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Thursday January 15, 2015
Boardroom of the Commissioners
622 Croghan St., Fremont, OH 43420

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Session began at 9:10a due to Elected Officials breakfast meeting.

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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 from session 01.13.2015 were reviewed and approved. Invoices were approved in paper and electronic fashion.

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County Engineer staff and County Engineer, Jim Moyer, met with the Commissioners. A preliminary presentation was offered with the Engineer’s staff voicing concerns about the cost of the project. The matter at hand was the Stahl-Ballville ditch that has been petitioned. The original cost estimate was $300K. The conversation centered on the fact that the watershed is quite small and there are not many landowners that can share the costs. It appears, on the surface, that this project may be more costly than the benefits are worth. Moyer will be presenting this information to the Ballville Township trustees in an effort to have them offer more funding toward the project as they have offered to assist with the project.

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County Auditor, William Farrell, met with the Commissioners to discuss the matter of what amount of interest should be charged for the F. Hoeflich ditch that was approved for construction. After discussion it was decided that the matter of the interest should be commensurate with the interest rate at which the county can borrow money. It was decided that the 3% would be the fairest rate to assess. Based on some additional commentary from the Auditor, the CA will take a look at a possible increase in the filing fee for ditch petitions.

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County Administrator discussion: none

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Then & Now Certificates: One presented from the Veteran Service Office noting a clerical faux pas in simply forgetting to open a purchase order. This was for bronze emblems for office.

CenTec - $169.35
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One was presented from the SCDJFS noting that several OJT payments had been made to StyleCrest. The account clerk handling the WIA fund at SCDJFS thought she had received a final statement for payment as there was a difference in the statement of almost one-half from the estimated funds to be used. She closed the purchase order. In fact the statement was the first statement to be paid.

StyleCrest - $20,913.06

Six presented from the Board of DD indicating that services rendered by BGSU were not expected to be invoiced in 2014 and mostly their staff not being timely on mileage submissions.

Strickland - $141.12
Whitcum - $10.08
Manley - $60.48
BGSU - $1,863.02

Commissioner Polter moved to all payment on the certificate(s) as presented. A second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Thatcher. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Personnel actions taken: none

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Travel requests approve: none

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Public forum portion of session proceeded.

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Citizen attendees: Brian Koth, former resident of the county but now out of Michigan, wanted to complain about how he has been treated by the Commissioners and the office of the SCDJFS. He noted that he wants the director of the SCDJFS and one of the employees of that department to be fired. He is demanding that the Commissioners perform some type of investigation into what has gone on in that office and believes that his daughter has been harmed in that office’s lack of job performance. He indicated that he had used his five minutes pursuant to the Rules of Decorum and would be back in a month to see where the investigation he requested has landed.

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Media attendees: none

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RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED ON THIS DATE

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2015 – 26
ENTERING INTO CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF COUNTY ENGINEER WITH GERKEN PAVING, INC. FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY ROAD 177

M - Thatcher        S - Schwochow VOTE – all, yes

2015 – 27
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – FCFC (ITEMS OVERLOOKED IN ‘15 BUDGET) - $5,372

M - Schwochow        S – Thatcher VOTE – all, yes

2015 – 28
TO APPROVE THE SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES’ “TITLE XX COUNTY PROFILE” FOR INCLUSION IN THE STATE OF OHIO TITLE XX PLAN FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2016 AND 2017

M - Polter        S - Schwochow VOTE – all, yes

2015 – 29
APPROVING THE IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (CSEA), A DIVISION OF SANDUSKY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (SCDJFS), AND THE SANDUSKY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT (CJC) FOR MAGISTRATE SERVICES

M - Polter        S - Thatcher VOTE – all, yes

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Steve Shiets and Zach Mulder from the Sanitary Engineer office met with the Commissioners. In addition to the matter below there was discussion on the Shorewood subdivision area the water emergency/treatment plans.

County Projects
  a. Grandview Lift Station Replacement – OPWC Grant $275,000
     • Contract is completed except tweaking a few items on the SCADA Interface.
  b. Ireland Force Main Replacement – OPWC 0% Loan $170,000
     • Driveway complaints at 1052 and 1114 Siler Street remain.
     • Redo the driveways in the spring with a different contractor.
     • 1052 Siler Street quote ($2,280)
  c. Hayes Avenue Sanitary Sewers (Phase 1) – OPWC Grant $275,000
     • Construction is complete and connections were started on December 15, 2014.
     • Commissioners agreed to take on $200,000 of the OWDA loan (3.31% for 20 years).
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- $13,831.38 annually
  - Need to discuss metered rate structure or leave as flat rate structure.

d. Wightmans Grove – Design & Construction Loan with Principal Forgiveness 2012
  - Need County General Plan to continue with Wightman’s General Plan.
  - County General Plan should be completed soon.
  - Anticipate plant and collection system construction in 2016.
  - 0% Planning Loan for $20,000 is also available.

e. E. State Street (Phase 2 – Timpe Road) - $275,000 OPWC Loan
  - Preliminary plans have been reviewed and meeting with ms later today.
  - Anticipate collection system construction in 2015.

f. W. Hayes Avenue (Phase 2 – Residential)
  - Anticipate collection system construction in 2015-2016.
  - Commissioners opinion on doing the Phase 2 projects together.

Commissioners discussed the matter of Phase 2 and decided that the project should probably proceed as there are findings and orders on both the Hayes and Timpe areas.

2. County Comprehensive Water & Sanitary Sewer General Plan
  - General Plan (Third Draft) is ready for review.

3. District #1 Agreement
  - Draft District #1 Agreement was sent out to applicable parties this week.
  - County negotiation team: Commissioner Thatcher, County Administrator, Ballville Township Trustee (Bob Kusmer) & Sandusky Township Trustee (Paul Lotycz)
  - Agreement streamlines existing old agreement.
    - Eventually switches County sewer customers billing to the County.
    - Joint use of Ireland Lift Station for Pinewood Village Area (similar to Grandview).
  - Updates the current rates for both the City of Fremont & the County.
    - I/I Plan was submitted by the City of Fremont for the Ohio EPA approval.
    - City is approving the time extension via Council which will eventually come to the County.
      - Extension is to the end of last year or June 30, 2015.
      - Met on December 17, 2014 (no one from the City attended) and on January 14, 2015.

4. Park District Projects (Creekbend Farm & White Star Park)
  - Technical Service Agreement was completed.
    - Time permitting we’ll start digging back into White Star via Sanitary Engineers/Commissioners.

5. Misty Meadows (Campfire – Sandusky County)
  - NPDES application was submitted for the Ohio EPA Permit.
  - Technical Service Agreement will be completed when Permit is issued.

6. Sandusky Township Sewer District
  - Township is working on a project to connect approximately 10 properties
    - Most of the properties will connect via grinder stations into the Township Sewer District.

7. Miscellaneous
  - Personnel Items
    - Zach Mulder (Engineer Intern) passed his Professional Engineer’s exam.
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• Appointed as the Assistant Sanitary Engineer effective December 20, 2014.
• Cubic Utility Billing Program
  • Initiated e-billing which could eliminate a physical bill.
  • Initiated credit card payments with online payments.
    • Add a link to the website for online payments.
• Shorewood Water Contingency Plan & Sample Site Plan
  • Both plans were sent to each Commissioner electronically.
  • Water Contingency Plan has a Commissioner Resolution authorizing emergency expenditures of up to $5,000. A letter approving additional funds is also in the plan which would need two Commissioners to sign if more funds are needed. This basically bypasses the Purchase Order System in an emergency.

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Judge Smith entered session to discuss the Mental Health Board meeting last night which was held as an informational meeting for the benefit of entities in the county that are planning to apply for some of the levy funds for mental health/substance abuse projects.

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At 11:55a and with business concluded for the day Commissioner Thatcher moved to adjourn with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Schwochow. The ensuing vote 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