the City. Mr. Leatherwood stated his belief that affiliation with another entity will ultimately be essential for BHS survival in the future.

Commissioner Metzler asked what the best thing about Berger Health System was. Mr. Dresbach said it was quality care, and Dr. Hedges added that it was provided locally by your friends and neighbors. Dr. Hedges agreed with Mr. Leatherwood's prior statement about the future need for affiliation, but that the affiliation would be to draw on the strengths of others to enhance BHS, not to just surrender ownership.

In the Matter of
Appropriation Approved:

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

806.40 to 210.5024.5201 – Stepping Stones/ARRA-PERS
83.52 to 210.5024.5202 to Stepping Stone/ARRA-Medicare
24 to 234.2015.5901 – Crime Victims-Other Expenses
5,760. to 210.5024.5102 – Stepping Stones/ARRA-Salary

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

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In the Matter of
Transfer Approved:

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

200 from 101.1218.5403 – Probate-Travel & Expenses
to
101.1218.5501 – Probate-Equipment

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

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In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report:

The weekly report for the Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending May 16, 2009.

A total of \$386 was reported being collected as follows: \$70.50 in sales of dogs; \$100 in redemptions; \$105 in donations; \$71.50 in sales of tags; and \$39 in late tag fee penalties.

Two (2) dogs were destroyed.

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, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Ula Jean Metzler, President

Glenn D. Reeser, Vice President

Jay H. Wippel
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