

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO,
MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE, LISBON, OHIO
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL: MR. HALLECK, MR. HOPPEL, MR. PAYNE

CLERK: SCHERRY WILSON

PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY MARK WILDS

We hear the psalmist declare:

“The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
Teach me your statutes.” Psalm 119:64

We praise you for your steadfast love for our world and all that is in it. Grant us a deeper appreciation of the intricacies of life and a greater respect for all you have created. Help us to live as good stewards, using your gifts to build up your world and the neighbors you give us.

As the psalmist asks for your wisdom and understanding, so we pray you to guide and direct our elected leaders as they order our common life. Be with the Columbiana County Commissioners as they meet this morning. In the discussions and deliberations of the business that comes before them today, may they discern the best course of action for our county and the agencies that serve our citizens. Amen.

Mark Wilds
Pastor, New Lisbon Presbyterian Church
Lisbon, OH

RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by, Mr. Payne to dispense with the reading of the minutes and the bills of the regular meeting of February 1, 2012 and approve them as written.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, HOPPEL, PAYNE
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: TRAVEL

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to; approve travel as presented:

Commissioner (1) FEBRUARY 17, 2012 COLUMBUS \$300.00 (Halleck)

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, HOPPEL, PAYNE
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: THEN & NOW BILLS

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to approve Then & Now's as presented:

PARK DISTRICT	PO#450393	SMOLEN ENGINEER	\$12,000.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#450421	SARA RUBLE	\$7,500.00
COMMISSIONER	PO#450219	ATTY DOUG KING	\$4,320.00
COMMISSIONER	PO#450376	MULTI COUNTY	\$173,180.01
COMMISSIONER	PO#450379	MAHONING CTY AUD	\$87,161.00
COMMON PLEA	PO#450423	PITNEY BOWES	\$3,936.00
DEVELOPMENT	PO#450221	COMMUNITY ACTION	\$13,000.00
COMMISSIONER	PO#450170	TREASURER STATE	\$9,158.38
COMMISSIONER	PO#450199	GP RENTAL	\$9,000.00
COMMISSIONER	PO#450173	AUDITOR OF STATE	\$9,655.50
COMMISSIONER	PO#450180	EXACT 9-1-1	\$25,727.43
COMMISSIONER	PO#450181	EXACT 9-1-1	\$6,580.00

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, HOPPEL, PAYNE
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: ACCEPT COURT/AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to; journalize East Liverpool Municipal Court and Municipal Court reports for January 2012.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, HOPPEL, PAYNE
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: AMENDED CERTIFICATE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Certificate dated February 8, 2012 and the following appropriations:

CERTIFY:

A00-A00 \$446,389.10 L01-L01 \$15,000.00

APPROPRIATE:

L01-E-0002	\$15,000.00	J01-E-1009	\$23,022.14	G01-E-1010	\$75,000.00
B18-E-0002	\$43,200.00	B18-E-0008	\$8,000.00	B18-E-0009	\$900.00
B18-E-0010	\$42,000.00	B18-E-0011	\$900.00	B18-E-0020	\$1,550.00
P11-E-0002	\$53,000.00	P11-E-0008	\$7,400.00	P11-E-0009	\$800.00
P11-E-0011	\$1,100.00	P05-E-1006	\$26,000.00	P05-E-1000	\$5,000.00
P05-E-1010	\$5,000.00				

REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS:

B80-E-1207 \$.10

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, PAYNE, HOPPEL
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Halleck commented on the newspaper article that was in the Morning Journal this morning regarding the County Recorder. He also stated that they are still trying to work with Chesapeake on keeping the Courthouse open longer to help with the oil & gas leases.

RE: APPROVE LPA AGREEMENTS, ENGINEER

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to; approve 2 (two) LPA Agreements, between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and the Columbiana County Commissioners, acting by and through the Columbiana County Engineer. The COL CR 400 project is estimated at \$2,364,800.00 and the COL CR 418 project is estimated at \$1,577,750.00 and to authorize Bert Dawson to sign any and all documents related to these projects, on behalf of the Commissioners.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HOPPEL, PAYNE, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RE: APPROVE 2011 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to; certify 2011 County Highway System Mileage. As of December 31, 2011, the county was responsible for maintaining 169.225 miles of public roads.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HOPPEL, PAYNE, HALLECK
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

Susan Bennett addressed the Board of Commissioners with the attached letter

Good morning Columbiana County Commissioners,

My name is Susan Bennett. I am the Secretary/Bookkeeper for the Columbiana County Coroner's Office.

5 1/2 years ago, when I was asked if I'd like to fill that position with this agency, I was thrilled. I was told that the decedent was our priority and it was our agency's responsibility to make sure that the truth of their deaths be recorded in our final rulings. I previously worked for the county in another position for over 13 years and understand basic county policies. I was proud to be a member of the team. Unfortunately, that is no longer true.

I contacted the Ohio Ethics Commission, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, the Ohio Medical Board, the F.B.I., the Columbiana County Sheriff's Department, and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Identification. Last summer I met with you, the Commissioners, and County Auditor Nancy Milliken to bring to your attention serious ethical issues that I felt that you needed to be aware of. Dr. Graham confronted me shortly afterwards and I willingly admitted meeting with you and what I had told you.

As a result of my honesty, I have been the recipient of many acts of retaliation. I am no longer allowed access to all the office computers. Bookkeeping paperwork has been removed from my office. All of my files were deleted from my computer and I had to re-do 6 months of bookkeeping records. And finally, my 2012 work hours were slashed from 64 to 20 hours per pay period. Subsequently, I lost my health care benefits.

Was it in my best interest to come forward and communicate those issues to you? Absolutely not. Would I do it again knowing what would happen to me? Yes, I would. I had a moral and ethical obligation to do so.

At this time, I've chosen to resign my position effective today, February 8, 2012.

RE: ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Payne to adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday February 8, 2012 and resume the next meeting on Wednesday February 15, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room.

VOTE RESULTED:
AYES: HALLECK, HOPPEL, PAYNE
NAYES: NONE
MOTION CARRIED