
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, JULY 10, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

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

CLERK: CALLIE SOWARDS

PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY: DONNA SHUMAN

Heavenly Father, I thank you Lord for this beautiful day and I pray Father that as I stand before these county commissioners Lord, that your hand would be upon each and everyone of them, Lord each person that's in this room ,Father, is here for a reason and I pray that you would just bless them, Father, and be with them and keep them and bless their families; and Lord as they go to about to do their their daily work here today, I pray that your blessing will be upon our country and the men and women who protect our country from evil and county and these people that are making either laws or decisions that affect it. I pray, Father, that you would just hold them, Lord in the palm of your hand and protect them and give them your blessings. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 26 and July 3, 2024 and the bills as presented.

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

RE: TRAVEL

NONE

RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

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

WATER & SEWER	PO#518163	NEO SOLUTIONS	\$2,331.00
CORONER	PO#511841	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY	\$3,364.00
JUVENILE COURT	PO#511861	SCHINDLER ELEVATOR	\$1,402.26
COMMON PLEAS	PO#511859	THORN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING	\$2,100.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#511822	PEGGY CUNNINGHAM CONSTR.	\$59,250.00
COMMISSIONERS	PO#511857	EQUIPARTS CORP.	\$3,744.72
CORONER	PO#511849	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY	\$1,294.00

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

RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION:

Motion by Mr. Weigle seconded by Mr. Halleck to; journalize the Columbiana County Department of Job & Family Services Inter-County Adjustment Agreements letter and the Senior Services Levy Report, CY2024.

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

RE: APPROPRIATIONS

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

APPROPRIATE:

A00-C01-E-0001	\$40,000.00	A00-C01-E-0010	\$24,000.00	A00-C01-E-1003	\$8,000.00
A00-C01-E-1004	\$8,000.00	B19-B19-E-1010	\$30,000.00		

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Weigle wished Commissioner Halleck a Happy Birthday and thanked the Veterans Office for the van as it was repurposed for the coroner's use.
Trustee John Zehentbauer of Hanover Township thanked the Board for the funds they provided for the Hanover Township Fire/Rescue project and stated they will be using matching funds, if not more, to complete the project.
Commissioner Halleck stated they tried to be judicious and share with even the smallest community the funds the county received.

RE: PERMISSION TO HUNT ON COUNTY HOME ROAD PROPERTY

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; grant permission to hunt on County Home Road property to Brentin & Kayla Duvall and Raymond & Margaret McLain.

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

RE: PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – ENGINEER

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; grant permission to the County Engineer to advertise for bids for the Calcutta Lift Station Replacement (ARPA Funds and OWPC CN01AA / CN02AA) in St. Clair Township and authorize the County Engineer to signs any and all documents that relate to this activity. Advertisement shall on online at bidexpress.com and the Morning Journal July 17, 24 and 31, 2024 with the electronic bid opening on August 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Columbiana County Engineer’s Garage, located at 315 South Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio 44432.

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

RE: ADOPT 2025 COUNTY TAX BUDGET

Motion by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; adopt the 2025 county tax budget. Commissioner Halleck explained this is the time of year the Auditor tells us the anticipated revenue and we need to make it work. We become the bad guys as we will need to cut approximately 3mil from the requests. Actual figures are not distributed until later in the year.

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

RE: PUBLIC HEARING - 2025 COUNTY TAX BUDGET

SOIL & WATER 2025 BUDGET REQUEST: Mr. Pete Conkle and Mr. Duane Nickel presented reports and information regarding the Soil and Water Conservation District and explained their budget needs in asking for additional money. They explained the H2Ohio project that Governor Dewin adopted statewide. They are requesting funds to provide an outreach and technical assistant to benefit farmers. They continue to work on obtaining grant money and receive a state match from monies received from the County. Commissioner Halleck appreciates all they do, and stated they shall have further discussion on this.

PARKS DISTRICT 2025 BUDGET REQUEST: Ms. Eileen Dray Bardon presented their 2025 proposed budget report stating they have been operating on the gas lease money and are down to bare bones. They have tried three levies, all failed, and have another levy for the fall ballot. If that fails, she proposes to just maintain what they have with one part time (20 hours) and two seasonal maintenance people.

VETERANS 2025 BUDGET REQUEST: Commissioner Halleck thanked the veterans in attendance for their service. Ms. Debra Smith presented information on the Veterans Service Commission Budget request for 2025 explaining how many veterans they service in the county, via transports to appointments, entitlement to benefits, temporary financial assistance, stating inflation has elevated the need for financial assistance, especially for food. They have plans to purchase a new transport van and stated most travel destinations are Cleveland putting excess miles on their current vehicles. They are asking for the full budget of \$1,234,600. Commissioner Halleck questioned what the burn pits are, and Debra Smith explained its where everything from trash, computers, body parts, etc. are burned and those in the Gulf War forward that can prove toxic chemical exposure, experience symptoms can be eligible for medical services.

Executive Director Marcy Patton gave a special thank you to the veterans for their service and wanted to invite the public to the East Palestine Resiliency Center Open House on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. She explained the building and renovations were funded by Norfolk Southern and the center is there to help people get back on the feet from the train derailment.

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