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Tuesday September 16, 2014
Boardroom of the Commissioners
622 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

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Session began at 8:00a.

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Throughout the day the following occurred………………………

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Commissioners reviewed numerous mailings. Several other items for other offices were signed and/or reviewed by the Commissioners. Minutes were approved from session 09.09.2014. Invoices were approved in electronic and paper fashion.

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County Administrator discussion: none

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Then & Now Certificates: One presented from the office of the County Commissioners. An unexpected invoice was received after the fact on the 500 W. State St. drainage project. The contract received the invoice after the project was completed from the refuse company for a load of debris that had to be removed from the job site.

Dave Zimmerman Contractor, LLC - $438.35

One presented from the SCDJFS office having its basis in the attendance at a seminar by the director without the knowledge of the Fiscal Officer thus no purchase order could be prepared in advance of the receipt of the invoice.

Wood County DJFS - $419.22

Commissioner Thatcher moved to care for the certificate(s) as presented. Commissioner Polter offered a second to the motion. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Travel requests approved: none

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SCDJFS Director, Cindy Bilby, met with the Commissioners.

Children Services – As anticipated, monthly averages continue to rise. They may level off again next year, but I don’t think it is possible this year. Commissioners discussed the matter of the transferred carryover from 2013. Anticipated cost overruns are approaching $140K. The
legislature has finally agreed to give us some more funding. Bilby noted Ohio ranks 49 out of 50 in placement funding. What is anticipated is that the funding is being allowed but, “not to just do the same old thing.” There is talk of starting new programs.

Collabor8 – State is requesting that C8 handle outside projects similar to what they did for Medicaid. They are also getting asked to expand the project and test other areas that we have so far not included such as child care and nursing homes. There are workgroups which have now been formed based on BGSU’s recommendations. Consistency across counties in the way we process remains a huge issue.

Union negotiations – We have met with Clemans-Nelson and proposals are ready. There was discussion about the matter of PERS and how will that be handled this year. Big issue, as always, will be money.

Bilby noted that she needed an Executive Session for a matter involving employee discipline. Commissioner Thatcher moved at 8:50a to enter Executive Session expressly to discuss the matter of employee discipline with a second to the motion noted by Commissioner Polter. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative. At 9:10a Commissioner Polter moved to exit Executive Session with a second offered by Commissioner Schwochow. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Bilby requested that the Commissioners consider a recycled content picnic table. Commissioners will follow up on this request and offered their pre-approval for the use of the recycle funds for the purchase.

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Tiffany Shaver, WSOS/CHIP staffer, met with the Commissioners noting that there is a family that was in need of water and the family qualified for an emergency repair. It was thought that the repair would fall under the use of the HOME funding source. After a review of the file, once the emergency was cared for, it was discovered that the family had a prior private rehab loan and the cumulative amount on the current mortgage LTV ratio was 150.68%. Placing a CHIP lien on the property to care for the cost of the immediate project would push that number to 168% or more. Another option offered is to look to the CDBG HOME Repair but the median income level to be eligible is 65%. The family is at 78%. Only a waiver of the local policy for solely this instant case can allow proceeding in use current CDBG funds. Commissioners did question why the home would be repaired when it is so far upside down and the mortgage is behind. Shaver indicated it was an emergency and only the matter of getting the family water was important. The family was known to CHIP staff prior to the matter at hand. The cost was $3K. Commissioners questioned why the repair occurred in a home that might end up in foreclosure which was unknown to the staff. Shaver requested the Commissioners allow a waiver for the repair. Commissioner Polter move to waive the current local policy in order to utilize CDBG funding. Commissioner Thatcher offered a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Kirk Mizerek and Josh Felix, Representatives from Palmer Energy, met with the Commissioners to discuss the matter of the electric bills going from $.052/kwh to $.072/kwh. Mizerek indicated that much of the issue is based on the natural gas prices which were terribly affected by the past winter. Capacity charges are a problem in which all entities have no choice as this is an
auctioned item. There was substantial discussion and substantial explanation offered. Palmer will be reviewing several more items for the county to continue the evaluation of the electric matters for the county. The county is in the CCAO electric program. There was some discussion on the CCAO gas program which has been completed and seems to be a good deal for all the counties involved in the program.

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Public forum portion of session proceeded.

Citizen attendees: none

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Media attendees: Steve Sturbaum – sanduskycountylive.com

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RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED ON THIS DATE

*** RESOLUTIONS ***

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APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL (FCFC) AND THE MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICE BOARD OF SENeca, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES (MHRSB) FOR THE ENGAGE – WRAPAROUND GRANT

M - Thatcher  S - Schwochow  VOTE – all, yes

2014 – 252

AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FUNDS WITHIN THE BUDGETARY SYSTEM OF SANDUSKY COUNTY ENTITLED; STEP (SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM), ASSIGNED FUND #2133; IDEP (IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM), ASSIGNED FUND #2134

M - Polter  S - Thatcher  VOTE – all, yes

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF (OUTSIDE INMATE HOUSING CONTRACT) - $2,610

M - Polter  S - Schwochow  VOTE – all, yes
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AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (SCDJFS) AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION SERVICE CORPORATION (CCAOSC)

M - Schwochow  S – Polter  VOTE – all, yes

2014 - 255

AWARDING BID & CONTRACT SERVICE AGREEMENT TO KF CONSTRUCTION & EXCAVATING, LLC, FOR HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM PROJECT (HSTS) UNDER WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT #4

M - Thatcher  S – Polter  VOTE – all, yes

2014 – 256

RE-DESIGNATING OF RURAL PUBLIC TRANSIT GRANTEE WSOS COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION, INC. (WSOS)

M - Thatcher  S - Schwochow  VOTE – all, yes

2014 – 257

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – RECORDER (UNEMPLOYMENT MATTER) - $6K

M - Thatcher  S - Schwochow  VOTE – Thatcher – yes, Schwochow – yes, Polter - no

2014 – 258

ADVANCE/SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – SHERIFF (STEP, IDEP GRANTS) - $10K

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER – SHERIFF – (INSURANCE FUNDS IN WRONG LINE) - $226

M - Thatcher  S - Polter  VOTE – all, yes

2014 – 259

AUTHORIZING DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS FOR PROPERTY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FREMONT, OHIO, 43420 OWNED BY VARIOUS OWNERS BE CERTIFIED FOR COLLECTION TO THE SANDUSKY COUNTY TAX DUPLICATE

M – Schwochow  S - Polter  VOTE – all, yes

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Investment Advisory Committee met with the Commissioners. There was nothing remarkable to report other than a CD that is maturing.

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Irma Celestino, County Treasurer, met with the Commissioners. She desired to discuss the matter of the delinquent tax properties that the Tax Ease program will not accept. There was substantial discussion about the matter of the possibly establishment of a Land Bank.

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Jerri Miller, CVB Director, met with the Commissioners. She presented a quarterly report which included several months of financials and a proposed change in the CBV bylaws. Of particular note the Commissioners signed a copy of the new bylaws for the CVB.

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At 12:15p and with business concluded for the day Commissioner Thatcher moved to adjourn with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Polter. Ensuing vote to adjourn was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio

Attest: _________________________________________

Clerk to the Board

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Board of County Commissioners as recorded in its Journal.

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Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio