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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 6, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK, COMMISSIONER WEIGLE, COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

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PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: NONE

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RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 2024 and the bills as presented.

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

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RE: TRAVEL

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

Commissioners: March 22, 2024 – CLCCA Spring Meeting, Bellville, OH; Duvall - \$139.36  
Commissioners: April 5, 2024 – CEBCO Member Meeting, Columbus; Duvall - \$215.74

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

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RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

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

WATER & SEWER	PO#518035	ADVANCED INSTRUMENTS	\$1,155.00
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#510661	LEAF FUNDING INC	\$2,407.56
CLERK OF COURTS	PO#510660	LEAF FUNDING INC	\$3,442.60
DEVELOPMENT	PO#510657	CUNNINGHAM CONSTRUCTION	\$10,300.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#510656	M&C CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$40,225.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#510658	M&C CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$30,250.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#510676	EQUIPARTS CORP.	\$4,752.81
COMMISSIONERS	PO#510693	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$1,093.10
LAW LIBRARY	PO#510052	WEST PAYMENT CENTER	\$5,893.51

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

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RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION

NONE

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RE: APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept as presented the following appropriations:

APPROPRIATE:

A00-D01-E-1012	\$250.00	A00-L01-E-0002	\$18,565.82	A00-L01-E-1006	\$6,737.16
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VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: WEIGLE, PAPANODIS, HALLECK  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Paparodis reported the Board attended a meeting at the Port Authority yesterday and he was really interested in the GIS program presented by Gabe Durrant. He mentioned a few things the GIS department has accomplished over the last two years such as: create parcel layer for the Auditors office; create maps for Board of Elections for polling locations; create updated maps for EMA for the Beaver Valley Power Station evacuation zones; and create rental/residential maps for Salem PD and East Palestine. He is proud to be at the top end of the GIS and stated the public can access it online to look at a bird-eyes view of any property in the County.

Commissioner Weigle reported he attended the District Advisory Council (DAC) for the Health Department and stated Misty Allison of East Palestine was appointed unanimously as a new member to the Board. He thanked Shawn Apple for his many years of service.

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RE: ACCEPT PHASE 1 PLAT – CREEK POINT DEVELOPMENT FOR PRESTIGE PROPERTIES

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; accept Phase 1 Plat for Creek Point Development for Prestige Properties, LLC of East Liverpool. Commissioner Weigle stated the Board accepted the Bond at the meeting last week and this week, they will sign the plat.

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

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RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #18-2024 – ARPA EXPENSES AND CERTIFICATION

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; adopt Resolution #18-2024 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:3-6-2024.

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

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RE: PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – COUNTY ENGINEER

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; grant permission to advertise for bids to repair the road slip on CR 430 Calcutta Smith Ferry Road in St. Clair Township and authorize the County Engineer to sign any and all documents related to this activity. Advertisement shall be online at bidexpress.com and the Morning Journal on March 13 and 20, 2024 with the publicly electronic bid opening on April 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Engineers Office at 315 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio.

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

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RE: AUTHORIZE SIGNATURE FOR 30-HOUR AGREEMENT FOR 911

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Paparodis to; authorize Commissioner Weigle to sign a 30-hour Service Agreement for February 2024-February 2025 for emergency IT services for all county 911 systems with Victor Trimmer of HTS Consulting, LLC.

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

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RE: “SAVE THE WEST POINT EAGLE, NO MORE NEW LANDFILLS”

Mr. Dale Deeken asked the Board their stance and thoughts on the Landfill. Individually they commented: Commissioner Halleck saying no one wants a landfill in their back yard. Time is best spent at the Public Hearing and Columbus will eventually make the decision. Commissioner Weigle stated we represent the constituents of the County, we know you don’t want a landfill, and we will stand with our constituents, but the final decision lies with the Ohio EPA. As far as the eagles in the area ODNR doesn’t see an issue with the fact their nest is in close proximity. Commissioner Paparodis stated it will be decided in court, although I am supportive of your side, but not a lot we can do.

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RE: INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The following members are present for the Board meeting:

Commissioner Halleck, Commissioner Weigle, Commissioner Paparodis, Treasurer Bryan Blakeman and Clerk of Courts Tony Dattilio. Jim McCourt of Meeder was also present.

Treasurer Blakeman opened the meeting stating they have finished the settlement and distribution of the 1<sup>st</sup> half 2023 taxes with the final settlement being \$35,039,725. Commissioner Halleck explained the Treasurer is like an accounts receivable and the Auditor does the distribution. The distribution is to all political entities in the County. March/April of 2023 discussion was had regarding selling at a loss to try to redo total investment portfolio. Treasurer Blakeman reported that in 2021 the interest earned was \$617,618; 2022 was 1.1 million; and 2023 was 3.6 million. The long-term investments are working incredibly well. He stated regarding the county budget that he maintains at least a year's worth of liquid cash and invests the rest.

Jim McCourt of Meeder recapped where the County stands through the end of the year, fighting against inflation. Inflation is trending lower slowly but likely to stay put for now. He presented and reviewed the March 6, 2024 County Investment Strategy and briefed the committee on long-term securities investments with a projected 2024 income of \$2.6 million.

Commissioner Paparodis thanked Bryan and Jim and appreciates what they do for the County.

Treasurer Blakeman ended the meeting.

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