# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO

-- November 17, 2009 --

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 with the following members present: Douglas A. Spencer and Don Regula. Commissioner John N. Bergman had a prior commitment for early morning, but will be present later. The meeting of the Board was called to order in its Chambers by President Spencer.

### **AGENDA**

7:00 a.m. Ag Breakfast (RJ Coffey Cup)

8:00 a.m. Commissioners work on Resolutions/Documents (Chambers)

8:30 a.m. Staff meeting (Chambers)

9:00 a.m. CANCELLED - Meeting with Mike Morrow (ACDJFS)

10:30 a.m. Board of Elections budget meeting

11:30 a.m. Nick Scheck - Re-scheduled Monthly meeting (Chambers)

1:30 p.m. Doug Reinhart – monthly update (Engineer's Office)

3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

7:00 a.m. Commissioner Regula attended the Ag Breakfast at RJ Coffey Cup.

- 8:20 a.m. Clerk Connie Cordonnier read the minutes of the previous Regular Session meeting of November 12th. Clarifications were made. The minutes were then approved by the President of the Board.
- 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Regula moved to approve the Resolutions as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Resolutions were then distributed for each Commissioner's vote and execution.
- 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Bergman arrived in the office.
- 10:30 a.m. Board met with Board of Elections members Larry Fledderjohann and Fran Engle along with Director Carolyn Campbell for the 2010 budget meeting. Also present were Co. Admin. Lenhart and Karen Campbell of WDN.
- 11:25 a.m. Board phoned Bruce Miller to discuss having Garmann/Miller proceed with its portion in applying for stimulus dollars for the courthouse renovation.
- 11:41 a.m. Board met, in its Chambers, with Nick Scheck, Auglaize Acres Administrator, for the monthly update of Auglaize Acres. Room rates were reviewed. It was reported that the census at Auglaize Acres is at 82 today.
- 1:30 p.m. The meeting with County Engineer Doug Reinhart for the monthly update of his Highway Department activities was cancelled.
- 2:40 p.m. Staff meeting was held.
- 4:00 p.m. The Resolutions for the next Commissioners' session were presented

#### STAFF MEETING

Clerk Connie Cordonnier presented the monthly Utility Usage Report to the Board; and,

- The Board was informed that Kelli Singhaus of Allen County Commissioners Office has set Thursday, Nov. 19 at 1:00 p.m. as the date and time to award the contracts for the Ottawa River project and the Little Ottawa River project. Due to this, it is necessary to reschedule the monthly meeting with Sean Stroh at the Neil Armstrong Airport. The Board agreed with this scheduling.
- Veterans Service Asst. Officer Lynn Skaggs mentioned that Ron Zenz is not interested in serving on the Sources Board. Commissioner Bergman confirmed this fact.

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Discussed obtaining notes for two ditch projects which have completed the "30 days to pay
cash" period. As notes for two more ditches will be needed by the end of this week, the Board
decided to wait until next week to seek interest costs for four needed notes.

County Administrator Lenhart presented the following:

- 1.) On Friday, Admin. Lenhart and Commissioner Spencer met with Pros. Atty. Ed Pierce to discuss the proposal which was suggested by Kenny Hitchen last week. The proposal involved a group willing to invest in building a Dog House for the Dog Warden. This potential non-profit group would finance the entire project and rent it back to the County. There was much discussion and ideas shared on this topic. Commissioner Spencer suggested that an offer be considered of an advance from the Permanent Improvement Fund to the Dog & Kennel fund with the Hitchen group matching this advance, but the County must have control of the project. There are many questions yet to be answered on this subject. Commissioner Spencer also suggested that it might be worthwhile to look at building a facility in phases.
- 2.) Explanation was given about how Elected Officials compensation is paid by the day and as it is reflected on the W2 forms at the end of the year. Co. Admin. Lenhart and Auditor Janet Schuler met with Pros. Atty. Ed Pierce to discuss this issue. State Auditor Angie Sparks had been contacted by Auditor Schuler with Ms. Sparks remarking that all 88 counties in Ohio handle the Elected Officials payroll in a different manner. As long as, at the end of a four year term, each Elected Official has been paid the compensation amount set by the State of Ohio, it does not matter what is reflected on the W2s of that four year period. Pros. Pierce is to give a Legal Opinion on this matter, asking Auditor Schuler to compose an outline which he will scrutinize, and when he finds it adequate, will present. The Board will then have to pass a Resolution authorizing that approximately \$24,000.00 be placed in the Elected Officials Salary line item. Auditor Schuler offered to speak with Karen Campbell of WDN about this process as it is not the intention to give the impression that Elected Officials are receiving more compensation than they are due during their respective terms.
- 3.) The 15 year plan for the Solid Waste District was discussed. The State advised that as the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District did not change its fee, the plan needed a 60 % ratification instead of 75%. As Solid Waste Coordinator Dave Reichelderfer had obtained an adequate amount of signatures for the ratification of the 5 year update to the 15 year plan, it was faxed to the Ohio EPA on Monday, 11/16. At 5:20 p.m. The State of Ohio EPA faxed an announcement that the ratified plan of the Auglaize County Solid Waste Management District was approved.
- 4.) Al Lindeman of Perfection has been in conversation with Admin. Lenhart. He will be bringing in a contract. Admin. Lenhart questioned if a meeting should be arranged with Sheriff Solomon. He then asked the Commissioners to look at Item 13 of the contract copy which was received. There seems to be many questions about the calculations of this contract, as well as, the listed owner's responsibilities. Admin. Lenhart requested that the Commissioners look at the documents in question and he will then contact the Sheriff, Maintenance Supervisor Rick Bice, IT Manager Brian Fisher and possibly Pros. Ed Pierce. The Commissioners are to respond to this issue on Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 5.) Inquired if the Commissioners are able to speak to the St. Marys Kiwanis Club. Commissioner Bergman responded to Kurt Kuffner that it will work for him. Commissioners Spencer and Regula concurred that it will work for them also.
- 6.) Related that on Monday, Admin. Lenhart, Main. Supervisor Rick Bice and Commissioner Spencer walked through the house on Beech Street in St. Marys which the County recently

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purchased. Solid Waste Coordinator Reichelderfer was asked to deliver a dumpster for cleaning out the house. The property, inside the house and out, will be cleaned up by the Maintenance staff and some Trustees. The Commissioners were asked to think about what method will be used to sell the property.

- 7.) Mentioned that an email was forwarded to the Commissioners from Jim Lavrich (Hull & Associates). Admin. Lenhart will speak on this matter later.
- 8.) The vehicle which is on the County Auction site, and was offered for sale before, is at a bid of \$730.00.
- Commissioner Regula shared that he attended the Ag Breakfast this morning. Jim Berg spoke on Commodities. Mr. Regula was asked at the meeting to give an update on the Commissioners' activities.
- Commissioner Bergman mentioned that Judge Fred Pepple phoned for clarification on the holiday schedule of 2010. Judge Pepple wished to know if January 3, 2011 will be a holiday. Discussion was held on this issue. Commissioner Bergman will speak with Judge Pepple again.

Commissioner Spencer shared the following:

- Questioned if a fax has been received from Sam Bassitt of Allen County. No one has seen a fax from Mr. Bassitt.
- ♦ A call was received from Karen Mauch informing Commissioner Spencer that TEAM Ohio has now been renamed "Ohio Sales Force" The staff was asked to watch for an invoice from Ohio Sales Force for the County's payment toward economic development.
- Phoned Nicole Rongo, leaving a message, informing her that the Board will think over her proposal for the next few weeks before any decision is reached.
- Reviewed job evaluation forms, revised those as he thought necessary. He has shared these revised forms with the other Commissioners for their review and will discuss them soon.
- Reported on the WIA meeting, held last Thursday. It was asked if the group was interested
  in trying to obtain additional stimulus dollars. The group responded that it is not interested.
- ♦ Spoke with Wapakoneta Mayor Rodney Metz about the City and County having a joint effort, involving a windmill, between the new City Water Plant and the Law Enforcement Center as it pertains to energy savings being handled by Perfection Group. City Public Service Director Bill Rains will be attending an AMP Ohio meeting and may acquire more information which could be a factor in said effort. Checking on the grant application, it was confirmed that the one page summary which is due by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> has been sent.
- Mentioned that, on Monday, Commissioner Spencer attended a meeting concerning the Grand Lake Watershed Action Plan held at Wright State Lake Campus. A presentation of an overview of the lake was given by State officials. Considerable concern was given by those present as they desired more from the State.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Board, for its consideration (the entire texts of same are documented in the Board's Journal by the Clerk of the Board):

#09-450 Authorizing County Auditor to issue warrant to City of Wapakoneta from its Permissive License Plate Tax Fund as recommended by the County Engineer.

#09-451 Appointing Randy Fisher to represent Auglaize County on the Council On Rural Services Board of Trustees.

#09-452 Amending the annual appropriation for the Auglaize Acres Appropriation.

#09-453 Authorizing Auditor to draw warrants for Then and Now Certificate payments.

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4:30 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Spencer adjourned the meeting for the day.

The MINUTES constitute a synopsis on matters brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio on this 17th day of November, 2009.

Douglas A. Spencer, President

Don Regula, Vice President

Joseph R. Lenhart, County Administrator

Connie Cordonnier, Clerk of the Board

John N. Bergman, Member

Dated: November 19, 2009

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-- November 19, 2009 --

The Board of County Commissioners convened in its Chambers in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009 with the following members present: Douglas A. Spencer, Don Regula and John N. Bergman. The meeting of the Board was called to order in its Chambers by President Spencer.

#### **AGENDA**

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
- 8:30 a.m. Staff meeting (Chambers)
- 8:30 a.m. Quarterly meeting with Maintenance and Housekeeping staffs
- 10:00 a.m. CANCELLED Approval of Provider's Contract for Energy Savings Program
- 10:00 a.m. John Don Arnett & his son-in-law
- 10:45 11:45 a.m. Sean Stroh Airport Monthly update meeting (Airport)
- 1:00 p.m. Bid Awards for Ottawa River project and the Little Ottawa River project (Allen County Soil & Water Office)
- 3:00 p.m. Juvenile, Probate, DR Court Budget meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolution (Chambers)
- 5:00 p.m. First Financial Bank opening John and Doug (St. Marys)

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

- 8:05 a.m. Clerk Connie Cordonnier read the minutes of the previous Regular Session meeting of November 17th. Clarifications were made. The minutes were then approved by the President of the Board.
- 8:35 a.m. Board conducted a quarterly update meeting with County Maintenance and Housekeeping staffs. Those in attendance with the Commissioners were Co. Admin. Joe Lenhart, Maintenance personnel, Rick Bice, Jeff Schwer and Dave Masonbrink, and Housekeeping staff, Peggy Rodeback and Deb Brenneman. Much discussion was held about the county owned property at 306 S. Beech St., St. Marys, Ohio. The house is being cleaned out and the outside property put in order. Peggy Rodeback stated that with the help of a Trustee, a lot of big cleaning projects in the Administration Building are being completed.
- 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Regula moved to approve the Resolutions as presented. Commissioner Bergman seconded the motion. Resolutions were then distributed for each Commissioner's vote and execution.
- 10:00 a.m. Don Arnett and his son-in-law did not keep the scheduled appointment with Commissioner Bergman.
- 10:30 a.m. Board left the office to travel to the Neil Armstrong Airport for a monthly meeting.
- 10:45 a.m. Board met with Airport Manager, Sean Stroh at the Neil Armstrong Airport for the monthly update meeting. The following was presented by Manager Stroh:
  - The financial report for October was reviewed.
  - Mentioned that the 2010 hangar leases were mailed in October.
  - Last month, six aircraft used the old JB and Crown hangars due to the Allen County Airport renovations. The aircraft are now back at the Allen County Airport.
  - One hangar is filled and it is believed that a couple more will be filled.
  - Some of the apron repairs have been completed.
  - Information was shared about the meeting held on Wednesday, 11/18/09, with Mary Jageillo, Program Manager with the FAA. It was mentioned that the proposed Terminal Building for the County Airport is a low priority project in the eyes of the FAA. It was suggested that if the County would go for a larger Local Match, it would make the project look more attractive to the FAA.
- 1:00 p.m. Commissioners met with other County Commissioners and officials at the Allen County Soil & Water Conservation District office for the awarding of contracts for the Joint County Ottawa River project and the Joint County Little Ottawa River project.

2:40 p.m. Board returned to the office.

3:05 p.m. Board met with Mark Spees, Judge for Probate, Juvenile, Domestic Relations Courts, for the 2010 budget meeting. Those present for this meeting were Co. Admin. Lenhart and Matt Nichols from WDN.

4:30 p.m. Co. Admin. Lenhart presented the upcoming Resolutions for the next regular session.

The following Resolutions were presented to the Board, for its consideration (the entire texts of same are documented in the Board's Journal by the Clerk of the Board):

#09-454 Authorizing budget adjustments for Veterans Service Commission Fund, County Public Defender Fund, Heritage Trails Park District Fund and Dog & Kennel Fund.

#09-455 Referred name of Constance R. Metzger to be considered for appointment as a member of the Advisory Council in Auglaize County for the PSA 3 Agency On Aging.

#09-456 Appointing Carlene Koch to the Auglaize County Public Defender Commission.

#09-457 Authorizing purchase of various pieces of equipment for the Highway Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services COOP Program and the Ohio Dept. of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program.

#09-458 Authorizing expenses for the County Public Defender and Assistant to attend a Death Penalty

Seminar.

4:45 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Spencer adjourned the meeting for the day.

The MINUTES constitute a synopsis on matters brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners of Auglaize County, Ohio on this 19th day of November, 2009.

Douglas A. Spencer, President

Don Regula, Vice President

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Joseph R. Lenhart, County Administrator

Connie Cordonnier, Clerk of the Board

Dated: November 24, 2009