Minutes 2015

Thursday January 22, 2015
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. Invoices were approved in paper and electronic fashion.

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County Administrator discussion: CA noted to the Commissioners that the matter of the county courthouse and the security measures has again become a hot topic in need of discussion. There has been an uptick in the fear factor with many staff as there have been several persons in recent times that are the object of the criminal justice system that are quite unnerving in their approach to the county staff. CA requested the Commissioners to meet with the former Security Committee that was established several years ago. Due to time constraints at session today Commissioners put this off for discussion at next session when more details can be shared and more thought be given to the matter.

Also it was noted that the Sheriff has requested some equipment that is old and needs to be replaced. Parts cannot be obtained for this old equipment. The request is for portable alcohol testers and radar items. At last session it was requested that a look for grants or other avenues for obtaining the equipment be made. That has been accomplished and there is nothing to be found. CA suggested the use of Permanent Improvement Funds to fill this request. The request is for up to $21K. This topic is tabled for the gathering of additional information.

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County Auditor, Bill Farrell, met with the Commissioners to discuss the matter of lodging tax in the county. An issue has arisen with the Lady of the Pines and the fact that they have not been collecting the bed tax. This entity has never charged the tax to their customers. It is the opinion of the Auditor the charge should be applied. After extensive discussion it was decided that there is no course of action that the Commissioners can pursue. CA will look at the current rules, which are quite old, to see what can be modified, if anything.

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EMS Director, Jeff Jackson, met with the Commissioners. Following are the topics of discussion.

Ambulance status: all need to be cycled through maintenance for various issues

Personnel: have hired 4 part time paramedics now currently have 8 part timers, accepted resignation as f/t staffer down to p/t from one of the staff who is in nursing school and ready to finish

Equipment: trailer should be arriving any time this will be used for MCI and carrying the Gator

General Discussion: participated in the Northwest Hospital Coalition Alternate Care Facility full scale exercise, good reviews from all agencies; current training in Pediatric Advance Life Support renewal all medics as well as training in Children and Adult protective services, station upgrades and future EMS involvement, changing job title from EMS Director to EMS Chief which would allow EMS to fall into the Incident Command System as well as National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) that we have to comply with for grants and also will clear confusion in large scenes as well as table top exercises – Commissioners concur with the title change

Jackson presented standard report for financial status and squad runs.

Discussion was had on the recent requests from various officials to address the perceived needs for EMS services in several locations in the county. These matters will be postponed until 10:30a today for additional discussion.

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TASC Director, Karen LaFountain, met with the Commissioners. She presented her report with particular note about some issues they have been having BHG which is part of the MHRSB tagging the TASC program on using the MACSIS program. There are some outstanding funds due from the MHRSB grant funding. She is planning to apply for levy funds to initiate a program for their clients on how to truly use a 12 Step program after they have gone through the system. There was some discussion on some rent matters.

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Then & Now Certificates: none to care for

[Commissioner ? moved to care for the certificate(s) as presented. A second to the motion was offered by Commissioner ? 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: Joe Michels entered session and requested that the Commissioners consider him as an appointee for the MHRSB in the event that a current member who might be resigning in the not too distant future. It has been rumored that current member Dan Sanchez may be resigning. Commissioners indicated that due to the nature of that Board they will probably notify the public of the opening and accept letters from all who desire to serve on said Board. Commissioners indicated that they have not officially received notice of any resignation from the MHRSB. There was much philosophical discussion about the whole issue of the drug abuse and mental illness.

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Media attendees: none

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RESOLUTIONS CONSIDERED ON THIS DATE

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2015 – 38

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION – COMMISSIONERS (ASSIST SCRAA W/ EQUIP. PURCHASE) - $5K

M - Schwochow S - Polter VOTE – all, yes

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE SANDUSKY METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD (SMHB)

M - Thatcher S - Polter VOTE – all, yes

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EMS Director, Jeff Jackson, met again to discuss matters but indicated that it might involve property purchase. At 10:32a Commissioner Polter moved to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of the possible purchase of property regarding the county EMS services. Commissioner Schwochow offered the second to the motion. A unanimous vote was passed. At 11:10a Commissioner Schwochow moved to exit Executive Session with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Thatcher. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Paul Lotycz, Sandusky Township Trustee, met with the Commissioners. His discussion was pertinent to the matters surrounding the District 1 sewer/water rate matters.

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At 11:30a and with business concluded for the day Commissioner Schwochow moved to adjourn with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Thatcher. 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