Commissioner Schwochow led the pledge of allegiance and called session to order. Session began at 8:00am.

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

Commissioners met this morning at 7:00am with the Soil and Water Board to discuss the beaver dam issue in Rice Township to make decisions. Commissioner Miller went to the Ballville Dam with the Mayor to observe the beginning of the demo. As they began the demo he could see the water level drop.

Commissioners reviewed numerous mailings. Minutes from session 9/12/17 were reviewed and approved. Invoices were approved in electronic and paper fashion.

John Johannsen – CWP

- His numbers are higher as far as working hours as they were last month. He is having issues getting his reports to print for the board off of Facility Dude.
- He has been working with Clyde to set up for the Clyde Fair. He has kept the communication open and worked with them and everything has worked out well. He will make sure that next year he starts planning earlier.
- He has been picking his crew a little differently to make sure he gets good workers that work together.
- He is going to finish Dog Warden doors. Green Creek Township he will be doing pavement crack sealing. Behind on one cemetery in the township and the county lawns are in decent shape. Facility Management has helped him too.
- They are helping the City remove mussels from the dam. There were some concerns that John is going to talk to Tucker about before sending them out there.

County Administrator discussion:

- Judges office furniture cost.
- Karen Keville asked if they could use Flag Park on 10/14/17 for the 100th anniversary for the Fatima. The Board did not have a problem with that.
- Met with Amy from Sheriff’s Office regarding 2017 budget and 2018 budget to get numbers together to look at adding an additional Road Deputy. She will be presenting numbers hopefully the first part of next week.
- Freedom Shrine Dedication will be next Friday.
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Chad Collins and Brian Edris – UIS

Came in to discuss the health insurance renewal. Chad reviewed the rate documents that were submitted to the County. We do have a three year contract with CEBCO and we are in our second year. They have done a great job for us so far. Chad also talked about our history in getting to CEBCO.

There are some changes that will take place and CEBCO will be sending this out to each employee. There will be a discount program when you use blue distinction facility’s/doctors. There will also be a change in emergency room use. There will be specific ailments that will not be covered if you go to the ER for treatment instead of Urgent Care or family physician.

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Colleen Carmack – Recorder

Came in to ask about a memo she received from the City of Fremont for the Farmers Markets coming up and the courthouse tours. The Board did explain it is just a hallway tour not an open office tour. Visitors Bureau will be assisting with some of the tours.

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Harold Overmyer – Fairgrounds damage. After receiving the police report from the incident at the pig barn he came to ask if the insurance claim can move forward in order to get the repairs started. We asked that he obtain a couple of quotes for repair to present to CoRSA.

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Jerri Miller and Lee Wyss came in to discuss the new world problems the board has been having. Some of the problem is the Wi-Fi issue in the board room. That is going to be taken care of by running data lines to the board lap tops.

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Cindy Bilby – DJFS

Wanted to talk about budget for 2018 and how the budgeting process would work. She has never gone line item by line item in the past. The Board informed her that this is not just her department this is how all the budget hearings will be. The Board also talked about child placement costs for 2018 and where that will come from. There was some discussion on counties that have child placement levies. The Board was not sure how that would go over with the constituents of the county. The reality is we need to figure out where the money comes from.

Commissioner Schwochow asked about money that she receives from other counties that will not be using some of the funding they receive. They would rather give it to counties that need it rather than sending it back to the State. The unfortunate thing is you cannot count on this revenue.

Cindy has two new management staff in her fiscal officer and assistant director. They are both enthusiastic and fresh and working out well and fitting in. Staff turn-over is still at basically 20%. She feels that she has younger staff who are starting families and not returning to work. It is also can be a very stressful job and the caseloads can be high.

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Commissioner Reiter asked about how visiting Judges are selected for special cases. The Supreme Court assigns Judges to particular cases when they need be. If a Judge is on vacation and there is a case on the docket the Supreme Court makes the decision on what Judge will take the case.

They are preparing for 2018 budget. They are trying to get control over the finances since they are taking on the drug task financing and the land bank/BOR items.

Asked Mark about a question from Health Department on a tax exempt form.

Commissioner Reiter asked about new language regarding levy’s that needs to happen if/when they are presented to the Board of Elections.

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Then and Now: none

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Personnel actions taken: none

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Travel request: none

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Public forum portion of session proceeded.

Citizen attendees: none

Media attendees: Craig Shoup, News Messenger.

*** RESOLUTIONS ***
None presented

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Commissioner Reiter moved to enter in to executive session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner Schwochow seconded the motion. Schwochow – yes Reiter – yes Miller – yes

Commissioner Schwochow moved to exit executive session. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. The Board exited executive session. Schwochow – yes Reiter – yes Miller – yes

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At 1:10pm and with business concluded for the day Commissioner Reiter moved to adjourn with a second to the motion offered by Commissioner Miller. The ensuing vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio
Attest: 

Clerk to the Board / County Administrator

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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