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Tuesday January 27, 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. Minutes from sessions 01.20.15 and 01.22.2015 were reviewed and approved. Invoices were approved in 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 which still needs addressed. CA suggested that there be a meeting of the Courthouse Security Committee and the Commissioners to reach a real and final decision whether or not to move forward in bring better security measure to the building. The CA indicated that there has been far too much supposition and opining and this matter needs settled.

The matter of the requested equipment (PBTs, radars) for the Sheriff's Division is still awaiting a decision. Another question, pursuant to the Commissioners' request was posed to the fiscal officer at that office to find out about the past three years of DUI and forfeiture/seizure funds that have come to that office. That response is yet to be received.

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Then & Now Certificates: One presented from the Probate Court indicated that a year-end purchase order was incorrectly closed.

Maximus - $625

Two presented from the office of the County Commissioners. One finds its issue in the invoice not being reported to the account clerk so a purchase order could be open and the second in which the yearend purchase order was required to be liquidated but invoices were still being processed.

Ohio Public Defender - $1,309.32
American Interiors - $6,942.22

One presented from the Reentry Program. Given the transition in leadership a purchase order for programming funds for Juvenile Court was not prepared.

Genesis Program - $36,500
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One received from the JJC having its basis in the fact that Alltel was bought out by AT&T. Thus a purchase order that was open for Alltel was of no use.

AT&T - $142.64

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

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Duane Kimmet, Facility Management Director, met with the Commissioners. The following is the substance of the meeting.

Youth Works House – Prisoners are (have) emptied the house. Clean Team will come down on Wed to give a thorough cleaning. Some work needs done; basement toilet, lights, smoke detectors, etc. Commissioners advised that a cursory cleaning to get it to some degree of clean so it can be shown as a rental of a sellable item.

Washing Machines at Jail – Both current washing machines are at the end of their life span of 15 to 20 years (21 years old) and one machine is inoperable at this time.

We explored the following options:
   a. Laundry Service – Concern with contraband being smuggled in.
   b. Pay per load – Wascomat would provide machine, installation and maintenance. We would pay a per load fee: Quote of $1.46/ load (currently do 10 loads per day - $5329.00 per year or $26,645.00 in five years.)
   c. Replace both washers and bases (includes installation) Received 2 quotes
      i. Wascomat - $17,913.00
      ii. Unimac – $18,690.00
         K & L Laundry Service carries more Unimac parts than Wascomat.
         Unimac vs Wascomat.
      iii. Unimac has heavier frame than Wascomat
      iv. Unimac has a better warranty than Wascomat.

After some discussion about the matter Commissioner Thatcher moved to approve $20K from the Permanent Improvement Fund for the matter of replacing the units from Unimac. Commissioner Schwochow offered the second to the motion. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Health Department – OSU Kitchen floor has issues. There are tiles that must be replaced around the demonstration kitchen. Commissioner Thatcher moved to care for this matter from the P.I. fund up to $1400. Commissioner Polter added the second to the motion with the ensuing vote being affirmative.

Recorder’s Office – Stainless steel tops for cabinets and tables. Ideas were floated about. Commissioners will invite Recorder Carmack to session to discuss this further.
Courthouse Holding Cell –
    d. 6' Stainless steel bench
    e. Wall mounted lockers
Kimmet has investigated the costs and after discussing both issues Commissioner Polter moved to care for the bench from the Permanent Improvement Fund and the lockers from the Recycle Fund. Commissioner Thatcher offered the second to the motion with the ensuing vote being affirmative.

The courthouse ceiling came up for discussion along with the matter of courthouse signage.

Some discussion was had on the matter of snow removal. All is working out well. He is planning an interview for an HVAC technician in the next couple of days.

CA brought up the issue of the security matters in the county courthouse and lengthy discussion arose and discussion was had about the extent of what should and could be done. This discussion ran the gamut of single entrance inside the current footprint of the building to the matter of looking again at the annex building that was proposed several years ago. This discussion was lengthy. The CA suggested the matter of having a meeting with the Courthouse Security Meeting but Commissioners want this meeting delayed to examine the matter more thoroughly on their own.

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Brian Koth, constituent, who is having some issues with several county offices visited with the Commissioners. He continues to want to see an investigation regarding the Clerk of Courts be initiated as he contends she has committed some criminal offense. Commissioner Thatcher specifically wanted to know for what he is looking. He claims that the Commissioners are the beneficiary of the matter of the elected officials' bonds and he wants the bond paid for the Clerk not performing the duties of that office as she has sworn to faithfully discharge. Commissioners responded accordingly. Discussion followed about the matter of the SCDJFS and whether or not that should be an obstructing official business charges levied there. Commissioner Polter indicated had spoken the relevant staff at SCDJFS and is satisfied they are performing their duties appropriately. Koth demands that his complaint be addressed or he will look to file suit.

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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: 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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AUTHORIZING MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES, DIVORCE, DISSOLUTION AND ANNULMENT FEES BE PAID TO FIRST STEP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3113.34-35 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (ORC)

M - Thatcher S - Polter VOTE – all, yes

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AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THE SANDUSKY COUNTY CORONER AND THE SANDUSKY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (SCHD)

M - Schwochow S - Thatcher VOTE – all, yes

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SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS – COMMISSIONERS (DITCH CONSTRUCTION) - $211,000

M - Polter S - Thatcher VOTE – all, yes

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At 10:35a Commissioner Polter moved to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of discussing the possible purchase of property for economic development. Commissioner Schwochow offer a second to the motion. The vote to enter Executive Session was unanimous in the affirmative. At 10:55a Commissioner Thatcher moved to exit Executive Session and the second to the motion was offered by Commissioner Schwochow. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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County Auditor Bill Farrell, met with the Commissioners. He presented his reports indicating that sales tax is up from this time period in 2014. His belief is that as long as fuel prices stay down the uptick in sales tax will continue. An additional amount is being certified that is welcomed and will be put to use in some of the areas that were cut at budget time. Revenue and expenses report were unremarkable.
At 12:25p 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