

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, MAY 29, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONER HALLECK, COMMISSIONER WEIGLE, COMMISSIONER PAPARODIS (excused)

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

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PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: BOB GARWOOD

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RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 22, 2024 and the bills as presented.

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

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RE: TRAVEL

NONE

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RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

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

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| ENGINEER      | PO#223331 | CAMPBELL SIGNS               | \$2,450.00   |
| WATER & SEWER | PO#518119 | OHIO EDISON                  | \$10,380.53  |
| SHERIFF       | PO#511417 | TRI STATE FORD               | \$3,012.40   |
| SHERIFF       | PO#511439 | PAUL MORRIS REPAIR           | \$1,145.82   |
| COMMISSIONERS | PO#511412 | VILLAGE OF NEW WATERFORD     | \$76,863.00  |
| COMMISSIONERS | PO#511410 | HANOVER TOWNSHIP             | \$50,000.00  |
| COMMISSIONERS | PO#510411 | CITY OF EAST PALESTINE       | \$50,000.00  |
| COMMISSIONERS | PO#511409 | COLUMBIANA COUNTY ESC        | \$5,000.00   |
| DEVELOPMENT   | PO#511418 | PORT AUTHORITY FOR COL. CTY. | \$14,575.00  |
| CORONER       | PO#511414 | AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY     | \$1,214.00   |
| DEVELOPMENT   | PO#511419 | X-PRESS UNDERGROUND INC      | \$135,000.00 |

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

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RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION

NONE

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RE: AMENDED OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Official Certificate dated May 29, 2024 and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

T44-T44 \$34,874.35

APPROPRIATE:

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|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| A00-H01-E-0203 | \$3,520.12  | P14-P14-E-0002 | \$25,000.00 | P14-P14-E-0008 | \$5,000.00 |
| T44-T44-E-1008 | \$34,874.35 |                |             |                |            |

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

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

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RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION #34-3024 – ARPA EXPENSES & CERTIFICATION

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Halleck to; adopt Resolution #34-2024, 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:5-29-2024.

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

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RE: APPROVE RUMA AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Halleck to; approve Columbiana County Roadway Use and Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) for Horizontal Drilling Projects and Infrastructure for CR 402 Rochester Road (2.8 miles) and CR 403 Knox School Road (2.2 miles) with Cardinal Gas Services, LLC for the New Franklin Pipeline in Knox and West Townships.

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

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RE: ACCEPT FOR FILING – REGULAR ANNEXATION – PETITIONER T. HETTINGA

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Halleck to; accept for filing a regular annexation of 0.4044 acres from Perry Township into the City of Salem, Petitioner Tamra Hettinga, East Highland Avenue, Salem, Ohio.

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

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Ms. Jamie Nentwick had questions and statements about the West Point Landfill. She first stated that when completed it would be the highest hill in the County at 1304 feet. She asked if a host agreement was created and it was stated, no. She asked if a letter was sent to the EPA director as she requested at her last attendance, and, yes, the letter was sent to the Ohio EPA Director. She asked if the Board discussed hiring any consulting firm, and it was stated, no. She would like the Board to entertain conducting residential well testing for the surrounding residents, free of charge. It was stated it is not the board's responsibility to pay for these tests, but if approached, West Point Renewables should pay for testing the wells. Commissioner Halleck stated we don't decide if a landfill comes in and we don't approve. Issues need to be addressed to the Ohio EPA and unless there is a reason to shut them down, they can proceed. Ms. Nentwick stated the government needs to be involved to speak for the residents.

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RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 1% SALES TAX RENEWAL

Commissioner Halleck spoke on renewing the 1% sales tax, stating this is one of two hearings. He stated some taxes are needed and approximately 70% county revenue comes from the sales tax. We have over 100 county buildings and over 100 county vehicles, utilities, etc. and we operate as efficiently as any other county in Ohio.

He asked if anyone would like to speak regarding the sales tax and Mr. Ray Cox asked the amount of money the sales tax generated last year. Commissioner Halleck stated 21 million was generated in 2023. Mayor Cyndi Dickey spoke in favor of the sales tax stating this is a "user tax" and it is fairer. Property taxes are unsustainable long term, the sales tax is the fairest tax.

Commissioner Weigle stated the inside millage it not levied against property taxes. Commissioner Halleck stated this concludes the public hearing portion.

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Asked for any other comments, Mayor Dickey wanted the Board to consider setting money aside for the health department to monitor the West Point Landfill in the future, so it doesn't become like past landfills in the county and not be monitored. This is for the protection of our residents. It was stated the health department doesn't even look at the landfills, this was taken over by the EPA.

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