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Minutes of the Board of Logan County Commissioners

The Board of Logan County Commissioners met in regular open session on this date of April 19, 2022

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Benedetti -Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes Commissioner Antram- Yes

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Paul Benedetti moved, Joe Antram, seconded, to approve the motions agenda of the April 19, 2022, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below.

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes Commissioner Antram- Yes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Daniel Vertucci with Invenergy updated the Commissioners on application being submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board on April 11, 2022. Mr. Vertucci explained that the footprint of the project has been reduced. Map of residents near project site were submitted with application and can be reviewed on website.

Mr. Joe Hughes citizen asked Mr. Vertucci with the reduced footprint of the project and landowners under contract could Invenergy sell those contracts to the next developer? Mr. Vertucci indicated it is not in Invenergy plan to do.

Mr. Paul Schaller addressed Commissioner Robinson on his comments made at the April 14, 2022, meeting regarding individual property rights. Mr. Schaller feels it is individual property rights with a project this size on someone property funded by taxpayers' money.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Antram moved, Paul Benedetti, seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram- Yes

REPORT OF MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Continue conducting preventative maintenance on county buildings.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Presented two CDBG documents to be signed by president of Commissioner Board.

Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved; Commissioner Joe Antram authorized Commissioner Mark Robinson to sign CDBG documents that were presented.

Commissioner Joe Antram-Yes, Commissioner Paul Benedetti-Yes, Commissioner Mark Robinson-Yes

Advised submitted letter of support on behalf of the Commissioners for Logan County Sewer District funding request to construct Eastern Regional Sewer District facility to Senator Brown.

REPORT OF COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Updated on two workers comp settlements. First settlement has not come to an agreement. Second settlement offer was agreed upon.

Sedgwick meeting with Commissioners to review active cases scheduled for May 19, 2022.

Reached out to BWC to see who had designated access to county E-Account was. Advised De De Doss Administrative Clerk was the designated person; correction has been made to now have County Human Resource Director Jenny Richardson be the designated person.

Received approval from City of Bellefontaine Parks to use Camp Myeerah Nature Preserve for the month of May Wellness Program scavenger hunt.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER PAUL BENEDETTI

Attended Township Trustee Association meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022

Attended CIC quarterly meeting on Friday, April 15, 2022

Attended Rushcreek and Miami Township Trustee meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MARK ROBINSON

Attended CIC quarterly meeting on Friday, April 15, 2022

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER JOE ANTRAM

Attended MORPC Board meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, MORPC Karen Angelou retired as chair. Eric Janas was named new MORPC chair.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed:

108-22 Approval JFS Rent Payment

109-22 Approved Veterans Commission Compensation

110-22 Supporting Application Brownfield Remediation Program

111-22 Designation of Grantee for County Rural Transit Program

112-22 Appoint Pat Holt Logan County Children's Services Board

113-22 Appoint Kellie Lemly Ohio Children's Trust Fund

Commissioner Joe Antram moved, and Commissioner Paul Benedetti seconded to approve **JFS Rent Payment.**

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Abstain Commissioner Antram- Yes

Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved, and Commissioner Joe Antram seconded to approve **Veterans Commission Compensation.**

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram-Yes

Commissioner Mark Robinson moved, and Commissioner Paul Benedetti seconded to approve **Supporting Application Brownfield Remediation Program.**

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram- Yes

Commissioner Mark Robinson moved, and Commissioner Paul Bendetti seconded to **Designate of Grantee for the County Rural Transit Program.**

Commissioner Benedetti-Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes Commissioner Antram- Yes

Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved, and Commissioner Joe Antram seconded to appoint **Pat Holt to Logan County Children's Services Board.**

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes Commissioner Antram- Yes

Commissioner Mark Robinson moved, and Commissioner Joe Antram seconded to appoint Kellie Lemly to Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

Commissioner Benedetti-Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram-Yes

MEETINGS

Commissioners meet with Brian Schultz Director Sewer District- Mr. Schultz gave updates on Orchard Island/Wolf Island Sanitary Sewer Replacement projects. Work completed Wolf Island Sanitary Sewer mains and customer reconnections. Remaining work to be completed Wolf Island pump station improvement, Orchard Island pump improvements, sewer mains and customer connections. Total project budget \$7,797,073.00, Project expenditures \$504,179.00, Project remaining balance \$7,292,894.00

Eastern Regional Sewer Project, Sanitary Sewer System alignments are completed, design details for pump stations are being finalized and nature conservancy issues are being addressed for follow up discussion. Eastern Regional plant design is nearly completed. Appraisal required by ODOT for new drive just completed and report due by April 22, 2022. Design Engineer is generating request for additional funds for groundwater impact on structural design, leachate impact on treatment design. Mr. Schultz is holding engineer for improved changes for more efficient operation and allow for more operational flexibility.

Sewer District currently has three positions vacant for Sewer Collection Operator, WWTP Plant Operator and Field Services Operator. Three employees have passed OEPA Classes. Isaac Carpenter passed OEPA Class III Water Operator Exam, Kaylor Mobley passed OEPA Class I Collection Operator Exam, and Mike Kimbler passed OEPA Class I Collection Operator. Both Mr. Mobley and Mr. Kimbler have been with the Sewer District for six (6) months.

Discussion on new Munibilling program. Test account estimated week of May 1, 2022. Go live is estimate July 1, 2022. Customers will receive notice in May of upcoming changes. Second week of June customers will be reminded of upcoming changes and customs actions with deadlines. September 1, 2022, end customer grace period.

Mr. Schultz is currently working on account restructuring and 2023 rate development, developing digital reporting process for workflow, permits, project management, asset management for treatment plants. Also, working to schedule public meetings for Easter Regional Sewer District at Townships and townhall meetings to discuss with property owners.

Sewer District staff are preparing to begin smoke testing in Lakeview. Staff has been visually inspecting manholes for conditions assessment and data capture for GIS, Grinder pump station inspections to identify sources of I&I. Also, staff has equipment serviced and prepared to finish sewer cleaning and CCTV inspection.

Longview Cove (Duff Development) submitted a request that the Sewer District assume ownership of currently private sanitary sewer system. Request will be evaluated at Sewer District Site Plan Review meeting on April 28, 2022.

14195 & 14187 Basswood structure drains are located below manhole rim elevation. Structure shares a grinder pump station (LCSD provide). 14195 Basswood want to build a new house that necessitates the need to relocate the pump station. LCSD desires to address the exiting issue with a permanent solution. Currently negotiating needed LCSD construction standards variances as well as property owner requirements.

Commissioners met with Rhonda Stafford Treasurer and Jack Reser Auditor Quarterly

Investment Meeting- Ms. Stafford presented Logan County Investment Strategy Update prepared by Meeder Public Funds. Effective March 16, 2022, FOMC raised short term rates by 0.25% to a rang of 0.25%-0.50% citing elevated inflation and strong job gains. Current geopolitical events are expected to weigh on economic activity and increase inflation pressures. Disparity amongst officials highlights uncertainty surrounding pace of future rate hikes. Committee expects to begin reducing its \$9 trillion balance sheet at a “coming meeting”. March unemployment rate stands at 3.6%, in line with the Fed’s target for “full employment.” Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 431,000 in March, compared to a median forecast of 490,000. Nonfarm employment still down over 1.6 million from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. Labor participation rate improved slightly to 62.4%, while average hourly earnings are up 5.6% annually. February PCE inflation measure registered 6.4% increase year over year, 5.4% excluding volatile food and energy. Increased prices on durable goods have far exceeded increased prices on services. Fed view shifts to persistent inflation from transitory. Yield curve has steepened with improved economic conditions. Probability for faster pace of Fed rate hikes has increased. Discussion on yield curve inversion starting to set in as 2 year and 10-year spreads narrowing.

Logan County portfolio as of March 31, 2022. Cash \$2,757,424.00, STAR Ohio/Money Markets/ICS \$26,699,101.00, Securities \$44,225,682.00, Total portfolio \$73,682,206.00. Logan County Securities weighted average maturity 2.09 years, weighted average yield 1.19%, Estimated annual income \$526,286.000.

Rhonda reported Liberty National Bank is still matching Star Ohio. She continues to reach out to local banks to give them opportunities to services the county.

Commissioner met with Pat Holt Candidate for Logan County Children’s Services Board

Member- Ms. Holt talked about herself and why she was interested in serving on Logan County Children’s Services Board. Ms. Holt indicated she was a follower of Christ and with that she is here to serve. Ms. Holt is a retired middle school counselor and volunteers at her church. She feels she is a good listener and weighs the pros and cons to give advice.

Commissioners asked what advice she would give to families in Logan County- She would tell them to love each other and to do as much as they can to influence their children.

Also, asked how she feels a board should function. She indicated that using public funds there should be checks and balances. Working in public there needs to be checks and balances and not working together could cause problems.

Commissioners asked if any reason she could not serve on the board? Could not think of any conflict of interest.

After further discussion Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved; Commissioner Joe Antram seconded to appoint Ms. Pat Holt to the Logan County Children’s Services Board to replace the seat of Dave Corwin.

Commissioner Mark Robinson-Yes, Commissioner Joe Antram-Yes, Commissioner Paul Benedetti-Yes

Commissioners met with Cynthia Heffner Director Logan County JFS and Kellie Lemly Director FCFC- Ms. Heffner presented financial reports. Agency remains within their budget and reports no fiscal issues. Amanda Miles fiscal supervisor and Ms. Heffner recently met with their State Fiscal Supervisor to review the agency fiscal health. They were on track and doing well. JFS currently has three open positions Workforce/Social Services Case Manager, Income Maintenance Case Manager. JFS has hired one person to start May 2, 2022, to replace a person who was terminated for failing to successfully complete her probationary period. JFS has 22 in office full time employees, 8 Hybrid workers and 11 Remote workers.

Commissioners discussed JFS staff returning to the office for work. Cynthia explained how the staff has worked hard to make working remotely work. She also explained the remote workers work tasked are conducted over the phone and internet. Commissioners also discussed the county has rented space and it should be used. Commissioner Robinson made it clear he was not in any discussion on JFS renting the building. Commissioners asked that all JFS staff return to work. Cynthia asked that the Commissioners take into consideration her proposal to keep staff working remotely.

JFS continue to move forward with integrating WIC into their Agency. The grant process for WIC funding begins in May and they are working on transferring everything from the Health District to their Agency. Continue to collaborate on other programs for education and referrals between the various programs that JFS offers and those offered by the Health District. Job Center continue to collaborate with local employers and job seekers to assist with making employment connections to provide the best information possible to the employers of Logan County. JFS will be hosting a workforce Seminar for employers on June 15, 2022. This will include information about the services of JFS Job Center, the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and a speaker from the state on how to use Ohio Means Jobs.Com to benefit local employers.

Career Expo was held on March 24, 2022, at Indian Lake High School. Every school in Logan County participated along with several schools from Hardin County. 100 Employers were at the event.

JFS is also involved again this year with the 3E Campaign and Career Expo. Area 7 will again be offering Business Resource Grants in 2022/2023. JFS was able to request and accept a grant for \$28,000.00 “free” money no match required to assist the Chamber with these activities in 2022/2023. Also exploring another opportunity to provide support to the Career Liaison position with Midwest Educational Services to assist in both in school and out of school youth.

Cynthia also introduced Kellie Lemley new FCDC Director. Kellie provided information on what she has been doing since being hired as the new FCFC Director.

Commissioners met with Julie Graham Power Siting Board, Matt Butler Power Siting Board, Anna Perry PUCO/OPSB- Mike Volpe with Open Roads, Paul Schaller and Kara Slonecker citizens were in attendance. Ms. Grahm presented a packet of information regarding local officials’ new role in siting wind and solar projects. Reviewed SB52 and new opportunities for township trustees and county commissioners, as well explained the role of ad hoc board members and what to expect.

Discussed Fountain Point Solar proposed 280-megawatt facility to be located on 3,400 acres in Bokescreek, Perry, and Rushcreek townships in Logan County. Fountain Point Solar project is one of the first projects partially impacted by the new legislation. The project is grandfathered under SB52 expect for one provision, the ad hoc board member requirement. Logan County Commissioners can choose a commissioner, or a designee to serve as and ad hoc board member. The Bokescreek, Perry and Rushcreek township trustees can choose one trustee, or a designee to serve as the ad hoc member for the three townships. Ad hoc members must be designee within 30 days of notice of application completion. The letter of completeness is scheduled to be released on June 10, 2022. The deadline to choose the ad hoc board member is July 10, 2022. Once letter of completeness is served, several other actions and deadlines will be scheduled. Resolution of intervene. This grants the commissioners/trustees the right to participate in the evidentiary hearing, file for rehearing, or appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio. Resolution for or against the project. To include your views in the staff report, OPSB encourage the Commissioners file the resolution a week before the staff report deadlines. The public hearings held in our community near the project site for the public to offer sworn testimony. Testimony is limited to five minutes, and the hearing transcript will become part of the case record upon which the OPSB members must make their decision. The evidentiary hearing, held after the public hearing, at the PUCO offices

in Columbus. The applicant, OPSB staff and any other intervening parties provide expert testimony and evidence regarding the facility and cross examine each other.

Discussed the decision OPSB must find and determine eight criteria.

1. For electric transmission and gas pipelines, the basis of need
2. Nature of the probable environmental impact
3. Minimum adverse environmental impact
4. Consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid
5. Compliance with air and water pollution laws, solid waste disposal laws, and air navigation rules and standards
6. The facility must satisfy the public interest, convenience, and necessity
7. Impact on the continued agricultural viability of land in an existing agricultural district
8. Incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices

Matt Butler explained how #6 came up in two cases that did not meet for the project.

The meeting of the Logan County Board of Commissioners was adjourned until April 21, 2022.



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The Board of Logan County Commissioners met in regular open session on this date of April 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Benedetti -Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes Commissioner Antram- Not Present

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mark Robinson moved, Paul Benedetti, seconded, to approve the motions agenda of the April 21, 2022, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below.

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson- Yes Commissioner Antram- Not Present

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Kenny Lewistown citizen expressed his concerns on property rights regarding the solar project. Mr. Kenny is a local farmer and feels farmers are lowest paid and expressed how agricultural is not supported in Logan County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mark Robinson moved, Paul Benedetti, seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022, board meeting as written, or changes as noted below

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram- Not Present

REPORT OF MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

No Report/Not Present

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Presented Hazmat Agreement for Commissioner Robinson to sign. Prosecutor Eric Stewart has reviewed.

Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved; Commissioners Mark Robinson seconded to authorize Commissioner Mark Robinson to sign agreement.

Commissioner Mark Robinson-Yes, Commissioner Paul Benedetti-Yes, Commissioner Joe Antram-Not Present

Updated on county phone agreement with Aanalytics. JFS is under the county contract. If they would be removed from the contract county would still be responsible for the number of phones JFS used. Mr. Henry will reach out to Jim Lang to see when the agreement expires.

REPORT OF COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

Reported on Workplace Fitness Program that the Health District is offering. Health District would provide supply kit to any agency that would sign up to do the program. County agencies have asked if they could purchase additional equipment. Ms. Richardson indicated Wellness funding could be used to purchase additional equipment.

Currently working on employment postings and Wellness updates.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER PAUL BENEDETTI

Attended Union County Public meeting regarding Pilot Program on Tuesday evening.

Attended Mayors Association meeting on Wednesday evening. Made aware of CDBG funding available. Health Commissioner Travis Irvan was in attendance suggested Health District levy on ballot.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER MARK ROBINSON

Attended EMA meeting on Wednesday

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER JOE ANTRAM

No Report/Not Present

COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed recognizing CASA Day in Logan County on April 25, 2022.

Commissioner Mark Robinson moved; Commissioner Paul Benedetti seconded to recognize CASA Day in Logan County on April 25, 2022.

Commissioner Mark Robinson-Yes, Commissioner Paul Benedetti-Yes, Commissioner Joe Antram-Not Present

Commissioners discussed upgrades to Logan County Friendly Senior Citizen building. Commissioners asked that Mr. Henry reach out to Judy Hadley to provide updated quotes.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed:

114-22 Authorize Logan Acres Payroll Changes

115-22 Approval of Bills

116-22 Recognizing CASA Day in Logan County April 25, 2022

Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved, and Commissioner Mark Robinson seconded to authorize **Logan Acres Payroll Changes.**

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram- Not Present

Commissioner Paul Benedetti moved, and Commissioner Mark Robinson seconded to approve **Bills Payment**.

Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram-Not Present

Commissioner Mark Robinson moved, and Commissioner Paul Benedetti seconded to **Recognizing CASA Day in Logan County April 25, 2022**.

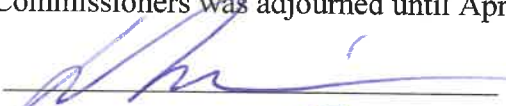
Commissioner Benedetti- Yes Commissioner Robinson-Yes Commissioner Antram- Not Present


MEETINGS

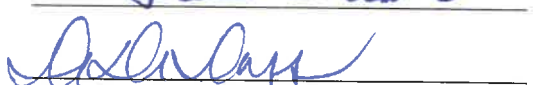
Commissioners held first public hearing for PY 2022 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program. Paul Tecpanecatl, Brandi Cowell Poggemeyer and several HAC members were in attendance. Mr. Tecpanecatl discussed CHIP eligible program activities and application timeframe CHIP application are due on Wednesday, June 22, 2022. Reviewed finance mechanism PY2020 used (0% 5-year forgivable loans will continue). This finance mechanism is only available for Private Owner Rehab. Assistance will be in form of a declining/forgivable loan. 100% of the amount "borrowed" will be forgiven over 5 years. There are no monthly payments, and no interest will be charged. No credit check needed. Discussed HAC activity recommendations and Eligible projects categories with respective activities. Projects funded with OHTF dollars must benefit clientele at or below 50 percent of Area Median Income (AMI). Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits the provision of federal financial assistance for disability-specific housing. Therefore, housing projects funded with HOME or CDBG funds may not restrict occupancy to people with specific disabilities. Jurisdictions may, however, request OHTF funding for project that provide rehabilitation and repair assistance to units designated for disability specific clientele. New construction with Habitat for Humanity has been removed as an eligible activity for the CHIP Program. Habitat affiliates shall contact Habitat for Humanity of Ohio for funding opportunities from the State of Ohio, Department of Development.

Further discussion from HAC members regarding individual programs each offer and the challenges each have with homelessness in placing citizens in Logan County.

The meeting of the Logan County Board of Commissioners was adjourned until April 26, 2022.







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