

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AUGLAIZE COUNTY, OHIO
-- November 17, 2020 --**

The Board of County Commissioners convened in regular session at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 in the Commissioners' Chambers with the following members present: John N. Bergman, Douglas A. Spencer and Don Regula. The meeting of the Board was called to order by President Bergman.

AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
- 8:15 a.m. Staff meeting (Chambers)
- 9:15 a.m. Monthly meeting and budget hearing with JFS Director (Chambers)
- 10:00 a.m. Erica – CCAOSC Energy Committee Program Annual Goto meeting (Erica's Office)
- 10:45 a.m. Amy Hoffman – Palmer Energy – Update on the RFP for electric aggregation (Chambers)
- 11:00 a.m. Juvenile, Probate, DR Court & Youth Services - Judge Spees & Heather Mahaffey - Budget Hearing for 2021 approp. (Chambers)
- 11:30 a.m. Russ Bailey – Budget hearing for 2021 Approp. (Chambers)
- 1:00 p.m. Meeting with Lightsource BP to discuss project Birch (Chambers)
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting with Jared Ebbing – Update on Hometown Opportunity (Chambers)
- 2:30 p.m. Board of Elections – Michelle Wilcox – Budget Hearing for 2021 Approp. (Chambers)
- 3:00 p.m. DD Board – Renee Place & Todd Busse – Budget hearing for 2021 Approp. (Chambers)
- 3:30 p.m. Heritage Trails Park District – Terry McDonald - Budget Hearing for 2021 Approp. (Chambers)
- 3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Regula moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each commissioner's vote and execution.
- 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Elect David Bambauer will be in attendance for the budget hearings today.
- 8:33 a.m. Clerk Leffel read the minutes of the November 12th, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.
- 8:35 a.m. Clerk Leffel reported the following:
 - Distributed the RFP results for the Auglaize County's Electric Aggregation Program.
 - Reviewed the office calendar for the upcoming weeks.
- 8:40 a.m. Administrator Preston conveyed the following:
 - There was wind damage at the Courthouse, Fairgrounds and Airport Terminal buildings.
 - Discussed a request for lighting on the Neil Armstrong mural on SR 33. The Board was not in favor of this request at this time.
 - Received a request from a provider to extend the RFQ process for the airport. The Board was not in favor to change the deadline. The review committee for the RFQ will be the following: President of the Board John Bergman, County Administrator Erica Preston, Airport Manager Ted Bergstrom, Clerk Esther Leffel, Airport Authority members Brent Richter and Gene Will.
 - There appears to be interest in a hydrogen producing plant coming to the area.
 - Village of Cridersville representative will be here tomorrow to discuss infrastructure project and possible funding needed to proceed with the project.
 - The We Can Too request came through for bus sanitization.
 - Updated the Board on recent worker comp claims.

- Stated she had a meeting with the Sheriff Elect Mike Vorhees. Discussed the request for meal and mileage reimbursement for required training for a newly elected Sheriff. Commissioner Regula asked what funding is available for non-profit organization. Erica stated the State of Ohio has opened some funding for non-profits this week. Commissioner Spencer had nothing to report.
- Commissioner Bergman stated he participated in a zoom meeting and there were eleven applications received for the open position. The OSU Extension will review and proceed with two – four applicants for the interview process later in December.
- 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Spencer moved to go into executive session to discuss the possible discipline of an employee and invited Commissioner Elect David Bambauer, County Administrator Erica Preston, ACDJFS Director Julie Gossard and ACDJFS Business Manager Jodi Tudor to attend. Commissioner Regula seconded the motion. Chairman Bergman called the roll: Spencer-yes; Regula-yes and Bergman-yes.
- 9:48 a.m. The Board returned to regular session with no action being taken.
- 9:50 a.m. ACDJFS Director Julie Gossard provided the monthly update and reviewed the budgets for 2021. Jodi Tudor, Business Manager, was also in attendance.
- 10:45 a.m. Palmer Energy representative Amy Hoffman presented aggregation information related to electric energy prices. Palmer anticipates the price to decrease.
- 11:00 a.m. Judge Spees presented his budget request for his various departments. Mark Freeman and Heather Mahaffey were also in attendance.
- 11:30 a.m. Dog Warden Russ Bailey presented to the Commissioners his budget request for 2021.
- 1:00 p.m. Light Source BP representatives, Shanelle Montana and David Powell met with the Board, Commissioner Elect David Bambauer and the County Administrator to answer questions about a proposed solar project. Kurt Kaufman was also present. The Light Source BP representatives provided the following details on the project:
 - The entire size of the project is estimated to include 2,600 acres with 1,600 to 1,900 fenced with 900 acres with panel.
 - 40 – 45% of the entire project is estimated to be in Auglaize County. The rest would be in Allen County.
 - The total name plate capacity is estimated to be 300 megawatts AC with 125 megawatts AC in Auglaize County.
 - The total number of permanent employees would be 10.
 - The Company indicated that if a PILOT was approved they estimated tax revenue to be between 73 and 94 million over a 30 year period.
 - The Company further indicated that the breakdown of a PILOT payment would be approximately 54% Schools, 5% JVS, 17% Counties and 24% Townships.
 - The Company indicated that if a PILOT was not approved they estimated that tax revenue would be between 110 – 114 million over a 30 year period but might impact other state funding.
 - A 300 foot setback would be used by the company.
 - The company would perform a baseline study of the roadways and ensure that the roads were returned to the baseline condition if damage was caused during construction.
 - The maximum height of the panels would not exceed 10 feet.
 - The lease agreements that the company was proposing to land owners was for 25 years with two five year renewals.
 - The company plans to take ownership of ditch and drainage concerns.
 - The company has been communicating with adjacent landowners as part of an adjacent landowner payment program.

- The company communicated that no heavy metals (with the exception of lead) was used in the panels.

The Board reinforced that drainage concerns were an important component of the project. Additionally, the Board explained its approach from previous request for wind energy and preferential tax treatment. The Board indicated that previous request needed to fulfill two prongs: 1) Level of capital investments and 2) Substantial and sustained job creation. This is the approach that the Board would likely follow unless a compelling reason was presented.

2:15 p.m. Mercer County Development Director Jared Ebbing provided an update on the Hometown Opportunities program.

2:45 p.m. Board of Elections Director Michele Wilcox and Assistant Director Mandy Frank presented the budget request to the Board. Election Board members Diane Dulebohn and Fran Engle were also present.

3:10 p.m. DD Board Superintendent Renee Place and Business Manager Todd Busse provided the DD budget for year 2021.

3:30 p.m. Terry McDonald outlined the budget request for the Heritage Trails Park District.

3:30 p.m. The resolutions for the November 19, 2020 meeting were presented.

4:00 p.m. The County Administrator informed the Board that she was notified of a payroll deposit issue dating back to August. The Board discussed this matter with the County Auditor Janet Schuler, Deputy Clerk Lori Yahl and County Treasurer April Bowersock. The Board also made a call to the County Prosecutor. The Board authorized the County Administrator to initiate: 1) an internal review of the matter with the IT Department, 2) a criminal investigation, 3) a cyber-liability insurance claim and 4) payment to the impacted employee. Auglaize County suffered an approximate \$15,000 social engineering loss due to an employee failing to follow County procedure on employee direct deposit payroll change dating back to August 2020. This issue was not uncovered until this week.

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):

#20-452 Matter of declaring Resolution #20-390 null and void as requested by the Auglaize County Administrator.

#20-453 Matter of accepting the quote from PerryproTech for one interactive board to be used at the Administration Building.


#20-454 Matter of amending the annual appropriation as requested by the Auglaize County Auditor.

#20-455 Matter of approving and authorizing the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental funding Program Application for the Subgrant 2020-CE-CCF-2246 for the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office.


#20-456 Matter of authorizing budget adjustments.

4:30 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Bergman 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, 2020.



John N. Bergman, President




Douglas A. Spencer, Vice President



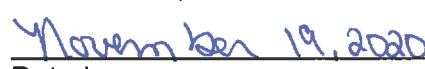
Don Regula, Member



Erica L. Preston, County Administrator



Esther Leffel, Clerk of the Board



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AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioners sign resolutions/documents (Chambers)
- 8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting (Chambers)
- 8:30 a.m. Rick Bice – Quarterly Maintenance Supervisor meeting (Chambers)
- 9:00 a.m. Technology Dept. monthly update meeting (Chambers)
- 10:00 a.m. Airport Manager – Airport update monthly meeting via telephone (Chambers)
- 11:30 a.m. Meeting with State Auditor for Post Audit Meeting (Chambers)
- 1:30 p.m. TJ Place – View for Dickman Ditch Project (Meet on Southland Rd., ¼ mile east of SR 364, near house 01270 on Southland Rd., New Bremen, OH)
- 3:30 p.m. Present and discuss upcoming resolutions (Chambers)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY

- 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Elect David Bambauer will be in attendance for today's budget hearings.
- 8:05 a.m. The Commissioners received and signed the check register as presented by the County Auditor's Office.
- 8:10 a.m. Clerk Leffel read the minutes of the November 17th, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved with some clarifications.
- 8:11 a.m. WDN reporter Bob Tomaszewski entered the chambers.
- 8:19 a.m. Administrator Preston conveyed the following report:
 - AMBE Board has received sixteen applicants and the Board will pick four and then consult her and Jared Ebbing on the final two applicants.
 - Stated she had received a title for a van/box trailer for Solid Waste Department.
 - Informed the Board that Auglaize County will be getting a BWC refund check in the near future for approximately \$600,000 as part of an overall COVID-19 relief package for employers.
- Commissioner Regula had nothing to report.
- Commissioner Bergman had nothing to report.
- 8:30 a.m. Maintenance Supervisor Rick Bice provided a quarterly report. He discussed reviewing some of the county buildings. Soil borings are anticipated to be done soon in the Courthouse parking lot. He discussed scheduling the airport terminal building.
- 9:00 a.m. IT Manager Cameron Ruppert provided his monthly report.
- 10:08 a.m. Airport Manager Ted Bergstrom and Kevin Perrin participated in a conference call with the Board and County Administrator. Kevin requested that the Board allow him to continue with less than full time service hours for six months under his lease agreement. Ted is proposing to keep the current lease agreement in place for another six months. Discussed paint quotes on Hangar F. Erica will confirm with Nick Kennedy on each other's expectations. Ted inquired if the Board would participate in the purchase of a tractor at the airport to replace the bi-directional tractor currently used. The Board explained the RFQ process with Ted.
- 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Spencer moved to approve the resolutions as presented. Commissioner Regula seconded the motion. The resolutions were then distributed for each commissioner's vote and execution.
- 11:30 a.m. The Board, County Administrator Erica Preston, County Auditor Janet Schuler, County Engineer Doug Reinhart, Assistant County Engineer Andrew Baumer and Deputy Auditor Linda Bice participated in the post audit conference electronically.
- 1:30 p.m. The Commissioners held the view of the Dickman Ditch drainage project in Saint Marys Township. The minutes will be in the project file.
- 3:30 p.m. The resolutions for consideration at the November 24, 2020 meeting were presented.


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):

- #20-457 Matter of approving the contractor's pay requests #1 through #4 from Hohenbrink Excavating, LLC for the City of Wapakoneta's 2020 CDBG West Benton Street Reconstruction Phase 1 project, using PY2019 CDBG Allocation Program Funds.
- #20-458 Matter of authorizing the acquisition of a replacement server for the county.
- #20-459 Matter of authorizing the purchase of various pieces of equipment for the Highway Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Coop Program and the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperation Purchase Program.
- #20-460 Matter of appointing Ashley Thompson to the Auglaize County Public District Library Board; replacing Ron Pepple.
- #20-461 Matter of finding for the improvement of the Cogan #2 Ditch Project; petitioned by David Kiefer and others; setting date to receive Engineer's Reports on said project.
- #20-462 Matter of authorizing Frank's contracting and Maintenance Services to remove snow from parking areas at the Auglaize County Department of Job and Family Services.
- #20-463 Matter of approving the documents for the completion of the Neil Armstrong Airport Project (T01-19-0019) with IAP Government Services Group and Auglaize County, Ohio; and authorizing the President of the Board to execute said documents.
- #20-464 Matter of authorizing the County Auditor to draw warrants for then and now certificate payments.
- #20-465 Matter of authorizing budget adjustments.
- #20-466 Matter of authorizing the reimbursement to the general fund using the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funding for public safety payroll expenses.

3:45 p.m. With no further business to bring before the Board, President Bergman adjourned the meeting for the day.

4:00 p.m. The deadline for the RFQ from firms to provide engineering and consultant services for the Federal Aviation Administration Program. County Administrator Preston and Clerk Leffel opened the six proposals. The six proposals will be reviewed by the committee members with a recommendation to the Board.


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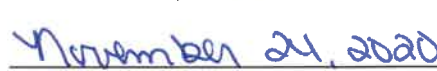
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