

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE, 105 SOUTH MARKET STREET, LISBON, OHIO, ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK, COMMISSIONER WEIGLE, COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: NONE

PLEDGE BY: COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2024.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPARODIS
ABSTAIN: HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Paparodis, seconded by Mr. Halleck to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2024 and bills as presented.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: PAPARODIS, HALLECK
ABSTAIN: WEIGLE
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: TRAVEL

NONE

RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve the Then & Now bills as presented:

ENGINEER	PO#223571	AA BLUEPRINT COMPANY	\$6,218.00
HUMAN SERVICES	PO#513402	SHOE SENSATION INC	\$58,897.65
SHERIFF	PO#513592	BLUE LINE LTD	\$1,301.00
EMA	PO#513574	CONNECTED TECHNOLOGIES	\$5,590.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#513531	JAM MECHANICAL	\$3,335.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#513567	MORNING JOURNAL	\$5,817.85
COMMISSIONERS	PO#513568	COLUMBIA GAS	\$2,866.56
COMMISSIONERS	PO#513551	AT&T	\$10,995.28
COMMISSIONERS	PO#513529	ATTY JENNIFER GORBY	\$1,068.50
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#513560	SOLTIS ELECTRIC	\$1,770.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#513587	COL. CTY. DEVELOPMENT	\$2,944.59
DEVELOPMENT	PO#513588	COL. CTY. DEVELOPMENT	\$3,400.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#513586	PEGGY CUNNINGHAM CONSTRT.	\$5,000.00
SHERIFF	PO#513525	TRI STATE FORD	\$1,802.52
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#513549	FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC CENTER	\$2,222.50
AUDITOR	PO#513491	WAYNE WALLACE	\$7,800.00
DRUG COURT	PO#513427	AMERICAN SCREENING	\$2,800.00
DRUG COURT	PO#513424	AMERICAN SCREENING	\$1,200.00
COMMON PLEAS	PO#513536	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL	\$1,191.00
SHERIFF	PO#513527	BORDEN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$1,090.88
SHERIFF	PO#513528	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$1,918.50
ENGINEER	PO#223551	DRG IT LLC	\$2,185.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518280	BERGER ELECTRIC	\$12,540.00
VETERANS	PO#513577	MORNING JOURNAL	\$2,775.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518308	BERGER ELECTRIC	\$10,025.00

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION

NONE

RE: AMENDED OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Official Certificate dated December 18, 2024, and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

REDUCE:

L50-L50	\$1,213.00	T77-T77	\$21,110.26	T75-T75	\$1,500.00
N03-N03	\$2,773.64	N07-N07	\$4,565.12	O32-O32	\$1,753.18
O34-O34	\$2,646.00	O35-O35	\$3,710.25	P00-P00	\$17,628.03
P01-P01	\$6,480.30	P03-P03	\$1,186.15	P10-P10	\$4,865.23
N08-N08	\$400,000.00	N25-N25	\$4,188.38	O60-O60	\$2,400.00
O31-O31	\$10,227.58	S01-S01	\$825,795.20	T16-T16	\$4,726.00

APPROPRIATE:

A00-L01-E-005 \$11,307.59 Y67-Y67-E-4503 \$128.97

REDUCE:

L50-L50-E-1000	\$1,213.00	T77-T77-E-1010	\$21,110.26	N08-N08-E-1008	\$400,000.00
N25-N25-E-2103	\$3,555.87	O60-O60-E-2103	\$2,400.00	O31-O31-E-2102	\$3,562.27
T16-T16-E-4032	\$4,726.00				

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Paparodis congratulated Mayor Dickey on the Lincoln Park unveiling, stating it was well attended, with speakers including Commissioner Halleck and Governor DeWine. Commissioner Weigle mentioned he was unable to attend the event as he had a Solid Waste meeting to discuss and approve the 2025 budget. Commissioner Halleck echoed the sentiment of Commissioner Paparodis adding that Mr. Cappuzzello told Mike to "keep his speech brief".

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #67-2024 – ARPA EXPENSES AND CERTIFICATION

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt Resolution #67-2024, certifying expenses as eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and authorizing payment from the Columbiana County Local Physical Recovery Fund as listed on Exhibit A:12-18-2024.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RE: REVOKE MOTION – INCORRECT CALENDAR TERM DATES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; revoke a prior motion and to make a motion to approve corrected ending dates for the Port Authority Board and Buckeye Water Board appointments as the ending date was previously incorrect. The appointments still stand with only the ending date corrected.

Re-appoint Tad Herold to the Columbiana County Port Authority Board and appoint David Bickerton to the Columbiana County Port Authority Board, both for a full term of 4 years to commence on January 1, 2025 and end December 31, 2028.

Appoint Nicholas Wise to the Buckeye Water District Board for a full term of six years to commence on January 1, 2025 and end December 31, 2030.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: AUTHORIZE TREASURER TO SIGN AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; authorize Treasurer Blakeman to sign an agreement with autoagent for Real Estate Tax Processing Cloud Software. Mr. Blakeman stated this was no expense to the County as it is paid for by the bank, as they can use it for checking escrow accounts.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: PERMISSION TO THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to the Clerk to advertise for Public Hearings regarding the 1% Sales Tax Renewal. Two public hearings shall be held on January 8 & 15, 2025 at 9:05 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners meeting room, 105 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio, 44432. Advertisement shall be in the Morning Journal on December 20 & 27, 2024.

ROLL CALL - VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #69-2024 – DESIGN BUILD SERVICES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt Resolution #69-2024 to authorize negotiations for design-build services for the construction of a county records storage building and to solicit proposals from design-build firms. After review and scoring by five county employees, it was determined C. Tucker Cope is the best value and Commissioner Weigle is authorized to enter into a contract with C. Tucker Cope for the design-build services relating to the construction of the storage building.

ROLL CALL - VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: PERMISSION TO BID – ROADWAY REALIGNMENT, ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to the County Engineer to advertise for bids for project control number COL-CR 430-0.00 Roadway Realignment in St. Clair Township, Section 17 & 20 and authorize him to sign any and all documents that relate to this activity. Advertisement shall be online at bidexpress.com and the Morning Journal on January 8, 15 & 22, 2025 with the bid opening on January 29, 2025.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #68-2024 – PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt Resolution #68-2024 to enter into a contract with Public Defenders of Columbiana County for indigent defense from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Ms. Shelli Freeze, the lead attorney, was the only one to submit a bid. Commissioner Halleck stated we are one of the few counties in the state that has an indigent defense team.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: PERMISSION TO BID – ELKRUN TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER EXTENSION

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to the County Engineer to advertise for bids for the Elkrun Water & Sewer Extension Project and authorize him to sign any and all documents that relate to this activity. Advertisement shall be online at bidexpress.com and the Morning Journal on January 8, 15 & 22, 2025 with the bid opening on January 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Engineers office, 315 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio 44432.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT – PERRY TOWNSHIP

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve a liquor license permit for 1967 South Lincoln LLC, dba The Salem Golf Club, Perry Township, Salem, Ohio with NO HEARING REQUESTED.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPARODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: APPROVE USDA-RD GRANT AGREEMENT – COUNTY ENGINEER

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve the USDA-RD Community Facilities Grant Agreement for the County Engineers Garage Expansion Project along with the Notice of Federal Interest and Right-of-Way Certificate.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPARODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES BOARD

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; re-appoint Judge Thomas M. Baronzzi to the Columbiana County Law Library Resources Board as a statutory appointee for the term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPARODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: EMA – PROMULGATION STATEMENT & BVPS PLAN

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve the annual Promulgation Statement/Resolution and the Certification for the Beaver Valley Power Station (BVPS) Radiological Emergency Response Plan for the County EMA.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPARODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: NEW HIRE - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve the hiring of Justin Collins of Columbiana Ohio, as a Clerical Specialist II in the Social Services division.

No discussion had.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; enter into an Executive Session to discuss the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. Possible action will be recommended.

ROLL CALL - VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, WEIGLE, PAPANODIS
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; return from executive session at 9:32 a.m. to regular session. No action to be taken and will be under advisement.

ROLL CALL - VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, WEIGLE, PAPANODIS
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – TREASURER BLAKEMAN

Treasurer Blakeman updated the Board stating they expect the Federal Funds to cut another ¼% in 2024. He reviewed the county’s portfolio, stating we are averaging 3.6% interest, and it is projected to increase another 1 million in 2025. We have taken advantage of the best we could with the economy. The unemployment rate is expected to rise slightly from 4.1% to 4.4% in 2025. He concluded by thanking the Board.

Troy Rhoades, Ohio Edison, wanted to advise the public about extension cords and not to overload wires in their homes with space heaters. He also wanted to thank Commissioner Weigle for everything he’s done as he was a big proponent of the safety trail.

Being no further business, Commissioner Halleck adjourned the Commissioners regular meeting.