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MINUTES: Regular Session – October 25, 2016

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the October 18, 2016, meeting.

David G. Young – present

Pat Arnold South – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

- 16-1662 A resolution was adopted to hire Nick Brewer as Custodial Worker I within the Warren County Department of Facilities Management. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1663 A resolution was adopted to hire Thomas Bowman, Protective Services Caseworker I, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1664 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of Makenna Calvert, Administrative Clerk within the Warren County Department of Building and Zoning, effective October 21, 2016. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1665 A resolution was adopted to rescind resolution #16-1628 which approved end of probationary period and a pay increase for Rynne Sorrell, Eligibility Referral Specialist I, within Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1666 A resolution was adopted to hire Michael Stern as Customer Advocate I within OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1667 A resolution was adopted to adjust wage for John McIntosh, Sewer Collection Worker III, within the Water and Sewer Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1668 A resolution was adopted to set final hearing concerning the vacation of Maple Avenue in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous

- 16-1669 A resolution was adopted to set final hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of Oak Drive in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1670 A resolution was adopted to approve Amendment #1 to the action plan for FY2016 Community Development Block Grant Urban Entitlement Program and authorize publication of a public review. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1671 A resolution was adopted to authorize the President and/or Vice President of this Board to sign a satisfaction of mortgage for Sharon L. Adams. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1672 A resolution was adopted to authorize the President and/or Vice President of the Board to sign a reaffirmation agreement to be filed regarding a client in the First Time Home Buyer Program. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1673 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to sign and On-the-Job-Training Agreement. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1674 A resolution was adopted to approve a change order No. 1 to the contract with Prus Construction, increasing purchase order No. 18542 for the FY Franklin-Beam & Moore CDBG Project, Fund No. 265. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1675 A resolution was adopted to declare an emergency and waive competitive bidding for the immediate replacement of manhole at the refueling center. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1676 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize the President of the Board to approve and sign a Limited English Proficiency Plan for OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1677 A resolution was adopted to approve various refunds. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1678 A resolution was adopted to affirm "Then and Now" requests pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 (D) (1). Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1679 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1680 A resolution was adopted to approve bond reduction for Rhein Natorp Development Co., LLC for completion of improvements in Long Cove, Section 6A & 6B situated in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1681 A resolution was adopted to approve bond release for Rhein Natorp Development Co., LLC for completion of improvements in Long Cove, Phase 4C situated in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1682 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation decreases within various funds. Vote: Unanimous

- 16-1683 A resolution was adopted to approve a cash advance and operational transfer from General Fund #101 into Fund #479 Airport Construction. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1684 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Sheriff's Office Fund #285. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1685 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriations within Common Pleas Court Smart Grant Fund #289. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1686 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Juvenile Court Fund #101-1240, Probate Court Fund #101-1250, and Juvenile Detention Fund #101-2600. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1687 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Facilities Management Fund #101-1600. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1688 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Coroner's Fund #101-2100. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1689 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Sheriff's Office Funds #101-2200 & #630. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1690 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Common Pleas Court Fund #101-1220. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1691 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Telecommunications Department Fund #101-2810. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1692 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Emergency Services/Communications Center Fund #101-2850. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1693 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Board of Developmental Disabilities Fund #205. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1694 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within OhioMeansJobs Warren County Fund #258. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1695 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Children Services Fund #273. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1696 A resolution was adopted to authorize payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1697 A resolution was adopted to approve changes to the Warren County Employee Healthcare Plan for Plan Year commencing January 1, 2017. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1698 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Fairgrounds Construction Project Fund #498. Vote: Unanimous

- 16-1699 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting of Thursday October 27, 2016. Vote: Unanimous
- 16-1700 A resolution was adopted to select an Engineering Firm for the Waynesville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades Project. Vote: Mr. Grossmann - yea, Mr. Young – yea, Mrs. South – absent.

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Dale Groppenbacher, Mayor of Pleasant Plain, was present to discuss the ineligibility of CDBG funds that was recently determined by the State of Ohio.

Mr. Groppenbacher stated that he was informed that his project was not an eligible project for CDBG funding due to the building being government owned. He stated that the building is in dire need of a new HVAC system as well as new windows.

Susanne Mason, Program Manager, informed the Board that if they chose to go forward with the project, she feared that the General fund would be responsible for repaying the funds due to the ineligibility of the project.

There was discussion relative to if the Board could fund a different project and allow Pleasant Plain to divert those funds to pay for the building improvements.

Mayor Groppenbacher informed the Board that Pleasant Plain is a very small community and the only funds they have are for road improvements. He stated that it is illegal to spend money in the road and bridge account on anything other than roads and bridges.

Mrs. Mason stated that, with permission, she would research other available grant funds on behalf of the Village.

The Board also stated their desire to draft a letter to local suppliers to solicit donations in order to improve the building.

Tammy Whitaker, Benefits Administrator, was present for a follow up work session to discuss the 2017 benefit renewal.

Ms. Whitaker reviewed the proposed changes and stated that she has prepared a resolution and a letter for signature that stipulates that Warren County's self-insured health benefits will not be covering gender dysphoria.

Commissioner Young stated that Warren County taxpayers should not be funding sex change operations. He stated his opinion that an individual has a right to choose to have that operation but it should not be at the taxpayers' expense.

Commissioner Grossmann stated that if the law states it must be covered then we must follow the law.

There was discussion relative to the government redefining the term sex by how an individual identifies rather than how they were born.

Commissioner South stated that a child born with both male and female parts has always been covered under our health benefits as a birth defect. She then stated she does not feel it is incumbent upon a government or business to pay for a sex change.

Commissioner Young stated the need to take a stand and limit what taxpayers' should be paying for.

Ms. Whitaker then explained a new wellness program for the Board's consideration called "Real Appeal".

Upon further discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #16-1697) to approve changes to the Warren County Employee Healthcare Plan for Plan Year commencing January 1, 2017.

Commissioner South exited the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present for the Board to interview the top three ranked engineering firms relative to the Waynesville Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.

The Board interviewed the following firms:

1. Strand Associates
2. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber
3. Jacob Engineering Group, Inc.

Upon completion of the interviews and upon discussion, the Board resolution (Resolution #16-1600) to select Jacob Engineering Group, Inc. as the top engineering firm relative to the

Waynesville Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades and authorized staff to begin contract negotiations with firm.

The Board held a Warren County Elected Officials luncheon in Room 128B of the Warren County Administration Building.

Commissioner Young welcomed the elected officials and thanked them for their continued cooperation in all matters relative to county business.


The Board then provided a brief update on the changes to the benefits plan for 2017 and also an update on the need to address the continued Warren County Jail overcrowding situation.

Ben Clift, Warren County IT, was present to provide an update on upcoming projects including the new time clock system, the RFP that is being conducted relative to a new accounting and payroll system and a new online service request process that has been implemented.


There was discussion relative to the heroin epidemic that is flooding not only in the jail and the courts with cases but also causing an increase in the number of autopsies preformed and the number of children being placed with Warren County Children Services.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Young, President




Tom Grossmann



Pat Arnold South

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on October 25, 2016, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Tina Osborne, Clerk
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