

MINUTES OF AUGUST 3, 2011 AGENDA MEETING

Commissioner Reiff opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of August, 2011 with the following members present: Commissioner Greg Sneary, Commissioner W. Dan Reiff, Commissioner Sam Bassitt, County Administrator Becky Saine and Clerk of the Board Kelli Singhaus.

Bill Bradish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Bassitt moved for the approval of the minutes of the July 27, 2011 agenda meeting. Commissioner Sneary seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Action Items:

Resolution #498-11. *Approve travel expenses.*

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

Resolution #499-11. *Supplemental appropriation to the Shelby Recycling Center Fund 8047.*

Dennis Baker, Director, requested an increase in the appropriation in the amount of \$17,500.00 for a new appropriation of \$18,500.00. This increase in the appropriation is for the purchase of a truck.

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

Resolution #500-11. *Accept payment from Cincinnati Insurance Company for damage to a 2003 Chevy Impala at the Allen County Sheriff's Office.*

Said claim was in the amount of \$2,684.28.

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

Resolution #501-11. *Authorize an Addendum to the Worker's Compensation Service Agreement with Comp Management, Inc.*

Said addendum is to include services for the \$15,000 Medical-Only Program (15K Program).

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

Resolution #505-11. *Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to effect a Governmental Electricity Aggregation Program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, directing the Allen County Board of Elections to submit a ballot questions to the electors.*

Commissioner Bassitt stated this has come to the Boards attention through CCAO that through aggregation, it is possible for political subdivisions to save residents 3% on their electrical bills. Bill Bradish, Palmer Energy, stated that they are the energy consultants for CCAO in all forms of energy. Recently, in the last year, there has been activity in the northern counties to aggregate residents and small businesses to get lower electric rates. CCAO wanted to expand this to other counties and solicited Palmer Energy to implement the program. What this involves is an opt out program through the Ohio code and it has to go

on a ballot to be approved. This is saving money on the generation side of the electric bill. The generation side is electricity that goes through the lines which is deregulated. The other side is the transmission side which is the poles and lines. If something like this happens, Palmer Energy has on the table a contract that would show a 3% discount on the generation on the side of the bill. It is a guaranteed 3% discount. It involves going to the ballot and has to be submitted to the Board of Elections by August 10, 2011. They are attempting to do a county-wide ballot and only include unincorporated areas of the county. Incorporated areas will have to do their own ballot. The City of Delphos passed a resolution recently to put it on the ballot. Palmer Energy is behind talking with the City of Lima and may not be able to get it on the ballot this year. If it goes into place, eligible meters will receive notice stating they are automatically in. If you don't want to participate, you sign the card which is how you opt-out. This has no effect on the REA electric supplies in the county. Midwest and Mid-Ohio are two prominent ones in the county and are not affected at all; however residents receiving service from Midwest and Mid-Ohio are allowed to vote on the project to help their neighbors. Those that have AEP or Ohio Power are affected on this ballot. Steve Cleaves from the City of Lima questioned what the time frame has been for these discussions with the various entities regarding this issue. Bill Bradish stated that this has been going on for 3 to 4 months. One of the aspects of the proposals received was vague on the supplier and just up to about a week and half ago; they received definite knowledge about it. What is involved was grant monies that could come to both the county and the entities in the form of \$10.00 a meter in total. If a township passes it, the township would receive \$5.00 community grant and the county would receive a \$5.00 community grant. These monies are only for this election. There is no guarantee for the next election. The City of Delphos came about because the City of Van Wert solicited same. Steve Cleaves stated that the time frame is not effective for the City of Lima but they would be definitely interested. If this goes through, public hearings will be held. This is a three (3) year contract which is already in place. At the expiration of the contract, a new one will be negotiated. Palmer Energy expects electric rates to continue to rise. Competition shall continue to rise bringing more competitive rates. Once something is passed on aggregation, you don't have to pass again, you are already in. People can continue to opt in or out. There are a little over 19,000 homes in the unincorporated area and 45,000 homes overall that can participate in the program. This does not include small businesses that may be able to participate. Small businesses are defined as businesses that use under 250,000 kW hours a year.

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

Discussion Items:

A. Bruce Wells, presented the following:

1. Request to proceed with the necessary paperwork for the renewal of a various purpose bond anticipation note and term loan. Wells stated that the County has a one year, various purpose bond anticipation note issued for \$3,580,000 at a rate of 2.38% that will mature on September 28, 2011. This loan includes 14 ditches, a Ditch Rotary Fund purchase, two (2) sewer projects and \$2,500,000 for I & I projects. The loan has been reduced by a total of \$287,400 through cash collections, final payment of the Ditch Rotary loan and internal funding of the two sewer projects leaving a balance of \$3,292,600. Wells is proposing to:
 - Increase funding for two (2) recently approved ditch projects for a total of \$207,800
 - Make a principal payment of \$72,400 against the ditch projects from assessments collected on second half taxes, in which said amount could change slightly
 - Separate and term out the \$2,500,000 I & I Project portion of the loan on an eight (8) year note at a proposed interest rate of 3.44%
 - Issue a new, one year note for \$925,000 at a proposed interest rate of 1.88%

B. David Louth, Allen County Engineer's Office, presented the following:

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #502-11**, accept proposal and enter into contract with Lake Erie Construction Company for the Guardrail Safety Improvement Project. Louth stated one (1) bid was received from Lake Erie Construction Company and recommended a contract be entered into in the amount of \$283,495.00. The engineer's estimate for said project was \$299,968.79. This is a LPA Project with the Ohio Department of Transportation and is funded using 100% federal funds.

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

C. Tom Mazur, Community Development Coordinator, presented the following:

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #503-11**, amend Resolution #451-11, authorize Clerk of Board to post notice to bidders and advertise to receive bids for the construction of the Ridgewood Addition Drainage Improvements. It was determined that the time of the bid opening was incorrectly stated in the resolution. Bid opening time should have been 10:00 a.m. on July 22, 2011.

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

2. Request to adopt **Resolution #504-11**, authorize a contract with Hume Supply, Inc. for the FY'10 Formula Grant – Bath Township Ridgewood Addition Drainage Improvements. This project is located between Kent and Ford. Two (2) bids were received with the low bid being \$92,899.74. The engineer's estimate for said project is \$98,153.00.

Commissioner Bassitt 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

A proclamation was presented for Child Support Awareness Month. Lisa Merkle stated that the State of Ohio proclaims the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month. Each year the Child Support Enforcement Agency forms a committee to plan events for the office and community for Child Support Awareness Month. They have made goody bags for the children as they come into the agency. They have wrist bands. The staff will wear t-shirts "Children Color Our World". Next week they are doing a program called Deals for Wheels. If the agency has an obligor that comes into the office the month of office that has their license suspended and make arrangements to pay what they owe for the month, the agency will reinstate their driver's license with the understanding that in the subsequent months, they have to continue to pay their support payments each month or set up withholding through their employer/bank or get enrolled and comply with state work. They have over 4,000 cases of suspended licenses.

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

Submitted by:

Kelli A. Singhaus
Clerk of the Board

Approved by:

Greg Sneary

W. Dan Reiff

Sam Bassitt