

The Board of Clark County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to adjournment in accordance with Section 121.22 O.R.C. (Sunshine Law) in the Commission Chambers, 3130 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio.

The following members and guests were present: Commissioner Melanie F. Wilt; Commissioner Sasha L. Rittenhouse; Commissioner Lowell R. McGlothlin; Michelle Noble, Assistant County Administrator/HR Director; Angela Wheeler, Commission Clerk; Theresa Cox, Administrative Assistant; Michael Cooper, Public Information Officer; Thomas O'Neal and Crystal Baker, Veterans Service Commission; Jessica Orozco, Springfield News-Sun.

Commissioner Wilt called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

Agenda Review:

Commissioner Wilt asked staff if the public hearing needs to wait until 10:00 a.m. Staff advised it was advertised in the newspaper for 10:00 a.m. so it would need to be held at that time.

Ms. Noble reviewed the agenda:

Resolution 2024-0002 authorized contract with Hauck Brothers Inc., on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Director, for heating and cooling repairs and maintenance for county owned buildings. Ms. Noble said this is a not to exceed contract.

Resolution 2024-0003 authorized contract renewal with UMR, Inc., on behalf of the Assistant County Administrator/HR Director, for self-insurance Third Party Administrator from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Resolution 2024-0004 instructed Clerk to advertise for bids for Ravenwood Drive box culvert replacement.

Resolution 2024-0005 reappointed members to the Clark County Planning Commission. Jo Anderson, Mark Scholl, David Stickney, and Don Wallace were all reappointed through December 31, 2026. Ms. Noble said the County appreciates those who serve on committees. Commissioner Rittenhouse said all four (4) reappointments are very good contributors.

Resolution 2024-0006 reappointed member to the Clark County Rural Zoning Commission. This is a reappointment for Bob Jurick through December 31, 2026. Ms. Noble said he has participated on this board for a number of years.

Resolution 2024-0007 appointed members to the Clark County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Tom Duffee is a reappointment through December 31, 2028 and Jerri Taylor is an alternate appointment as needed or until December 31, 2025.

Resolution 2024-0008 approved payment #1 to Associated Hydro Excavating, Inc. This is for the emergency repair project at the Mud Run Sewer Force Main.

Resolution 024-0009 authorized an intra-fund transfer from Juvenile Court and Buildings and Grounds to the Common Pleas Court to cover juror fees.

Resolution 2024-0010 approved issuance of warrants for then and nows. There are two then and nows. Commissioner Wilt said she would guess Juvenile Court wins the then and nows for the year. She said this is something the County needs to continue to work on for their protection.

Resolution 2024-0011 was the resolution to designate the official representative and alternate for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the CCAO in 2024. Commissioner Wilt asked which commissioner would want to be the official representative and the alternate. Commissioner McGlothlin commented that he thought it has to be the Commission President and Acting President. The commissioners decided to revisit this resolution after they go through the remainder of the agenda.

Resolution 2024-0012 was the election of President for the Board of Clark County Commissioners. The commissioners decided to come back to this resolution.

Resolution 2024-0013 established schedule of meetings for the year 2024. Commissioner Rittenhouse asked for a brief discussion on this resolution. She said she has had people ask for evening meetings. She would like to propose to have a once per quarter meeting in the evening. She said she knows it's been tried in the past and has not been successful. Ms. Noble said, in the past, when there was something on the agenda that interests people, a nice crowd attends. Commissioner Rittenhouse said she would just like to discuss it. Commissioner Wilt said she understands why people ask for evening meetings, but those are usually the people who do not attend when there is an evening meeting. Commissioner Wilt said we could set a couple of evening meetings and see how it goes or wait until something comes up that would interest people, then set the meeting for the evening. Ms. Noble said sometimes in the past when the townships had something going on the Board would have the commission meeting in the evening with the townships. Commissioner Wilt asked for Mr. Cooper's opinion. Mr. Cooper said he has been to many evening meetings and it really depends on what is going on. He said a lot of people do not like to do things in the evenings these days. Commissioner Wilt said they will plan to veer from the regular meeting when there is something of interest to people. Commissioner Wilt thanked Commissioner Rittenhouse for bringing up the discussion.

Resolution 2024-0014 authorized County departments to utilize internet based system for disposal of surplus county equipment. Ms. Noble said this is a popular way to dispose of items the county no longer needs.

Resolution 2024-0015 authorized expenditure of public funds for proper public purpose for calendar year 2024.

Resolution 2024-0016 authorized the County Engineer to use the "Force Account" pursuant to the ORC Section 5543.19, and administer right of way and storm water permits. Ms. Noble said this is an annual resolution.

Resolution 2024-0017 was the mileage certification to the Ohio Department of Transportation. The total road mileage of 306.945 miles for the year 2023. Ms. Noble said the mileage went down a couple of miles, probably from road vacations.

Resolution 2024-0018 authorized Clark County offices to participate in the State of Ohio and ODOT 2024 and 2025 Cooperative Purchasing Programs. This is another way to purchase items without the need for bids because the State has already done the bidding process.

Resolution 2024-0019 is the 10:00 a.m. public hearing for the Clark County Veteran's Service Commission 2024 Budget Request.

Commissioner Wilt suggested the Board go back to resolutions 2024-0011 and 2024-0012 (see resolutions for votes).

Commissioner Wilt discussed the appointment of staff to various boards. Commissioner McGlothlin requested to be removed from the Family and Children First Council. Commissioner Wilt said she wasn't sure if that board is still actively meeting. She said she always had a hard time getting to this meeting because it met at the same time as the Solid Waste Management Committee. Now Ms. Hutchinson is attending the Solid Waste Committee Meeting on her behalf so she would be able to attend unless Commissioner Rittenhouse would like to be on that

board. Commissioner Rittenhouse said she would be on the Family and Children First Council. Commissioner Wilt advised staff to update the resolution for next weeks' meeting to show Commissioner Rittenhouse on the Family and Children First Council and herself as the alternate. Commissioner Wilt said there is another board that Commissioner McGlothlin talked about that EMA runs. She does not see it on the list. Commissioner Rittenhouse said she is fine with the other boards she is on. Commissioner Wilt said the Criminal Justice Council does not let her know of their meetings very far in advance. She would like to get those on her calendar sooner. Mr. Cooper said he believes they meet quarterly and it is always on a Thursday at noon. Mr. Cooper said Judge Shumaker leads the Criminal Just Council now.

County Administrator Updates:

Ms. Noble said the County has not heard anything from the report filed on the Home Road Project. The contractor does still have time to respond. There is still work going on at Home Road.

She said the County is still finishing up details on the courthouse re-design. Commissioner Rittenhouse asked how the space is since the move is a few weeks away. Ms. Noble said Becker Construction has done a fantastic job moving the job along.

Ms. Noble said CORSA is still working on the water damage claim that happened at Springview.

Commissioner Wilt said she appreciates the promptness and the opportunity the County has with Megan Miller's office for direct care services.

PIO Update/Calendar Review:

Mr. Cooper said the 2023 Luminary Ceremony will be held on January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

He reminded everyone the County offices will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 15.

Mr. Cooper said he put out a blast on Facebook and the County website to get members for the Board of Zoning Appeals. He said some Springfield Township people reached out but Springfield Township residents are not permitted on this Board. Commissioner Rittenhouse said Alex Dietz had a good person reach out to him from Moorefield Township. Commissioner Wilt said former Commissioner Lohnes would be good on the Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority Board due to the complexity of that board. Commissioner Wilt said Mr. Lohnes said he would be willing to serve where he is needed.

Commissioner Wilt thanked Mr. Cooper for the nice bowling party. Mr. Cooper said the bowling party is already booked for 2024.

Commission Updates:

Commissioner McGlothlin brought up the subject of having a deputy at the commission meetings. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wilt said she thinks about goals at the beginning of the year. She said Ms. Noble is helping her with one of her ideas of doing regular shout outs to County employees. She said possibly the commission could do some social media shout outs and invite them to commission meetings to be recognized. Commissioner Rittenhouse and Commissioner McGlothlin thought this was a good idea.

She has also been working with Ms. Hutchinson to determine the right initiative for the City and County to work together. She wants to meet with the Mayor, Ms. Hutchinson, and Mr. Heck. She would like to come up with

something like Strong County Seat. She thinks a lot of the issues in the County, particularly development pressure, would be offset by having a strong county seat. She said it is not about one city or another city. It is about Springfield being the center of the County and the County seat. The stronger that is, the more quality development we have in the corporation limits instead of development that is pushing out into the townships where people are hiding back and do not want to see development in the townships. This idea can involve several different things like development, improved quality of life, etc. There is always people who say not to put your money in the city. She asked the other commissioners to bring ideas forward. Commissioner Rittenhouse said she has always felt like focusing on redeveloping Springfield and redeveloping residential areas in Springfield is a good idea. There is a lot of room to improve there. She said if people stay focused on that and continue to drive it, it would improve quality of life. She said it is important to reuse the land in the city. Commissioner Wilt discussed a letter of intent to purchase property at Interstate 68 and Interstate 70 from several years ago. It has added to the value of the downtown area. Commissioner Rittenhouse said the amount of improvement that has been done downtown is amazing. Commissioner Wilt said part of that is envisioning new space for the jail. The idea is to move the jail to a place that makes more sense. It could change the look and feel of downtown to redevelop where the jail is now.

Audience Comments:

None.

Call to Order, Commission President Wilt

Resolution 2023-0001

Following the pledge, Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and dispense with reading of the same. Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

The motion carried.

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to accept the agenda in its entirety with the exception of resolution 2024-0019. Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

The motion carried.

Prior to the public hearing Commissioner Wilt discussed items on the calendar. She said the Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon is Friday, February 12. Commissioner Wilt said she could not attend the luncheon. Commissioner Rittenhouse said she is going. Ms. Noble said there is a full table for the luncheon.

Commissioner Wilt said she had an invitation to the Art Noire from the Springfield Art Museum for Black History Month if anyone else would like to attend. It is February 2 and 3.

Commissioner Wilt said the Land Bank meeting is on January 31. Commissioner Wilt asked Commissioner Rittenhouse if she had been attending the ESC meetings. Commissioner Rittenhouse she had not attended any and asked if Commissioner Wilt was able to attend the one in January because she is willing to trade off on them. Commissioner Wilt said she thought she would be able to attend January 19.

Commissioner Rittenhouse said since Commissioner Wilt had talked about shout outs to employees, she wanted to let the other commissioners know she has been writing thank you notes to deputies, dispatch, and dog wardens

over the holidays. She said these employees are taking time away from their families to keep us all safe. She said if either of the other commissioners would like in on the thank you notes for 2024, let her know. Some of the employees work double shifts and on holidays. Commissioner Wilt said she would be happy to sign the notes but that is Commissioner Rittenhouse's thing to do so she should keep doing the thank you notes.

Commissioner Wilt recessed until 10:00 a.m.

The public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m.

Resolution 2024-0002
B&GC file

**Authorize Contract with
Hauck Brothers Inc.**

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, per the request of the Buildings and Grounds Director, to authorize a contract with:

Organization Name:	Hauck Brothers Inc.
Organization Address:	1974 Commerce Circle, Springfield, Ohio 45504
In the amount of:	\$49,000.00 (not to exceed)
Funding Source(s):	General
Purpose:	Heating and cooling repairs and maintenance for county owned buildings
Effective Dates:	January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0003
PERC file

**Authorize Contract Renewal with
UMR, Inc.**

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, per the request of the Assistant County Administrator/HR Director, to authorize the contract renewal with:

Organization Name:	UMR, Inc.
Address:	5151 Pfeiffer Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
Funding Source(s):	Health Insurance Fund
Purpose:	Self-Insurance Third Party Administrator
Effective Dates:	January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026

Further, move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the change order and related documents, including the purchase order.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0004
ENGB file

Instruct Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Ravenwood Drive Box Culvert Replacement

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, per the request of the County Engineer, to instruct the Commission Clerk to advertise for bids for the Ravenwood Drive Box Culvert Replacement. Said bids will be opened in public session on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at approximately 10:00 a.m., 3rd Floor, Springview Government Center, 3130 East Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45503.

Commissioner McGlothin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0005
BRDP file

Appoint Member(s) to the Clark County Planning Commission

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to appoint the following member(s) to the Clark County Planning Commission (CPC):

Name:	Township of Residence:	Term Expiration Date:
Jo Anderson (Re-appointment)	Springfield Township	December 31, 2026
Mark Scholl (Re-appointment)	Moorefield Township	December 31, 2026
David Stickney (Re-appointment)	Pleasant Township	December 31, 2026
Don Wallace (Re-appointment)	Bethel Township	December 31, 2026

Commissioner McGlothin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0006
BRDR file

Appoint Member(s) to the Clark County Rural Zoning Commission (RZC)

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to appoint the following member(s) to the Clark County Rural Zoning Commission (RZC):

Name:	Township of Residence:	Term Expiration Date:
Bob Jurick (Re-appointment)	Mad River Township	December 31, 2026

Commissioner McGlothin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

**Resolution 2024-0007
BRDZ file**

Appoint Member(s) to the Clark County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to appoint the following member(s) to the Clark County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA):

Name:	Township of Residence:	Term Expiration Date:
Tom Duffee (Re-appointment)	Bethel Township	December 31, 2028
Jerri Taylor (Alternate Member)	Harmony Township	As needed (or until December 31, 2025)

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

**Resolution 2024-0008
UTLP file**

**Approve Payment #1 to
Associated Hydro Excavating, Inc.**

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, per request of the Utilities Director, to approve the following payment #1:

Payment to:	Associated Hydro Excavating, Inc.
Address:	7911 Peters Road, Tipp City, Ohio 45371
Services:	General Contractor
Project:	Emergency Repair Project – Mud Run Sewer Force Main
Funding Source(s):	General Sewer Funds
Amount:	\$57,426.00

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

**Resolution 2024-0009
FINF file**

Authorize Intra-Fund Transfer(s)

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, to authorize the following Intra-Fund Transfer(s):

From		Amount	To		Amount
Department	Expense Acct.		Department	Expense Acct.	
Fund: General					
Juv. Ct.	Pers & Fringes	\$15,000.00	Comm. Pleas	Operating Exp.	\$15,000.00
B&G	Operating Exp.	\$ 5,000.00	Comm. Pleas	Operating Exp.	\$ 5,000.00
Reason: Transfer needed to cover Common Pleas juror fees.					

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0010
FINT file

Approve Issuance of Warrants for Then and Now(s)

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, to approve the issuance of warrants for then and now(s) are as follows:

P.O. Number	Fund	Vendor	Date	Purchase Amount
230029274	Special Proj. (Juv. Ct.)	Advocates of Basic Legal Equality	11/3/23	\$10,031.21

Reason: Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Legal Representation Pilot Project. The previous purchase order was not enough to cover year end invoices.

230029274	Spec. Proj. (Juv. Ct.)	Advocates of Basic Legal Equality	11/14/23	\$13,997.65
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Reason: Community Based Child Abuse Prevention Legal Representation Pilot Project. The previous purchase order was not enough to cover year end invoices.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0011
COMO file

Resolution to Designate the Official Representative and Alternate for the Purpose of Voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2024

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the Board of County Commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Commissioner Wilt is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Clark County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Rittenhouse is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Clark County.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0012
COMO file

Election of President for the Board of Clark County Commissioners

Commissioner Wilt opened the floor for nominations for election of the President of the Board of Clark County Commissioners for a period of one year commencing immediately and ending January 2, 2025:

Commissioner Rittenhouse nominated Commissioner Wilt for Commission President
Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the nomination

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to close nominations for President of the Board of Clark County Commission, Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll was called for electing Commissioner Wilt as Commission President; the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Further move to designate a person to act in the absence of the President.

Commissioner Wilt moved to designate Commissioner Rittenhouse to act in the absence of the President
Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to close nominations for the person to preside in the absence of the President, Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll was called to designate Commissioner Rittenhouse to act in the absence of the President; the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0013
COMO file

Establishing Schedule of Meetings for the Year 2024

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to establish a schedule of meetings for 2024 as follows:

Meetings of the Board of Clark County Commissioners shall be held in accordance with Section 121.22 ORC (Sunshine Law).

All Wednesdays shall be designated as Regular Meetings for the purpose of conducting all official business of the Board, making a total of at least fifty (50) regular sessions to satisfy Section 305.06 ORC. Said meeting shall be divided into Informal and Formal Sessions. Informal Sessions shall be held in the Commission Public Chambers, 1st Floor, 3130 E. Main St., Springfield, Ohio, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and Formal Sessions beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Quarterly Special Sessions for the Investment Advisory Committee will be held in the Commission Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 3130 E. Main St., Springfield, Ohio, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024; Wednesday, July 17, 2024, Wednesday, October 16, 2024 and Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

Special Sessions shall be called as needed with 24-hour notice in accordance with Section 305.07 ORC and shall be for the purpose of conducting work sessions with the staff, Department Directors, and/or other County Elected Officials. The time and place of Special Sessions shall be determined at the time they are called.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0014
COMO file

Authorize County Departments to Utilize Internet Based System for Disposal of Surplus County Equipment

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to authorize, in accordance with section 307.12(E) of the Ohio Administrative Code, for county departments to utilize internet based GovDeals, Inc. for the purpose of disposal of surplus county equipment. Said authorization is for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and said notice is to be provided per the requirements of the ORC. Departments utilizing GovDeals, Inc., PropertyRoom.com, or another internet based system must be in compliance with the ORC stipulations governing length of auction period and other requirements.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0015
COMO file

Authorize Expenditure of Public Funds for Proper Public Purpose for Calendar Year 2024

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, pursuant to Ohio Auditor of State Technical Bulletin 2003-005, to authorize the expenditure of public funds for meals, coffee, refreshments, and other amenities. Such expenditures should be de minimis in amount. Further move to find this to be proper public purpose.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0016
ENGO file

Authorizing the County Engineer to use the “Force Account” pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.19, and Administer Right of way and Storm Water Permits

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the Office of the County Engineer to have procedures established under Section 5543.19 of the Ohio Revised Code of the State of Ohio, relative to force account work; and,

WHEREAS, it being determined by the Board of Clark County Commissioners that the health, welfare and safety of the people of Clark County can best and efficiently be served by force account in matters pertaining to the maintenance and repair of roads, bridges and culverts in Clark County; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 153.64, 4931 and 4933, provides to the Board of Clark County Commissioners, the authority to control the installation and placement of any public utilities within the dedicated public right-of-ways of all County maintained highways; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 5589 and 5543 provides to the Board of Clark County Commissioners, the authority to control any digging and excavating on or along a County maintained highway and for the placement of a private driveway approach to a County maintained highway; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 4513.34 provides to the Board of Clark County Commissioners, the authority to permit oversize and overweight vehicles using County maintained highways; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code Section 307.79 provides to the Board of Clark County Commissioners, the authority to adopt rules to regulate storm water permits and to designate an official to review, approve or disapprove plans, issue permits within the unincorporated areas of Clark County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Clark County Commissioners does hereby authorize Johnathan A. Burr, Clark County Engineer, to proceed by force account on all bridge, culvert, and road work during 2024, absent action by the Board of Clark County Commissioners to let a construction contract (Ohio Revised Code §5543.19), and further authorizes the Clark County Engineer to develop and administer permits for the above described activities and to keep said permits on file with the permanent road records of Clark County.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0017
ENGO file

Mileage Certification
Ohio Department of Transportation

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, per the request of the County Engineer, to acknowledge and certify the County's total road mileage of 306.945 miles for the year 2023.

Agreement with: Ohio Department of Transportation
Purpose: Annual County Highway System Mileage Certification
Effective Dates: January 1, 2024

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0018
PUR file**Authorize Clark County Offices to Participate in
State of Ohio and ODOT 2024 and 2025 Cooperative Purchasing Programs**

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved, upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, per the request of the Commission Clerk, to authorize Clark County Departments to participate in the State of Ohio and ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Programs for 2024 and 2025.

Section 5513.01 (B) provides the opportunity for Counties, Townships, Municipal Corporations, Conservancy Districts, Township Park Districts created under Chapter 1545 of the Revised Code, Port Authorities, Regional Transit Authorities, Regional Airport Authorities, Regional Water and Sewer Districts, County Transit Boards, State Universities or Colleges to participate in contracts of the Ohio Department of Transportation of the purchase of machinery, material, supplies and other articles.

The Clark County Engineer request authority in the name of Clark County, Ohio to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation contracts for the purchase of machinery, materials, supplies or other articles which the Department has entered into pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B).

The County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Clark County, Ohio to be bound by all terms and conditions as the Direction of Transportation prescribes.

The County Engineer is hereby authorized to agree in the name of Clark County, Ohio to directly pay vendors, under each such contract of the Ohio Department of Transportation in which Clark County participates, for items it receives pursuant to the contract.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0019
VETS file**10:00 a.m. Public Hearing for the
Clark County Veteran's Service Commission 2024 Budget Request**

This is the date and time set by the Board of County Commissioners, Clark County, Ohio, to hold a public hearing for the Clark County Veteran's Service Commission 2024 Budget Request.

Public Hearing opened by the Commission President at 10:01 a.m.

Veteran's Commission Staff Report:

Mr. O'Neal, Veteran's Service Commission, said the budget request was presented last week at their budget meeting. He said they are constrained with the amount they can ask for through the Ohio Revised Code. Commissioner Wilt said she believes the Veteran's budget is all sorted out. She said she appreciates the Veterans Service Commission returning funds to the general fund. Mr. O'Neal said they never spend 100% of the money. They usually spend 80%. Mr. O'Neal said the Veteran's Service Commission is very mindful in what they ask for from the County. He has been Quarter Master at the VFW for many years.

Commissioner Wilt asked about their goals for 2024. Crystal Baker, Veterans Service Commission Director, said they have plans for more commercials, putting together Silent Watch, and reaching out to more people. The Silent Watch focuses on mental health. The other major change is for a new programming system. She said it is outdated and they have to do double work. They plan to get iPads. She said they are now advertising in Springfield Living magazine. Commissioner McGlothlin asked if commercials have helped. Ms. Baker said yes. Mr. O’Neal said the Veteran’s Service Commission is the biggest secret in town. When people separate from the military, no one tells them about Veteran’s Service Commission. Commissioner Wilt asked if that is something our Veteran’s Service Commission could provide to people. Ms. Baker said it is not just in Ohio. She said people have contacted her from other states. Commissioner Rittenhouse said it could just be the military providing a website. Ms. Baker said they are also trying to reach out to nursing homes. She said she feels like Veterans are kind of forgotten about when they go into nursing homes. She said they ask the nursing homes to give the Veterans their information.

Commissioner Rittenhouse asked Ms. Baker about the relationship with Reentry. Ms. Baker said they have a person at their office that communicates with the Reentry department.

Mr. O’Neal said the only other discussion is about the necessity of the public hearing. Commissioner Wilt said a decision could be made once legal gives their opinion if it is required.

Commissioner McGlothlin said there are so many services available that Veterans do not know are available. The Veterans just have to take advantage of them.

Audience Comments:

None.

Commissioner Rittenhouse moved to close the public hearing at 10:12 a.m.

Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion and the roll being called for its passage, the vote resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Rittenhouse, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2024-0020

Commissioner Wilt adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Melanie F. Wilt, President

By: _____
Sasha L. Rittenhouse

I certify that the record is true and accurate:

Commission Clerk

By: _____
Lowell R. McGlothlin