

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010
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, March 1, 2010, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel and Mrs. Ula Jean Metzler. Glenn D. Reeser was absent. Ryan Scribner, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to approve the minutes from February 22, 2010.

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

Attest: _____
Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Approval for Payment of Bills:

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel 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 February 26, 2010, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, then

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 \$447,196.19 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

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In the Matter of
Building Services Contract Signed with the
Village of New Holland:

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to sign the Contract for Building Inspection Services with the Village of New Holland permitting the Pickaway County Building Department to provide any necessary administrative services, inspections, and otherwise take all action necessary to enforce the building regulations of the village. The duration of the agreement shall be for a period of one year, commencing February 10, 2011.

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

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In the Matter of
Meeting with Tim Colburn of Berger Health System
Regarding Resolution Related to
Tax Assessments Placed on Hospitals:

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Tim Colburn, CEO/President of Berger Health System (BHS), met with the Commissioners regarding Governor Strickland's proposal to balance the budget by placing a new tax assessment on hospitals. Mr. Colburn stated that last year Governor Strickland presented a proposal to balance the budget, part of which included a tax assessment process on a number of institutions, including hospitals. This new tax assessment process will cost BHS nearly \$1 million. Mr. Colburn stated that the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) has come up with a plan on how to return federal dollars back to the hospitals. OHA is advocating that Medicare, a state and federally funded program, and uncompensated care costs be subtracted from the tax base in addition to the tax rate being reduced from 1.61 percent of total facility costs to 1.5 percent. If this plan were to pass, \$350,000 of the \$1 million would be returned to BHS. Mr. Colburn will be requesting Circleville City Council's support of OHA's plan as well and will be meeting later this month with representatives from the OHA and Legislators to present the Resolutions and further discuss the matter.

The Commissioners expressed their support of OHA's plan and Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-030110-1

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF A
NEW TAX ON HOSPITALS**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has included a new tax on hospitals in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, the tax will not only cause serious problems for hospitals, it will also cause problems for Pickaway County; and

WHEREAS, the approximately 700 employees of Berger Health System are aware that the hospital tax has impacted staffing decisions related to new hires; and

WHEREAS, in the highly competitive market for healthcare professionals, further impacts to operating margins cannot be absorbed without potential consequences to employees and the residents of Pickaway County; and

WHEREAS, if the economic conditions do not improve, the hospital may be forced to consider budgetary cuts including programs and jobs; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid payment levels which were increased in an effort to offset this tax will continue to fall short of the actual cost of care; and

WHEREAS, at a time when we should be finding ways to keep good paying jobs and provide healthcare services to those in need, the new hospital tax will be counterproductive to those efforts; then

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PICKAWAY
COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1: The Commissioners urge the Ohio Legislature to reduce the negative impact of a new tax on hospitals.
- Section 2: The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and instructed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor Strickland, Ohio Representative Dan Dodd, Ohio Representative Raymond Pryor, Senator John Carey, Senator Tim Shaffer, and Tim A. Colburn, President and CEO of Berger Health System.
- Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Commissioners concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Commissioners, and that all deliberations of the Commissioners and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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In the Matter of
Discussion with CEO/President of Berger Health System
Regarding Community Advocacy Council:

Tim Colburn, CEO/President of Berger Health System (BHS), spoke to the Commissioners regarding the concept of organizing a Community Advocacy Council (CAC) that was originally championed in the BHS conversion request.

The purpose of the Community Advocacy Council (CAC) will be to advise the Berger Health System Board of Governors and CEO/President regarding the healthcare needs of the residents of Pickaway County. Within this function the CAC will provide specific recommendations for needed services, enhancements to patient experience improvements in quality of care, and consider how best to meet unmet healthcare needs of the community. The CAC will work collaboratively with BHS, community agencies, churches, and others in considering its purpose. It will be comprised of at least fifteen (15) community members, but not more than twenty-five (25), unless approved by the Board of Governors. Council members can be recommended by the Pickaway County Commissioners, Circleville City Council, village and township elected officials, local agencies, civic organizations, community churches, and others that have a vested interest in the delivery of healthcare in the county. All council members will be required to complete an application and provide three (3) written letters of reference.

The Commissioners stated that they thought it was an excellent idea and are pleased that the concept is moving forward and asked that they be informed when the request for applications process begins. Mr. Colburn anticipates that the first CAC meeting will take place on or before July 1, 2010.

A brief discussion was then held regarding the implementation of a structured quarterly rotation of meetings where the Commissioners can attend Berger Board of Governors (BOG) meetings, and the BOG can attend and provide updates to the Commissioners during their regular sessions. Mr. Colburn will be forwarding a proposal to the Commissioners in the near future for their review.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Allen Strous
Regarding Application for Appointment to
Pickaway County Planning Commission:

The Commissioners spoke with Allen Strous regarding his application in reference to his interest in an appointment to the Pickaway County Planning Commission. Terry Frazier, Director of the Pickaway County Planning Office, was also in attendance and provided Mr. Strous an overview of the purpose and duties of the commission.

Following a brief question and answer session, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Strous for his time and interest in the appointment and informed him that they will make their final decision after meeting with all selected applicants.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Jim Deal, EMA Director,
Regarding Homeland Security Grant for
Development of County Continuity of Operations and
Continuity of Government Plan:

Jim Deal, Director of the Pickaway County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), met with the Commissioners along with Drew Whitehair, a Hazard Mitigation, Preparedness, and Response & Recovery Technical Specialist with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. Mr. Whitehair provided a proposal related to a study for the development of a hybrid Continuity of Operation Plan (COOP) and Continuity of Government Plan (COG). The plan, funded by a \$16,071.38 Homeland Security grant, is to include alternate sites to set up government offices to continue essential functions should incidents or events interrupt normal operations.

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Mr. Whitehair stated that the first step in establishing the hybrid COOP/COG Plan will be to sit down with a planning team, consisting of elected officials and agency department heads, to identify all county agencies' essential functions and the delegation of authority for each. In a risk sense, the COOP/COG Plan will simultaneously tie-in to the Hazard Mitigation Plan that the county is preparing to update. The Commissioners informed Mr. Whitehair that though the county has not yet formally established an alternate operation site, they have been collaborating with the Ohio Christian University (OCU) in its efforts for the construction of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for that specific purpose. OCU also offers a master's degree curriculum in emergency operations and is already designated as a Red Cross Disaster site. Mr. Whitehair stated that with that in mind, one aspect that will be explored is a risk assessment of OCU's location related to the threat level of natural disasters, i.e. flooding. The preservation of county's vital records will also be assessed.

Mr. Whitehair stated that he would like to begin assembling the planning team as soon as possible and conduct a kick-off meeting. It was determined that other pertinent individuals will be included in the planning team, such as the county's GIS coordinator, IT coordinator, and a representative from OCU. The study is expected to take approximately six (6) months. As far as the contract with Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., the study will be broken down into five (5) task categories and will be compensated through the grant upon the completion of each. A contract will be forwarded to the Commissioners' office for signature.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Whitehair and asked that he notify them when the kick-off meeting is scheduled.

**In the Matter of Pickaway County
Bicentennial Kick-Off Ceremony:**

The Commissioners attended the Pickaway County Bicentennial Kick-Off Ceremony, facilitated by Commissioner Metzler. Congressman Austria was the keynote speaker for the event held at the Ohio Christian University Leadership Center.

Local elected officials, dignitaries, and the public attended the ceremony that included an overview of the history of Pickaway County. Among other things during the event, one local professional that graduated high school from each of the four local school districts spoke about being raised in Pickaway County and why they returned to live, work, and raise their families. High school seniors in addition to third grade students from all county school districts combined and provided patriotic music during the event.

**In the Matter of
Anthony Neff, Pickaway County Deputy Engineer,
Appointed to the Pickaway County 800 MHz Advisory Committee:**

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to **appoint Anthony Neff, Pickaway County Deputy Engineer, as the county engineer's representative on the Pickaway County 800 MHz Advisory Committee.**

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

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**In the Matter of
800 MHz Communications Tower Back-Up Site
Project Utilizing Emergency Management Planning Grant and
County Capital Improvement Funds Approved:**

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to **approve the completion of the county's 800 MHz Communications back-up tower site equipment project through Emergency Management Planning Grant funds and \$10,000 from Capital Improvement funds for the grant's match.** The project, which will cost approximately \$20,000, has been recommended for approval by the 800 MHz Advisory Board, will allow for the back-up tower to be fully functional and operational to assist with

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ensuring the safety of first responders and the public by maintaining the operations of the county's emergency radio system if or when the main tower site would become dysfunctional due to human destruction or natural causes.

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

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**In the Matter of
Appropriation Approved:**

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

11,042.38 – 101.1105.5703 - Contingencies

Voting on the motion was as follows: Mr. Wippel, yes; Mr. Reeser, absent; Mrs. Metzler, 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:

**13,928 from 201.3007.5401 – Engineer-Contract Services
to
201.3006.5501 – Engineer-Equipment**

**2,404.84 from 101.1201.5426 – Municipal Court-Medical Insurance
to
101.1201.5422 – Municipal Court-Employee Salaries**

**154.54 from 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
to
101.1201.5426 – Municipal Court Salaries**

**154.54 from 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
to
101.1201.5425 – 1001.1201.5425 – Municipal Court-Medicare**

**2,332.18 from 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
to
101.1201.5424 – Municipal Court-PERS**

**1,412.58 from 101.1105.5703 - Contingencies
to
101.1201.5421 – Municipal Court-Salaries**

**6,840.63 from 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
to
101.1201.5422 – Municipal Court-Employee Salaries**

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**In the Matter of
Cash Advance Approved:**

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to approve the following CASH ADVANCE request:

**172 from 101.1105.5801 – General-Cash Advance
to
207.0000.4910 – VOCA-Advance in**

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

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**In the Matter of
Meeting with Randall Winter Regarding
Application for Appointment to Pickaway County Planning Commission:**

The Commissioners spoke with Randall Winter regarding to his application in reference to his interest in an appointment to the Pickaway County Planning Commission. Terry Frazier, Director of the Pickaway County Development & Planning Office, was also in attendance and he provided Mr. Winter an overview of the purpose and duties of the commission.

Following a brief question and answer session, the Commissioners thanked Mr. Strous for his time and interest in the appointment and informed him that they will make a final decision after meeting with all selected applicants.

**In the Matter of
Rodney E. Griffith Appointed to the Paint Valley
Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Advisory Board:**

Mrs. Metzler offered the motion, seconded by Mr. Wippel to appoint **Rodney E. Griffith, 120 N. Pickaway Street, Circleville, Ohio 43113** to the **Paint Valley Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board**. Mr. Griffith fills the unexpired term of Penny Dietrich, effective immediately, expiring June 30, 2013.

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

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**In the Matter of
Contract Signed with Physio-Control, Inc. for
Technical Support/Lithium Battery Replacement for Two Defibrillators:**

Commissioner Wippel signed a Technical Support Service Agreement with Physio-Control, Inc., 11811 Willows Road NE, P.O. Box 97006, Redmond WA 98073, for one (1) on-site inspection per year for the following two defibrillators: LIFEPACK® 500, Serial No. 34848564, LIFEPACK®, Serial No. 30139630, that includes the replacement of one (1) Lithium Battery for each. The agreement is in effect from April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, at the cost of \$516.

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

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The weekly report for the Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending February 27, 2010.

A total \$279 was reported being collected as follows: \$128 in sales of dogs; \$30 in redemptions; \$30 in donations; \$78 in sales of tags; and \$13 in late tag fee penalties.

Five (5) dogs were euthanized.

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: Wippel, yes; Mr. Reeser, absent; Mrs. Metzler, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Jay H. Wippel, President

ABSENT
Glenn D. Reeser, Vice President

Ula Jean Metzler
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