
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, MARCH 13, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK, COMMISSIONER WEIGLE, COMMISSIONER PAPANODIS

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: BRIAN BROWN

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Papanodis to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2024 and the bills as presented.

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

RE: TRAVEL

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Papanodis to; approve travel as presented:

EMA: May 7-8, 2024 – Great Lakes Homeland Security Conf., MI; Clark - \$0.00
Auditor: June 11, 2024 – R.E. Appraisal Seminar, Columbus; Poppelriter - \$300.00

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

RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

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

ADULT PROBATION	PO#510744	FORENSIC FULDS	\$5,400.00
DOG POUND	PO#510753	IDEXX LABORATORIES	\$1,239.00
DOG POUND	PO#510752	MWI ANIMAL HEALTH	\$3,353.75
COMMISSIONERS	PO#510741	HTS CONSULTING LLC	\$3,500.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#510737	UNITY TOWNSHIP	\$50,000.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#510738	VILLAGE OF LISBON	\$75,000.00
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#510750	CHASE	\$158,024.20
SHERIFF	PO#510507	BIOMETRIC INFORMATION MGMT.	\$2,166.00
SHERIFF	PO#510508	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$2,728.50
SHERIFF	PO#510763	JASON HURFORD/MOBILE RADIO	\$1,686.50
VETERANS	PO#510760	MORNING JOURNAL	\$1,095.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#510767	ATTY JENNIFER GORBY	\$3,502.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#518053	UNITED EARTHWORKS	\$10,066.21
ENGINEER	PO#223274	EAST FAIRFIELD COAL CO	\$2,503.56

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 March 13, 2024 and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

N21-N21 \$356,000.00

APPROPRIATE:

N21-N21-E-1008 \$356,000.00

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Halleck reported the Board received a letter from Butler Township soliciting ARPA funds for their administration structure. We have also received notification from our insurance company regarding a possible lawsuit from someone being defamed at a Board of Elections meeting.

RE: PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – CATIONIC EMULSIFIED ASPHALT - ENGINEER

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to the County Engineer to advertise for bids for Cationic Emulsified Asphalt, Project Control Number 259:2024. Complete plans, specifications and contract documents are available at bidexpress.com and advertisement will be in the Morning Journal on March 20 & 27, 2024 with an electronic bid opening at 9:00 a.m. on April 3, 2024, at the County Engineer’s Garage, 315 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio 44432.

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

RE: PERMISSION TO SIGN CCAO ENERGY AGREEMENT FOR NATUAL GAS

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission for Commissioner Halleck to sign Amendment #1 to Exhibit A Natural Gas Purchasing Program Agreement of the CCAO Service Corporation between Columbiana County and CCAOSC Energy Solutions, a subsidiary of Palmer Energy Company, Inc.

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

RE: APPROVE LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT – DUE SORELLE FOOD IMPORTS, ELKRUN TOWNSHIP

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve a Liquor License Permit to Due Sorelle Food Imports, LLC, Elkrun Township, Lisbon, Ohio with No Hearing Requested.

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

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #19-2024 – COLUMBIANA COUTY 9-1-1 FINAL PLAN

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt Resolution #19-2024, approving the Columbiana County’s 9-1-1 Final Plan as adopted by the Columbiana County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

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

RE: AWARD LOW BIDDER – C. TUCKER COPE – ENGINEER STORAGE BUILDING

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; award the low bidder for the Columbiana County Engineer Storage Building to C. Tucker Cope & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,388,106.00 as recommended by the County Engineer.

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

RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #20-2024 – CCDJFS PRC CHANGES

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt Resolution #20-2024 approving the proposed changes to the Prevention, Retention, Contingency (PRC) Plan as described in the summary of changes to be effective March 13, 2024.

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

RE: APPROVE GRANT AMENDMENTS – HEALTHY AGING - CCDJFS

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; approve the following grant amendments:

Healthy Aging Grant Amendments

Contractor: Community Action Agency of Columbiana County
Service: Senior Nutrition-Food vouchers for Curbside Connection Mobile Market
Funding: Healthy Aging Grant
Contract Period: 11/01/2023 - 06/30/2024
Amendment: Decrease contract ceiling by \$20,000.00
Ceiling: Decrease from \$40,000.00 to \$20,000.00

Contractor: Direction Home of Eastern Ohio
Service: Senior Nutrition-Get Out and Dine Program
Funding: Healthy Aging Grant
Contract Period: 11/01/2023 - 06/30/2024
Amendment: Increase contract ceiling by \$30,000.00
Ceiling: Increase from \$40,000.00 to \$70,000.00

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

Mr. Dave Cranmer presented to the Board several questions he wanted clarification on. He explained he was not here for political presence but to get answers to things people have brought to his attention. One item he found particularly disturbing is the "pig post" regarding wasteful spending, fraud of workers compensation and overtime/hiring for friends posted on Commissioner Paparodis face book page.

Commissioner Paparodis was curious why he waited until today, one week before the election, to bring this to the meeting and Mr. Cranmer explained that he was already scheduled on the agenda before he received this information.

Commissioner Weigle gave explanation on the workers compensation and overtime stating the night of the train derailment, those present on scene were advised to be evaluated at the clinic that was set up in East Palestine. He, among others, including the volunteer for the County EMA were seen. The volunteer was advised to seek follow-up medical attention for his symptoms; which in turn ended up being a workers compensation claim. There were many hours spent after the night of disaster to secure the site and oversee necessary precautions. Commissioner Weigle stated if there was fraud committed, he would step down tomorrow and he also asked for Commissioner Paparodis to remove himself from running for re-election. Norfolk Southern is working with the Ohio BWC to reimburse any claim for first responders related to the train derailment. Any information regarding workers' compensation should not have left our office as it is a HIPAA violation.

Commissioner Paparodis stated he wasn't the author of that post, and he didn't sign off on any workers compensation approval.

Commissioner Halleck agreed the "pig post" is distasteful. He offered a timeline of the workers' compensation claim in question and stated that information should not be on the streets and however it left the office was not appropriate. There was no fraud involved.

Mr. Cranmer's next item to discuss was regarding the Board of Revisions real estate valuation of property valuation and gave Commissioner Paparodis a printout of a face book post. Commissioner Paparodis stated he has not seen this information before today, wanted to know the author and why he was bringing gossip to this office one week before the election. Mr. Cranmer stated he was here to ask the questions. Commissioner Paparodis stated he would do the research on the real estate question.

In a prior meeting Mr. Cranmer asked Commissioner Paparodis if he ever received grant money and stated he since found information that BB Rooners did apply for a grant and questioned his statement on not raising taxes but using tax money to obtain the grant. Commissioner Paparodis stated that BB Rooners did not apply for the grant, the RODI Group did. Commissioner Paparodis stated the Governor of Ohio granted money for our region to be used to help our area.

Another item Mr. Cranmer had questions on was the ARPA spreadsheet he was supplied with at a prior meeting and wanted to know if the Board has provided money to East Palestine to aid with the disaster. Commissioner Halleck stated there was such an influx of funding from other sources and Treasurer Blakeman stated his office waived late fees for every taxpayer in East Palestine.

Mr. Cranmer questioned the county liability portion of the settlement of the reporter case and Commissioner Halleck stated our percentage is our deductible. Mr. Cranmer questioned the prior report Commissioner Paparodis presented on the Land Bank, specifically the ELO Maryland remediation. Mr. Tad Herold spoke regarding the cleanup process and how it was handled.

One last item Mr. Cranmer asked was if the ARPA spreadsheet could be published so the public can see where the funds are being spent. Commissioner Halleck stated we will take that under advisement.

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