

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

The minutes of Thursday, June 9, 2022 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved. The work session minutes of Thursday, June 9, 2022 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved.

Commissioners presented Elaine Bonner with a Board Manual. She was recently appointed to the Family Services Planning Committee. Ms. Bonner is the Director of Philanthropy at the EMERGE Center. She has been in the non-profit arena for 30 years in Montgomery County. She said she is excited to be involved at EMERGE and with community partners. Ms. Bonner said her perspective from outside of Greene County and with a non-profit background may be helpful and useful. Commissioners thanked Ms. Bonner for her interest in being appointed to a County board and look forward to her participation in Greene County.

Doris Adams of Xenia is the chair of the Greene County Board of Elections. She said it was brought to her attention a few hours ago that the Commissioners were taking benefits away from future board members. She said if the Commissioners take away this benefit from the Board of Elections, then they should give up their benefits. Ms. Adams said this action lacks empathy and courtesy and wondered if they need to unionize the entire County to advocate for people’s rights to have access to health care. She said the Board of Elections is treated like a stepchild in the County, but is the cornerstone of democracy. Ms. Adams said she does not have the County insurance.

Janis Basham of Fairborn went over the duties of the Board of Elections members. She said they don’t just work on election day and at once-a-month meetings. She said they are responsible for the accuracy of elections, and attend vendor and continuing education trainings and conferences. Ms. Basham said removing the health care benefit, shows the Board of Elections that their position is not worth what it used to be.

IN RE – APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-1 for approval of vouchers.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/TRAINING EXPENSES

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-2 for approval of travel or training.

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

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

IN RE – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-3 authorizing the transfer of appropriations.

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

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

IN RE – PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-4 approving the personnel actions as presented.

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

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

IN RE – HONORING STEPHEN K. HALLER

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-5 honoring Stephen “Steve” K. Haller upon his retirement from the County Prosecutor’s Office, effective July 8, 2022, after 47 years of dedicated service.

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

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

IN RE – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: AUDITOR/RETIREMENT

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-6 authorizing the expenditure of funds by the County Auditor in an amount not to exceed \$100 for refreshments for the retirement of Teresa Swaim on June 22, 2022.

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

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

IN RE – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: AUDITOR/TRAINING

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-7 authorizing the expenditure of funds by the County Auditor in an amount not to exceed \$200 for refreshments for a regional training by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures Division on July 18, 2022.

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

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

IN RE – BOARD APPOINTMENT: GREENE METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-8 appointing Marilyn McCauley to the Greene Metropolitan Housing Authority for an unexpired term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023.

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

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

IN RE – ESTABLISHING NEW FUND: 2506

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-9 authorizing the County Auditor to establish the following new non-interest bearing fund: Fund 2506-0025, EMA SERC Grant, for a State Emergency Response Commission grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, for hazardous response training, through the County’s Emergency Management Agency.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING SFY22 RECLAIM AMENDMENT NO. 3 (JUVENILE COURT)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-10 approving Amendment No. 3 to the SFY22 RECLAIM Grant for Juvenile Court making the necessary changes and updates.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING 2022 COMMUNITY/LITTER GRANT AGREEMENT, AUTH. E.S. MGR. TO SIGN

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-11 approving the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency 2022 Community and Litter Grant Agreement and Affirmation and Disclosure Form, and authorizing Dana Doll, Environmental Services Manager, to electronically sign on behalf of the Board.

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

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

IN RE – AUTH. SUBMISSION OF VOCA AND SVAA GRANT APPLICATIONS (VICTIM WITNESS)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-12 authorizing the submission of an application for the continuation of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding and the State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) for the Victim Witness Division of the Prosecutor’s Office; and designating David Hayes and Teri LaJeunesse as authorized representatives to submit the grant application and sign the grant award acceptance documents.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING SUBGRANT AGREEMENT EXTENSION: GOWBI/AREA 7 (J&FS)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-13 approving an extension of the subgrant agreement between the Greater Ohio Workforce Board, Area 7 Chief Elected Officials Consortium, and the Commissioners on behalf of Job & Family Services, for Program Years 2022 and 2023.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING REPLAT: STONE RIDGE

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-14 approving the replat of Lots 4 & 5 in Stone Ridge to create Lot 4-A, located in Beavercreek Township.

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

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

IN RE – ACCEPT, RECORD TEMPORARY EASEMENTS (2): SUGARCREEK TWP. (HAWK)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-15 accepting and recording temporary easements, T-1 and T-2, from Joseph Hawk, 4060 Brown Road, Parcel ID No. L32000100010015400, for Gabion Repair Project SE2004SA, to control streambank erosion along the Little Sugar Creek.

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

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

Brandon Huddleson, County Administrator, said the next item has been discussed in recent work sessions as well as over several years during the budget process. He said the Board of Elections is the only County-appointed board that is extended health insurance benefits.

Because this benefit was afforded to Board of Elections’ members at the time of appointment, the Commissioners did not want to “pull the rug out from under” existing board members, he said. Mr. Huddleson said this request is because of on-going costs and that County employees, under the Board and other Elected Officials, are required to work 30 hours a week in order be eligible for health insurance coverage.

He said the recommendation is to discontinue health insurance benefits for newly appointed members of the Board of Elections as of June 1, 2022.

IN RE – DISCONTINUING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-16 declaring that the Board will no longer provide health insurance coverage, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3501.141(B), to newly appointed members of the Greene County Board of Elections as of June 1, 2022. Current members of the Board of Elections will continue to be eligible for health insurance coverage as long as they remain in their current board positions.

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

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

IN RE – ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-17 to enter into executive session at 1:40 p.m., preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, pursuant to ORC Section 121.22(G)(4). Present were Commissioners Koogler, Perales (via phone), and Gould, Brandon Huddleson, Lisa Hale, Sherry LeBlanc, Beth Rubin, Kristy Hannah, and Lisa Mock.

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

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

Commissioners resumed open session at 1:45 p.m.

Beth Rubin, Director of Job & Family Services, asked that the Board ratify the collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local #957 for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Ms. Rubin said the union voted to accept the agreement.

IN RE – APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-18 approving the collective bargaining agreement with Teamster Local #957 at Job & Family Services, for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

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

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

IN RE – PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-19 approving a second set of personnel actions as a result of the executive session.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing for the 2023 Tax Budget was opened at 1:45 p.m. Mr. Huddleson said the Tax Budget is a formality required by the County Auditor. Local entities are required to submit a tax budget to the Auditor; however, it was halted during COVID.

Mr. Huddleson said this is an exercise in projection and gives a preliminary look at what the 2023 budget could look like. The 2023 Tax Budget is \$58.6 million compared to the 2022 Tax Budget of \$56.5 million.

There was no public input on the 2023 Tax Budget. The public hearing was closed at 1:47 p.m.

Stephanie Goff, County Engineer, came before the Board seeking approval to submit a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation to extend the existing speed limit on Fairground Road from Purcell Road to Hawkins School House Road.

She said as a result of proposed development on Fairground Road in the City of Xenia, Hollywood Boulevard will be extended to Fairground Road. This proposed extension is consistent with the Thoroughfare Plans for both the City and the County, she said.

Ms. Goff went over the process of and what is looked at during the traffic impact study. The section of roadway is currently 55 miles per hour (mph) and the initial data indicates that it could support a reduction of 50 mph; however, because of the proposed development and the expected changes along with required turn lanes, she is requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 40 mph. Ms. Goff said this is an extension of the 40-mph posted speed limit on Fairground Road that eventually ends at Purcell Road.

She indicated that everyone involved with the study agrees that the 40-mph speed limit should be extended. She added that this change would not go into effect until the project is developed.

Commissioners questioned whether this request is premature; anything can happen to impact the proposed development.

Ms. Goff explained that she cannot sign off on the design of the development if the speed is not reduced to 40 mph; she said the turn lanes proposed are based on a 40-mph speed limit. There would not be enough room for turn lanes if the speed limit was at 50 mph, she said.

Ms. Goff said the reduction in the speed limit is because of all the other factors identified in the study, including the school; the turn lane isn't the only factor.

Commissioners asked to see drawings of the road with turn lanes with a 50-mph speed limit. A copy of her presentation follows this page in the journal.

IN RE – TABLING ITEM

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 22-6-16-20 tabling the request to extend the existing speed limit on Fairground Road from Purcell Road to Hawkins School House Road until additional information is submitted.

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

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

Mr. Koogler said COVID-positive cases are up 73 from last week.

Commissioners adjourned at 2:15 P.M. and will reconvene Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 1:00 P.M.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Contracts signed by Co. Admin., pursuant to Res. No. 17-7-27-7:
AT&T, Ethernet/ILEC State Exchange, \$6,100, Data Processing