

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO,  
MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THEIR OFFICE IN THE COURTHOUSE, LISBON, OHIO  
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.

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

CLERK: SCHERRY DESARRO

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PRAYER GIVEN BY DON HERR

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for this day which You have given us. May we all use the time we have been given wisely. Psalm 90, verse 12, says, So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Help us to make the best possible use of the time we have left upon the face of the earth.

An old song contains words worth remembering and practicing. "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain." May it truly be our daily desire to help somebody in any way we are able to do so.

Father God, may we also seek and desire to live our lives in the way that is pleasing to You.

Lord Jesus, I pray that You would continue to give our county commissioners wisdom and direction as they perform the duties of their office. I also pray for the office staff that they would know that the work they do is important and significant.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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RE: MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by, Mr. Hoppel to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 21, 2015, and the bills and approve them as written.

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

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RE: TRAVEL

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

AUDITOR (1) JANUARY 30, 2015 HARTVILLE \$50.00 (Milliken)  
COMMISSIONERS (1) FEBRUARY 8-10, 2015 COLUMBUS \$200.10 (Halleck)  
COMMISSIONERS (1) JANUARY 27, 2015 CANTON \$43.47 (Weigle)

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

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RE: THEN & NOW BILLS:

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; approve the Then & Now bills as presented:

911	PO#468364	DIGITAL DATA	\$23,425.00
911	PO#468373	EMERGI TECH	\$4,145.01
AUDITOR	PO#468064	JOHN CLEMINSHAW	\$31,800.00
LAW LIBRARY	PO#468417	MATTHEW BENDER	\$11,540.35
LAW LIBRARY	PO#468417	MATTHEW BENDER	\$15,186.82
LAW LIBRARY	PO#468418	WEST PAYMENT	\$4,001.00
LAW LIBRARY	PO#468419	WEST PAYMENT	\$4,197.28
COMMISSIONERS	PO#468656	MADISON TOWNSHIP	\$40,000.00
ENGINEER	PO#217420	CEAO	\$5,122.65
ENGINEER	PO#217454	KEY GOVERNMENT	\$120,435.84
WATER & SEWER	PO#511677	BUCKEYE WATER	\$20,339.67
WATER & SEWER	PO#511672	OHIO TREASURER	\$4,071.68
WATER & SEWER	PO#511638	OHIO TREASURER	\$3,026.99
WATER & SEWER	PO#511637	OHIO TREASURER	\$10,000.00
WATER & SEWER	PO#511640	OHIO TREASURER	\$5,248.15
PROSECUTOR	PO#468609	JUSTICE DATA	\$7,025.00
PROSECUTOR	PO#468609	JUSTICE DATA	\$9,675.00
COMMISSIONER	PO#468366	MULTI COUNTY	\$203,405.16
COMMISSIONER	PO#467970	JOHNSON CONTROLS	\$4,225.08
COMMISSIONER	PO#467810	EASTON TELECOM	\$8,000.00
COMMISSIONER	PO#468371	DAMON INDUSTRIES	\$5,900.00
DJFS	PO#468644	NEW BEGINNINGS	\$4,063.51
DJFS	PO#468644	NEW BEGINNINGS	\$7,285.00
RECORDER	PO#468741	BORDEN OFFICE	\$13,349.10

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

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RE: ACCEPT COURT AGENCY REPORTS FOR JOURNALIZATION: NONE

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RE: AMENDED CERTIFICATE/APPROPRIATIONS

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; accept as presented by the Office of Budget Commission the Amended Certificate dated January 28, 2015 and appropriations.

CERTIFY:

B70-B70 \$190,000.00

APPROPRIATE:

B70-B70-E-1910	\$143,600.00	B70-B70-E-0002	\$30,000.00	B70-B70-E-0008	\$3,700.00
B70-B70-E-0009	\$400.00	B70-B70-E-0010	\$12,000.00	B70-B70-E-0011	\$300.00
A00-S01-E-1450	\$2,238.78	B00-B01-E-0005	\$2,000.00	B16-B16-E-1002	\$15,444.29
P11-P11-E01010	\$22,561.37	S01-S01-E-1010	\$5,368,441.44	S51-S51-E-1304	\$14,065.25
T20-T20-E-1000	\$500.00	T20-T20-E-1003	\$1,000.00	T20-T20-E-1010	\$10,000.00
T20-T20-E-1011	\$500.00	T20-T20-E-1012	\$700.00	T20-T20-E-1304	\$86,074.99
T36-T36-E-0002	\$5,000.00	T36-T36-E-0011	\$1,500.00	T36-T36-E-0012	\$1,000.00
T36-T36-E-2680	\$30,000.00	T36-T36-E-2681	\$25,000.00	T36-T36-E-1001	\$3,742.24

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: HOPPEL, HALLECK, WEIGLE

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: APPROVE FUND TRANSFER A00-S01-E-1450 TO B70-B70-R-0600, GSB

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; approve a Fund Transfer from A00-S01-E-1450 to B70-B70-R-0600 in the amount of \$2,238.78 or Government Service Building.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: HOPPEL, HALLECK, WEIGLE

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: APPROVE BID OPENING DATE CHANGES BUCK ROAD BRIDGE

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; change the advertisement and opening dates for bids to replace bridge KNO-152-18 Buck Road in Knox Township. Bids shall be opened February 25, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located at 105 S. Market Street, Lisbon, Ohio. Advertisement shall be in the Morning Journal February 4, 2015 and February 11, 2015.

VOTE RESULTED:

AYES: HALLECK, HOPPEL, WEIGLE

NAYES: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION, CONFIDENTIAL LITIGATION

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter involving Litigation o a confidential nature.

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

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RE: RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; return from Executive Session to Regular Session.

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

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RE: APPROVE NEW HIRES, DJFS

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; approve the hiring of 7 new employees at CCDJFS:

- Merri Palmon of New Waterford, Ohio as a Unit Support Worker 2 in the Public Assistance Department. This fills a position vacated by a promotion.
- Tammy Rex of East Palestine, Ohio as a Unit Support Worker 2 in the Public Assistance Department. This fills a position vacated by a promotion.
- Erin Ehrhart of Salem, Ohio as a Social Service Worker 1 in the Children Services Division. This fills a newly created position.
- McKenna McCullough of Minerva, Ohio as a Social Service Worker 1 in the Children Services Division. This fills a newly created position.
- Dawn Stoffer of Salem, Ohio as a Social Service Worker 2 in the Children Services Division. This fills a position vacated by a resignation.
- Leslie Sell of Hanoverton, Ohio as an Eligibility Referral Specialist 1 in the Public Assistance Department. This fills a newly created position.
- Stacey Buchheit of East Liverpool, Ohio as an Eligibility Referral Specialist 2 in the Public Assistance Department. This fills a position vacated by a retirement.

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

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RE: APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/DJFS

Motion by Mr. Hoppel, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; approve the 2015 Government Services Building Lease Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the CCDJFS. During the agreement period of February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016, the CCDJFS agrees to pay an annual rental rate of \$494,913.96 which is payable in equal monthly installments of \$41,242.83 (or \$11.22 per square foot) on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month.

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

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RE: APPROVE TITLE XX PROFILE ALLOCATION & LIST OF SERVICES

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; approve the Title XX Biennium County Profile Allocation and List of Services for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 and for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.

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

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RE: APPROVE RESOLUTION 6-2015, DJFS

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; adopt Resolution #6-2015 removing CCDJFS employee Jessalyn Rockwell from employment as of January 16, 2015.

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

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Tad Herold updated the Board of Commissioners on the Land Bank NIP Demolition Project. They have received 1.1 million in grants that will target Salem, East Liverpool and Wellsville. Their goal is to obtain 22 properties and they are halfway to that goal.

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RE: INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, TREASURER LINDA BOLON

Members Present: Linda Bolon, Tony Dattilio, Tim Weigle, Mike Halleck, Jim Hoppel

Treasurer Linda Bolon called the meeting to order with all members present.

Linda Bolon: The first order of business this is our reorganizational meeting, so we need to appoint a chairman. I need a motion to appoint me.

Motion by Mr. Dattilio, seconded by Mr. Halleck to; appoint Linda Bolon as Chairman of the Investment Advisory Board.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: DATTILIO, BOLON, HALLECK,  
WEIGLE, HOPPEL  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

Linda Bolon: I am officially the Chairman. You have before you the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014 and this is the final report, I don't have anything super important to note other than we are staying the same. We are 100% invested in money markets, now accounts and federal agencies we have no corporate notes at this point. That changes periodically as the market changes. We have a total of \$53,595,000.00 in all accounts and that is the 200 and some funds of course keeping note that the majority of that money is in federal funds invested here in the County and very little of it is General fund money. At the end of the year you will see that I have to prepare a GASB #3 statement which shows the breakdown between depository balances and investments. The total investments are 50.5 million and we have 2.8 million in depository balances which are of course our escrow accounts. Other than that are there any questions?

Motion to; approve the Financial Report by Mr. Weigle, seconded by Mr. Halleck.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: DATTILIO, BOLON, HALLECK,  
WEIGLE, HOPPEL  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Dattilio to; adjourn the Investment Advisory Board Meeting.

VOTE RESULTED:  
AYES: DATTILIO, BOLON, HALLECK,  
WEIGLE, HOPPEL  
NAYES: NONE  
MOTION CARRIED

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Josh Brown and Brett Todd with the Columbiana County Fire Chief Association addressed the Board of Commissioners asking for their help with a firefighter recruitment and retention campaign. There is a need for Volunteer firefighters in the County.

Commissioner Halleck motioned to table the request for further study.

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RE: AUTHORIZE COUNTY SANITARY ENGINEER SUBMIT APPLICATION TO USDA, KENSINGTON

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; authorize the County Sanitary Engineer to prepare and submit an application to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development for funding of the Kensington Area Sanitary Sewer System.

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

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RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH MANATRON, INC.

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; approve a contract with Manatron to update the website for the County Auditor. The cost is \$8,900.00.

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

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RECESS UNTIL THE 6:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING

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RE: PUBLIC HEARING 1% SALES TAX

Tim Weigle: We are reconvening for the purpose of a Public Hearing for the renewal of the 1% sales Tax.

Mike Halleck: Why don't you review some of the things.

Jim Hoppel: A few of the things we have used in the past, some of the questions, Is this a new tax? It is not a new tax, you can either say renewal or continuation of the 1% sales tax. Why is the sales and use tax considered the fairest tax? People that buy things other than food and prescriptions, have to pay it. So if they say wealthy people should pay more tax than they pay more tax with this because wealthy people spend more money so they pay more of the tax.

Mike Halleck: I might add to that, with us being a border county, Pennsylvania and West Virginia people that shop in the market areas in East Liverpool, probably Palestine have to pay the tax so it benefits our County.

Jim Hoppel: Why is this referred to as the 1% sales tax, don't we pay 7.25% sales tax? Yes but 5.25% of that goes to the State and we only get the 1.50%. Some people think that we get all of that. Who pays the sales and use tax? It is estimated that \$3,000,000 in sales tax receipts are paid by non-residents of Columbiana County with Wal-Mart and Giant Eagle. You go to Wal-Mart and a lot of West Virginia and Pennsylvania license plates are there. We have a list of what the sales tax pays Law Enforcement, Two municipal courts, Juvenile detention, Filing leases, mortgages, and liens, Veteran's, OSU Extension, Property Transfers Maintenance and upkeep of county buildings, Common Pleas, Operation of county jail, Adult Probation, Children with medical handicaps, Clerk of Courts, Public Defender, Public Assistance, Probate Court and numerous other services. Why is the 1% sales tax so important to the future of Columbiana County? Each year the 1% sales tax generates about 50% of our budget. Can't other services not mandated by law be cut? No, some of the areas you would like to cut are some of our only revenue bearing areas like the Treasurer, Auditor and Recorder. They bring in more money than they spend. I have comparison to other counties and looking over the list of counties that have more than 1%, almost all of them have big commercial shopping areas in their county. We do not have a commercial shopping area in our county.

Mike Halleck: That is why our budget is one of the lowest per capita in the state is because of that reason.

Jim Hoppel: Won't the increased property taxes eliminate the need to renew the sales tax? No, 12 years ago when the citizens of Columbiana County passed the 1% sales tax, the County Commissioners agreed to give back to the citizens 2 mills of their real estate taxes. In one year, this give back totals \$3 million dollars. So at that time we gave back 3 to get 8.

Mike Halleck: You cut taxes 3 million dollars and let the people impose the tax upon their selves by vote.

Jim Hoppel: Because of this give back, the Columbiana County General Fund receives no real estate tax money. We do receive that .2 mills but that is for debt reduction. When you do this there is a certain thing you have to do or other government entities can pick that 2 mills up.

Mike Halleck: I think overall, I think the general public as a whole with last year's elections and certainly the overwhelming attendance this evening. I think they think we are doing a respectful job and are managing money prudently as regardless as who has been here and has had to deal with that in a responsible way I would encourage people to support that.

Jim Hoppel: When people come and most cases they are going to say what you want to hear but I get quite a few unsolicited comments "you guys are doing a good job keep it up" and I think that is what is happening tonight.

Mike Halleck: I think a lot of the misconception of County Government that I have found over the years, so many things that have Columbiana County as a prefix, we truly have nothing to do with it in terms of the funding for them.

Public Hearing Continued:

Jim Hoppel: Especially if they have their own board like the Health Department.

Mike Halleck: Jobs and Family Services we are responsible to some extent.

Tim Weigle: Thank my fellow Commissioners for their comments. It was very appreciated.

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RE: ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Halleck, seconded by Mr. Hoppel to; adjourn the regular meeting of Wednesday, January 28, 2015 and resume the next meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room.

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