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MINUTES: Regular Session – April 7, 2020

The Board met in regular session via teleconference pursuant to adjournment of the March 31, 2020 meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

- 20-0522 A resolution was adopted to amend Resolution #20-0430 accepting the resignation, due to retirement, of Eugene Gutermuth, Water Treatment System Technician. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0523 A resolution was adopted to accept resignation of David House II, Fiscal Coordinator, within OhioMeansJobs Warren County, effective April 24, 2020. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0524 A resolution was adopted to adopt Warren County Covid-19 Emergency Family Medical Leave (EFML) Policy and Warren County Temporary Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy Effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0525 A resolution was adopted to authorize Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Warren County Sheriff and the Warren County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0526 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting of Thursday, April 9, 2020. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0527 A resolution was adopted to approve grant award agreement with the Supreme Court of Ohio on behalf of Common Pleas Court. Vote: Unanimous

- 20-0528 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize County Administrator to enter into agreement with Drug Impairment Detection Services LLC on behalf of Warren County Common Pleas Court. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0529 A resolution was adopted to approve Notice of Intent to Award Bid to Barrett Paving Materials Inc. for the 2020 Resurfacing Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0530 A resolution was adopted to approve Notice of Intent to Award Bid to Fedewa, Inc for the Snider Road 3.0 Million Gallon Elevated Storage Tank Painting Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0531 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Specialized Alternatives for Families & Youth of Ohio, Inc. (SAFY) as a Child Placement and Related Service Provider for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0532 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Buckeye Ranch, Inc. as a Child Placement and Related Service Provider for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0533 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Beech Acres as a Child Placement and Related Service Provider for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0534 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Agape for Youth, Inc. as a Child Placement and Related Service Provider for the Warren County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0535 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0536 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge receipt of March 2020 Financial Statement. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0537 A resolution was adopted to approve operational transfer for Jail Construction Sales Tax fund #4495. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0538 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Common Pleas Special Projects fund #2224. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0539 A resolution was adopted to approve a supplemental appropriation into RID Bond Greens of Bunnell Hill fund #4493. Vote: Unanimous

- 20-0540 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments from Board of Elections fund #11011301 into #11011300. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0541 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Grants Administration fund #2251. Vote: Unanimous
- 20-0542 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within the Sewer Revenue fund no. 5580. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

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

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer was present to discuss the following:

1. Maintenance Facility Construction at the Lower Little Miami Wastewater Treatment Plant—Mr. Brausch stated this project is getting close to completion and the contractor has requested the Board provide a letter stating this project is an essential infrastructure project.

Bruce McGary, Assistant Prosecutor, stated he has edited the draft letter to state that it is the opinion of this Board that the project is essential infrastructure but it is incumbent upon the company to consult with their legal counsel to determine if their employees are in compliance with the Amended Stay At Home Order as well as any OSHA or regulatory requirements that may apply to preventing occupational exposure to COVID-19.

Upon discussion, the Board authorized the County Administrator to sign the letter.

2. 2020 Waterline Project—Mr. Brausch reviewed the request for qualifications issued in February for various projects. Upon review of the ranking sheets, he requested the Board table this discussion.
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Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, was present along with Aaron Reid, Warren County United Way, to discuss the food shortages of the local food pantries.

Mrs. Zindel stated that the Board budgeted \$30,000 in 2020 to be allocated to Warren County United Way in the event it was needed.

Aaron Reid, United Way Executive Director, reviewed the four main categories of need:

1. Housing Stability—churches are closed due to social distancing
2. Senior Nutrition—300 individuals are enrolled in Meals on Wheels that have no support network
3. Information needs—Discuss the need for enhanced 211 information network
4. Food bank/food pantry—He is receiving calls that the food pantries are running out of food.

There was discussion relative to how the \$30,000 could be allocated to the local food pantries. Mr. Reid stated that United Way is a conduit for the funds and that they do not take any administrative fees.

Commissioner Young suggested that they start with allocating \$5000 for each pantry and if they are have any additional needs, come back with an additional request.

Upon discussion, the Board approved the request.

Tammy Whitaker, Benefits Manager, was present to discuss United Healthcare's covering all telemedicine visits at 100% regardless of the reason until June 18, 2020. She stated that Warren County will be included in this policy change unless they "opt out".

Commissioner Young stated he has no concerns with that change in policy due to the need to encourage our employees to stay home but just during the limited time period.

Ms. Whitaker stated that an exception has been made by the IRS to allow these to be first dollar benefits.

Ms. Whitaker then discussed the policy change that requires the Board to "opt in" that would cover COVID-19 treatment at 100%.

Commissioner Young stated his concern with jeopardizing our stop loss coverage.

There was discussion relative to the philosophical question of "would the Board want to treat this any differently than any other illness or injury".

The Board discussed the financial hardship related to this pandemic as it relates to healthcare costs in general.

Upon further discussion, the Board stated their desire to encourage telemedicine visits but does not feel desire to treat this disease any differently than cancer or any other illness or injury.

Tiffany Zindel, County Administrator, discussed the clause within the 911 dispatcher union agreement that allows the Board to temporarily disallow them from working a second job in order to prevent potential exposure which could disrupt the operations of the department.

There was discussion relative to several dispatchers also being members of local fire/ems departments which provide care and/or transportation to patients who are infected with COVID-19.

There was discussion relative to our 911 dispatchers being critical and the need for them to remain healthy.

The Board discussed their concern with this action causing a hardship on the local emergency responses.

The Board discussed this matter with Melissa Bour, Emergency Services Director, and Jesse Madden, Emergency Services Operations Manager, and was informed that the Union President is in agreement with the request.

Upon further discussion, the Board authorized the County Administrator, to issue the directive of no second job being allowed until which time as the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



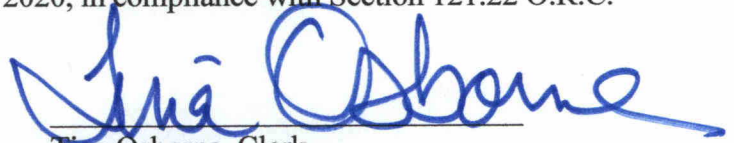
David G. Young, President



Tom Grossmann

Shannon Jones

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 April 7, 2020, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio