

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2010 AGENDA MEETING

Commissioner Reiff opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the 24th day of February, 2010 with the following members present: Commissioner Greg Sneary, Commissioner W. Dan Reiff, County Administrator Becky Saine and Clerk of the Board Kelli Singhaus.

Julie Shellhammer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Reiff moved for the approval of the minutes of February 17, 2010. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sneary. The roll was called and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Action Items:

Resolution #111-10. *Approve travel expenses.*

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #112-10. *Approve intradepartmental transfers.*

Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #113-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Gerald Martello Fund #4303.*

Laura Clark, Account Clerk, requested a new appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 for payment of invoices.

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #114-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the General Fund #1001.*

Becky Saine, County Administrator, requested a new appropriation in the amount of \$34,044.40 for the Drug Use Prevention Grant.

Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #115-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Special Ed/Part B Fund #2469.*

Martha Nance, Business Director, requested a new appropriation of \$3,000.00. This is necessary to correct a CH error – wrong Project (year) was used in December 2009.

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #116-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Early Childhood Fund #2460. authorize the re-*

Martha Nance, Business Director, requested a new appropriation of \$2,819.52. This is necessary to correct a CH error – wrong Project (year) was used in December 2009.

Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #117-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Jerid Ray Ditch Fund #2128.*

Laura Clark, Account Clerk, requested an increase in the appropriation of \$5,400.00 for a new appropriation of \$6,918.62. This is necessary to reimburse the County Engineer and Ditch Rotary.

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #118-10. *Authorize a warrant of advance from the Special Education – Part B – FY’09 Fund 2469 to the Special Education – Part B – FY’10 Fund 2469.*

Esther Baldrige, Superintendent at the Allen County Board of DD, requested a warrant of advance in the amount of \$3,000.00 in order to correct a CH error – wrong Project (year) was used in December 2009.

Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #119-10. *Authorize a warrant of advance from the Early Childhood Special Education FY’09 Fund 2460 to the Early Childhood Special Education FY’10 Fund 2460.*

Esther Baldrige, Superintendent at the Allen County Board of DD, requested a warrant of advance in the amount of \$2,819.52 in order to correct a CH error – wrong Project (year) was used in December 2009.

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Resolution #120-10. *Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission.*

This Memorandum of Understanding with the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission financially support the Regional Planning Commission for services rendered on behalf of the Allen County Commissioners. Said MOU is effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

A. Dana Sterling, Building and Grounds Superintendent, presented the following:

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #121-10**, enter into a contract with Buckeye Exterminating, Inc. for various county buildings. Two (2) proposals were received with Buckeye Exterminating, Inc. being the lowest and best proposal. This contract will be for preventative pest control services for the following locations:

Allen County Courthouse,
Justice Center
Annex Building
Court of Appeals
Child Support Enforcement Agency
Adult Probation
Museum
New Title Building

Educational Services Center
Memorial Hall

The total monthly fee is around \$338.00 and annually the fee is \$4,056.00.

Commissioner Reiff moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Announcements, Proclamations, Recognition and Commendations

Veronica McLaurine, Fair Housing Coordinator for Lima and Allen County stated that LACCA contracts with the city and county to provide fair housing education and updates throughout the year. The Fair Housing Law prohibits discrimination in the side of protective class. LACCA is going to work really hard this year is to continue the analysis of impediments to Fair Housing choice and keep the document on the table. They also offer intake services for tenant/landlord dispute complaints. This is really starting to grow with the economy and downturn. They want to provide safe, affordable housing for these individuals and protect them from discrimination once this migration begins to happen. They will continue to offer some input on different types of housing and redevelopment. One of the key problems they are finding is housing with severe to moderate mental disabilities. They want to make sure they offer their insight as to where these housing initiatives begin and types of initiatives they should be working on.

Julie Shellhammer, Allen County Dog Warden, provided statistics for her office. Her department averages 3,000 calls per year. 1,579 dogs came into the facility in 2009. Unfortunately, more were euthanized humanely than went out (claimed by their owners, adopted, or rescued). To put the numbers into perspective, 30 dogs were surrendered per week. 13 dogs were either rescued, claimed by their owners or rescued meaning on average that 17 dogs were euthanized. Her goal is to increase public awareness, public educations and to get more dogs claimed by their owner, adopted or rescued. By getting animals spayed or neutered, this will cut down on issues that are present in the county. There were 212 dog bites in Allen County meaning on the average 4 people were bit per week. A lot of dog bites are directly related to a dog not being spayed or neutered. 424 dogs in 2009 were not adopted solely because they were unadoptable due to aggression problems. She stated that dogs needs to be licensed. Last year 13,500 dog tags were sold which isn't even close to the amount of dogs that are in the county. In 2012, Shellhammer is going to suggest that dog license be increased for those owners who have not spayed or neutered. Those owners that have their dogs spayed or neutered will not be penalized. The price will remain the same. She wants people to be responsible for their animals. She also mentioned that there is a dog park that people can use to help socialize and exercise the dog. There is no cost to take the dog to the park but the dogs do have to be current on their vaccines. The dog park was created solely on donations.

Dr. Brenneman stated that if people take responsibility for their pets, there wouldn't be a problem. Unfortunately a large percentage of people who owns pets are those that can't afford a pet and doing some irresponsible means of getting rid of the pet. By spaying or neutering your pet will help decrease the numbers. There are several people that are willing to help those people who cannot afford to have their animals spayed or neutered and wishes more people would take advance of this. He encourages that the fees are set high enough that within two or three years, that if they neuter it, they can pay for it. It is simply a matter of being responsible. Neutering does not guarantee a change in the dog's aggressive tendencies but generally decreases it.

Sandy Laing, founder and director of Angels for Animals Rescue League, stated that they have a spayed and neuter clinic as well as rescue facility. Encourage people to use the facility to have their dogs spayed or neutered. Their facility has spayed or neutered over 7,000 animals in the last 8 years. They average approximately 40 to 50 a week. The majority of the clients are located in Allen County. She stated that she is excited about there being discussion of increase in dog tags for the irresponsible owner. Encourages that variance in the fee is so large that within a year they will have their dog spayed or neutered. They have places that are low on dogs that they ship animals to that are spayed or neutered to be adopted.

Commissioner Greg Sneary commented on the dog he adopted through Angels for Animals is a fantastic dog. The dog went through the prison obedience program. He stated that the Angels for Animals do a wonderful service.

Becky Saine stated that sometime in March, Auglaize county has a spay day USA. If you go to the Auglaize County Humane Society, they will give you a \$25.00 certificate that you can take to your vet to go towards the cost of spaying or neutering. Some vets will even match that. It was also stated that Allen County does it as well but it may not be at the same cost.

Debbie Helser from Deb's Dogs, stated that she is so proud of our county. Emphasis has to be placed on getting dog spayed or neutered. Every attempt is made for adoptable animals. She encouraged that the Commissioners move forward with the fee increase for those owners who do not have their dogs spayed or neutered. Because of community awareness, adoptions are up, rescues are up and animals are claimed by their owners.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Reiff moved to adjourn. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Kelli A. Singhaus
Clerk of the Board

Greg Sneary

W. Dan Reiff

Sam Bassitt