

The Board of Greene County Commissioners met in regular session at 1 P.M. Those present were: Richard D. Gould (via telephone), Tom Koogler and Rick Perales.

The minutes of Thursday, April 29, 2021 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved. The work session minutes of Thursday, April 29, 2021 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved.

Wendy Dyer of Bellbrook said the resolution on today’s agenda about hate and violence lacks courage. She said there is violence against a lot of people, but because of the Coronavirus, the Asian-American community has seen more violence specifically against them. Mr. Perales said he understands her position, but hate is hate and it is wrong, but when a specific group is named at the exclusion of others, that is wrong. Hate is wrong and violence is wrong, he said.

Denise Moore of Bellbrook said she is part of group called Sugarcreek Cares and met with Mr. Perales to push for a specific resolution for AAPI (Asian-American and Pacific Islander) individuals because they are the group that needs support now. She said this is like a neighborhood. All the houses are important, but when one is on fire it gets the attention. It would be bold for the Board to specifically say AAPI hate crime is totally wrong because right now they are the house on fire. Mr. Perales responded that there are other groups that say their house is also on fire; hate is wrong.

Kelsey Hurlburt of Bellbrook said she has a Black Lives Matter sign in her yard. A man posted disparaging and threatening comments because of the sign. She reported the incident to the Sugarcreek Township Police Department and the FBI.

Mr. Perales reiterated that hate is hate and it is wrong in any form. Mr. Koogler agreed that hate shouldn’t be tolerated. Mr. Gould agreed.

IN RE – APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-1 for approval of vouchers.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/TRAINING EXPENSES

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-2 for approval of travel or training.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-3 authorizing the transfer of appropriations.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-4 approving the personnel actions as presented.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

Brandon Huddleson, County Administrator, said the Family Visitation Center celebrated its 20th year of operation last year. In 2020, 19 volunteers donated 1,875 hours to the Visitation Center. In 2019, 208 children were referred for supervised contact with a parent, compared to 180 children in 2020. The Visitation Center was closed for three months in 2020 due to the pandemic, he said.

IN RE – PROCLAIMING SUPERVISED VISTATION AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-5 proclaiming May, 2021 as Supervised Visitation Awareness Month and urging all citizens to actively participate in activities supporting the Greene County Family Visitation Center.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – RECOGNIZING AMANDA CRABTREE (FVC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR)

Mr. Perales moved resolution 21-5-6-6 recognizing Amanda Crabtree as the Greene County Family Visitation Center Volunteer of the Year. Ms. Crabtree completed 363 hours at the Visitation Center to meet the requirements of her senior field placement. She will graduate this month from Wright State University with her undergraduate degree in Social Work.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – PROCLAIMING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK & PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-7 proclaiming National Police Week, the week of May 9, 2021 through May 15, 2021, and Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, on May 15, 2021, to recognize the dedication and sacrifice of those in law enforcement especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of others. Mr. Gould said there have been 120 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty so far this year.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION AGAINST PEOPLE

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-8 condemning violence and intimidation against people because of race, creed or gender and urging all residents of Greene County to be mindful and respectful of all with whom they interact.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – SUPPORT OF CLEAN OHIO GRANT APPLICATION: B-W GREENWAY CLT (4.47 ACRES)

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-9 supporting a Clean Ohio Grant application by B-W Greenway Community Land Trust for the acquisition of approximately 4.47 acres in the City of Fairborn (Parcel ID No. A02000200240001800).

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – SIGNING DEED COMBINING PROPERTY (PARKS & TRAILS)

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-10 signing a deed combining the newly purchased property on North Detroit Street in Xenia with a parcel at the rear of the Fairgrounds Recreation Center. Combining the parcels will aid in the future development and management of the park.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – BID AWARD: FY19 CDBG REPAIR PROJECT (CEDARVILLE)

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-11 accepting the bid of Acorn Construction for the CDBG repair project on Railroad Street in Cedarville, for roofing, gutters and downspouts along with drywall repair, in the amount of \$15,500, as recommended by the Department of Development. Engineer’s estimate was \$16,334.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – BID AWARD: 2021 COLLECTIVE PAVING

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-12 accepting the bid of John R. Jurgensen Company for the 2021 Collective Paving Bid program in the amount of \$6,263,844.99, as recommended by the County Engineer. Engineer’s estimate was \$6,785,239.50.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING JOHN R. JURGENSEN AGREEMENT: 2021 COLLECTIVE PAVING

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-13 approving an agreement with John R. Jurgensen for the 2021 Collective Paving Bid program for various roads throughout the County in the amount of \$6,263,844.99.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (CHIP): DEPT. OF DEV./CITY OF XENIA

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-14 approving a partnership agreement with the City of Xenia for the FY21 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program grant administration.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – AUTH. TO APPLY JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (ACE TASK FORCE)

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-5-6-15 authorizing the ACE Task Force to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the Office of Criminal Justice Services for funding for expenses and salaries of the Task Force, with a 25 percent cash match.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

FY21 CDBG PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Mault, Community Development Coordinator, Department of Development, said 10 community/organization representatives will have three minutes to present their application request and answer any questions.

Kelsey Hurlburt, Executive Director of the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Community Support Center, said they serve 175 families and provide food, clothing and services. She said there is an overwhelming number of families with children struggling with special needs. The program being presented for funding is Tools and Toys to Thrive and is designed to support local low-income families with children with exceptional needs. They would like to hire a part-time program manager and the funds would cover two years of that manager’s salary. The Center is asking for \$53,000 with a \$2,000 grant from the Noon Optimists Club

Gary Ellison, Mayor of the Village of Bowersville, said it wasn’t necessary to conduct an income survey as in years past for funding eligibility; now the Village is designated as low- to moderate-income. Shawn Campbell, of Jones Warner, said the Village has received over the last 10 years funds to improve sidewalks and curbs and water repairs on East Xenia Street, but now the street, 1,200 linear feet in length, needs to be repaired. The Village is asking for \$88,550 for repairs with \$5,450 from the Village’s General Fund.

Andrew Wonders, Village of Cedarville, said the Cedarville Community Park has received a new play area, shelter and parking. The project being presented for funding is to reconstruct a dilapidated basketball court. Mr. Wonders said a lot has been done to improve the park for those kids age 12 and under, and this project will target the next older age group. The Village is asking for \$49,200.

Alex Bieri, Mayor of the Village of Clifton, said the Village would like to continue the revitalization of the area along Clay Street between North Street and Clark Street in the middle of town. He said they anticipate an economic snapback, post pandemic, and while this may be routine maintenance for other cities, it is a huge project for the Village. The Village would like to install gravel and pavers for parking along Clay Street in the area in front of an historic building. He added that the Village did not need to conduct a low- to moderate-income survey. The Village is asking for \$50,215 with \$5,500 local funds.

David Cusack, President of the Family Violence Prevention Center Board of Trustees, said they would like funds to remove a handicap ramp and replace it with a safe and proper handicap ramp. They are asking for \$3,340 for the upgrade.

Don Schneider, Facilities Manager at Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of Greene County, would like funds to upgrade a parking lot. The IHN is asking for \$20,260.

Amber Trotter and Brandy Lehotay, of the Village of Jamestown, said they conducted a door-to-door survey to determine funding eligibility. They would like to install a sidewalk along West Washington Street from Seaman Drive west to near the Sargent Apartment Building complex, approximately 1,300 linear feet. This would allow pedestrians to safely walk to the business district. They are asking for \$67,500 with \$7,500 from the Village.

Susan Laux of Mote & Associates is assisting the Village of Spring Valley with an upgrade to the water system. She said the water system is from the 1940s and is a dual pressure system. The Village would like to install a booster station with underground storage to replace the existing steel standpipe. There is multiple sources of funding and the Village is asking for \$50,000 to use with \$275,688 from the Ohio Public Works Commission. She said the County will be asked later to support a critical infrastructure grant. Brett Bonecutter, Village Administrator, said this is the best solution for an aging system.

Tracy Sibbing, Vice President Community Impact of the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, and Rebecca Cantrell, of the United Way, said they would like to launch a new prevention program called the Strong Families Impact Project. The project will target families at risk for homelessness and will help them regain self-sufficiency to remain in their current home or secure affordable housing. Funding would allow the agency to increase the number of families supported. United Way partners with existing agencies providing services. They are asking for \$50,000 with \$65,000 from the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area.

Gail Matson, Director of the Xenia Area FISH Food Pantry, thanked the County for its continued support. She said there are two projects not finished at the pantry, roof insulation and flooring at the front of the building. She said they plan on finishing the roof insulation with an adopt-a-roof fundraiser, but they would like to prepare and patch about 5000 square feet of the interior floor for an application of epoxy. The building is an old garage and oil is seeping through, Ms. Matson said. They are asking for \$50,000 with \$8,500 from the FISH Food Pantry.

Mr. Huddleson said the Board will need to review all the applications and determine which application should receive funding. He said the County's allocation is \$236,000, but \$224,000 will be available to use on four projects. The remaining amount of that allocation is used for Fair Housing and Administration. According to Mr. Huddleson, the Department of Development staff may have found a way for a fifth project to be funded.

He asked the Board to think about their choices and provide that information to him. He will put together options based on those choices. At the work session next week, the preliminary list of projects, including an alternate, will need to be determined in order to be published in the second public hearing notice. The County will hold that second public hearing on the FY21 CDBG program on May 27, 2021 and, at that time, the Board will be asked to decide which projects should be submitted for funding.

Commissioners thanked the presenters. Mr. Koogler said all the projects are very important. He thanked Ms. Mault and Kristie Tidd for their work on this program.

Mr. Koogler said he likes the proposed Greene County Veterans Hall of Fame; any suggested changes should be funneled through Mr. Huddleson. Mr. Huddleson said Lisa Hale, Assistant County Administrator, provided the Board with a summary on recent meetings concerning the design of a new Jail. Mr. Koogler asked that Melissa Howell, Health District Commissioner, be scheduled to present an update on COVID-19 in the County. He said the number of positive cases is at 190, which is down 30 cases from last week.

Commissioners adjourned at 2:35 P.M. and will reconvene Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Contracts signed by Co. Admin., pursuant to Res. no. 17-7-27-7:
P. Sagraves, CHIP Rehab Loan, \$42,060, Development