

## **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2010 AGENDA MEETING**

Commissioner Bassitt opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on the 20th day of October, 2010 with the following members present: Commissioner Greg Sneary, Commissioner Sam Bassitt and Clerk of Board Kelli Singhaus.

Mona Losh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Sneary moved for the approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2010 agenda meeting. Commissioner Bassitt seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Action Items:**

#### **Resolution #619-10. *Approve travel expenses.***

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

#### **Resolution #620-10. *Authorize intradepartmental transfers.***

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

#### **Resolution #621-10. *Authorize a warrant to return advanced funds from the Early Lutz Sewer Fund 4400 to the Sanitary Engineering Surplus Fund 5035.***

Bruce Wells, Business Manager, requested a warrant in the amount of \$30,000 to return advanced funds to the Sanitary Engineering Surplus Fund 5035. Debt service collections and subsequent advanced funds to consolidate previous advances are sufficient to allow the return of said advance.

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

#### **Resolution #622-10. *Authorize a warrant to return advanced funds from the Fourth Street Sewer Fund 4003 to the Sanitary Engineering Surplus Fund 5035.***

Bruce Wells, Business Manager, requested a warrant in the amount of \$25,000 to return advanced funds to the Sanitary Engineering Surplus Fund 5035. Debt service collections and subsequent advanced funds to consolidate previous advances are sufficient to allow the return of said advance.

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

#### **Resolution #623-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the ODNR M & E Canal Culvert Fund 4100.***

Laura Clark, Account Clerk, requested a new appropriation in the amount of \$962.68 in order to reimburse the County Engineer for materials.

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

**Resolution #624-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Eastown Road – Phase 2 Fund 4710.***

Laura Clark, Account Clerk, Requested an increase in the appropriation of \$211,594.94 for a new appropriation of \$251,594.94. This additional appropriation is needed to reimburse the County Engineer for funds that were advanced for the project.

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

**Resolution #625-10. *Supplemental appropriation to the Building & Grounds Fund 4017.***

Becky Saine, County Administrator, requested an increase in the appropriation of \$29,000 for a new appropriation of \$29,469.90. This additional appropriation is needed for renovations at the Annex building for Adult Probation as well as for roof repairs to the Courthouse to eliminate leaking into the Probate Court offices.

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

**Resolution #626-10. *Resolution for Request for Proposals for lease of space for the Allen County Juvenile Court Community Control Department.***

Said Request for Proposals will be received until 11:00 a.m. on November 8, 2010.

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

**Resolution #629-10. *Adopt Spouse Eligibility Certification Policy for Allen County employees.***

Commissioner Bassitt stated that this initiative has been under question this past year and has received review by the Health Advisory Committee. The Health Advisory Committee did some investigating and recommended that the policy not move forward. The Commissioners have done an analysis and confronted the financial condition of the county. The Commissioners found two things looming at them that brought severe crisis: 1) Local Government funds being reduced and 2) Interest income being reduced even further. The Commissioners needed to look at every opportunity to reduced expenditures and have used their best judgment in this regard even though it was not approved by the Health Advisory Committee.

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

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #627-10**, approval of the Title XX Comprehensive Social Services Plan for State Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013. Shock stated that this is a requirement that must be done every two (2) years. She stated that it seems each time the amount keeps reducing due to less funds being available.

**B. Sheriff's Office** (No one present)

1. Request to adopt **Resolution #628-10**, enter into a one (1) year lease agreement with Tom Ahl Chrysler. This lease is in the amount of \$3,000 and will be paid from the Sheriff's Drug Trust account.

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**

Jim Link, Allen County Treasurer, stated that the Allen County Treasurer's Office has looked into an Administrative Foreclosure Process. He thanked the Clerk of Courts for getting the process started as well as individuals from the Lima News for assisting with controlling advertising costs. In Allen County, there are approximately 200 parcels with no structures on the property. The charges on the tax bill exceed the value of the property. He has in turn found that people will not pay their taxes. In 2006, the State of Ohio passed HB294 which allows administrative foreclosures, to find buyers, marry them with a political subdivision and turn these around into revenue production. The city of Lima is planning on tearing down approximately 200 to 300 homes with NSP funds and NSP funds are tearing down homes county-wide. The Treasurer's Office has passed out legislation to all villages, township and cities within Allen County and they are going to adopt the proper legislation prepared by the Allen County Prosecutor's office. These vacant properties represent \$2.4 million of delinquent taxes in Allen County. These types of charges are going to continue to increase. The goal is to get these lands back into productive use.

Margie Murphy-Miller, acting Clerk of Courts, stated that her office did their part in order to make this happen. A lady within her office was able to create codes to allow the cases to be opened without them having to be reported for Supreme Court reporting. There have been many extensive discussions as it relates to court costs on how they can be covered and still keep them as low as possible.

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

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Kelli A. Singhaus  
Clerk of the Board

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Greg Sneary

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Sam Bassitt