

## **MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2010 AGENDA MEETING**

Commissioner Bassitt opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the 16th day of August, 2010 with the following members present: Commissioner Greg Sneary, Commissioner W. Dan Reiff, Commissioner Sam Bassitt and Clerk of Board Kelli Singhaus.

Mary Early led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Sneary moved for the approval of the minutes of the July 29, 2010 agenda meeting. Commissioner Reiff seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Kelli Singhaus, Clerk of the Board, requested the approval of the minutes of August 11, 2010 be removed until the next meeting.

### **Action Items:**

#### **Resolution #468-10. *Approve travel expenses.***

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

#### **Resolution #469-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Building & Grounds Fund #4017.***

Becky Saine, County Administrator, requested an increase in the appropriation of \$2,725.00 for a new appropriation of \$137,761.00. This is for the purchase of a van from the Allen County Sheriff's Office from proceeds received by Gov-Deals.

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

#### **Resolution #470-10. *Accept Putnam County's resolution authorizing the Putnam County Engineer to receive bids/quotes for maintenance of the Dutch Run Joint County Ditch Project #840.***

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

### **Discussion Items:**

#### **A. Allen County Engineer (No one present)**

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #471-10**, approve one (1) Easement for County Road Purposes and one (1) Work Agreement with Donald F. and Cynthia S. Farrar. Said easement is in the amount of \$151.00 and is necessary for the construction of a new bridge on McBride Road, Amanda Township.

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

**B. Jim Everett, Allen County Sheriff's Office, presented the following:**

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #472-10**, authorize the purchase of a 2005 Chrysler Town & Country Van from Tom Ahl Chrysler-Dodge. Said vehicle will be used by the West Central Ohio Crime Task Force and be paid utilizing the Drug Law Enforcement Grant.

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

**C. Lisa Merkle, Allen County Child Support Enforcement Agency, presented the following:**

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #473-10**, authorize the renewal of a contract with Martin Investigative Services. Said contract is for private investigative services. The contract period is effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011 at a rate not to exceed a contract value of \$7,500.00.

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

**D. Mary Early, Family Children First Council, presented the following:**

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #474-10**, accept allocation of the Children's Trust Fund Plan for SFY'11. An annual distribution is received through the Ohio Children's Trust Fund in the amount of \$35,438.00. These monies are used for child abuse/neglect programs. The monies shall be used to work with families of young children. 5% of these funds shall be used for administrator with the remainder to be allocated as follows:

<b>Creative Parenting</b>	<b>\$ 3,613.00</b>
<b>Nurturing Hearts</b>	<b>\$ 6,864.10</b>
<b>Parents in Progress</b>	<b>\$ 5,783.00</b>
<b>Family Playtime</b>	<b>\$ 7,857.00</b>
<b>ACT Against Violence</b>	<b>\$ 2,665.00</b>
<b>The Incredible Years Parenting Trng.</b>	<b>\$ 6,884.00</b>

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

**E. Brad Niemeier, Allen County Sanitary Engineer's Office, presented the following:**

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #475-10**, authorize Clerk of Board to post notice and advertise to receive bids for the construction of the Ciminillo's First Addition Subdivision Sewer Improvement Project. This project is located along Cable Road between the Lima Mall entrance and Gatehouse condominiums. There are eleven (11) homes that have not received sewer in that area. The county has received \$45,000 of Formula grant funding to assist with this project. Bids shall be received until September 8, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

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

F. **Lynn Shock, Department of Job & Family Services**, presented the following:

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #476-10**, authorize the retirement/rehiring of Steven Barker at the Allen County Department of Human Services. Mr. Barker will be retiring as of August 31, 2010. Shock is requesting to rehire Mr. Barker effective September 1, 2010 at the Human Resource Administrator at an annual salary of \$49,004.80 which is over a 20% reduction in pay.
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Commissioner Sneary moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Bassitt seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

**Announcements, Proclamations, Recognition and Commendations**

Scott Ferris, Allen County Children Services, presented a six (6) month update as it relates to services they offer, families they are assisting, etc. They started the year with 80 children in court order custody and they now have 105 children. Within that number, 67 of new children have entered into their care, 39 children have left, meaning they have achieved permanency whether they went back to live with their parent, relative, adoption, etc.

Jackie Loescher, Director of Intake/Investigations Department, feels it is very important to look at the previous years as it relates to their investigations to see if there are any trends or causes that children are experiencing within their families. This is important to see if changes are needed in practices, additional training needed, etc. Investigation numbers have grown considerably this year. They also have seen that are numbers are up involving children being removed from their homes. This could stem from physical abuse, sexual abuse, etc. Physical abuse has remained high but not a result of severe life threatening injuries to children. Screening guidelines show that kids exposed to drug abuse fall within this category. Another concern is an increase in environmental neglect cases. They have seen a lot of home condition cases but access to drugs, newborns born with positive toxic screens, etc. fall within the environmental neglect cases. They are seeing a pattern as it relates to drug issues. She read examples of various cases that they may consider ongoing.

Scott Ferris stated that if you look at cases the last six months of 2009 compared to the cases for the first six months of 2010, the numbers are up 20%. On a positive note, more than 70 of the 105 children in their care, the children are in agency certified foster care. The agency has listed 25 new foster homes since August. 96% of the children are in agency foster care, private foster care or a relative.

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

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Kelli Singhaus  
Clerk of the Board

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Greg Sneary

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W. Dan Reiff

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Sam Bassitt