

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 Lowell McGlothin; Commissioner Richard L. Lohnes; Jenny Hutchinson, County Administrator; Michelle Noble, Assistant County Administrator/HR Director; Megan Burr, Commission Clerk; Michael Cooper, Public Information Officer; Beau Thompson, Assistant County Prosecutor; Jim Zamora, Kevin Spriggs, Bridget Doane, TAC Industries, Inc.; Ethan Harris & Alex Dietz, Community & Economic Development Department; Melissa Tuttle, Clerk of Courts; Dave Stevens.

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

TAC Industries Legislative Updates:

TAC gave a quick overview of the possible funding changes and how that will reduce the number of people being helped. Commissioner Wilt thanked them for joining. Commissioner Lohnes explained he asked them to attend after he reviewed the legislative update. He has a couple areas of concern and one of them was the minimum wage and the second was the reimbursement rate. Mr. Zahora gave the update. See attached.

Commissioner Lohnes noted the focus on alternatives to losing 14(c). Mr. Zahora explained it isn't officially gone yet, but it is part of the stimulus package. TAC has reached out to Senator Portman, Representative Davidson, and Senator Brown. Discussion ensued about the BEST program. Mr. Zahora said the implementation was delayed due to COVID. The new start date has not been announced. Previously it was October. TAC is working with the schools to help get those with disabilities opportunities. Discussion ensued about funding. The Commissioners will submit letters to the appropriate representatives.

Audience Comments:

Dave Stevens, resides in Mad River Township, attended to speak against the designation of Mad River as a recreational river. Discussion ensued about those that have already spoken. Commissioner Wilt explained the Board has not been formally approached by ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). She has been approached by a few that are in support of it in the community. More people have come to her in opposition. Commissioner Wilt's understanding was the Board really didn't have a say in the ODNR process. She did see some economic development advantages to it. However, she saw the impact it will have on the land owners. Mr. Stevens felt the biggest impact to the county would be road and bridge repairs/replacements. Commissioner Lohnes remembered the last time this issue came up. There was push back then. The biggest concern at the time was from the County Engineer. The Board did not pass a resolution on this issue. The message was sent without passing a resolution. Commissioner Wilt thanked him for attending.

Agenda Review:

Commissioner McGlothin was glad to see more contracts for dispatch services come through (Resolution 2021-0070).

Commissioner Lohnes had no questions.

Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Lohnes shared his COVID number updates. Ohio is #2 in the number of nursing homes in the country. All the nursing homes have had vaccines. He spoke about a call he had with Governor DeWine.

Commissioner Wilt spoke at Kiwanis where she shared the county's priorities.

County Administrator Updates:

Ms. Hutchinson explained the half percent sales tax is coming up for renewal. At this point she recommended making it permanent. She shared the proposed timeline. She asked for guidance from the Board. It is the maximum amount of sales tax the county can impose without it being tied to a transportation district. Commissioner Wilt spoke about removing the tax further down the road. She didn't feel the county was in a place to reduce it at this point in time. Ms. Hutchinson noted the half percent generates \$8 million of the \$40 million general fund budget. She didn't see how that need would ever go away, especially with hopes of population increases. Population increases equal more services the county needs to provide. A decision didn't need to be made today but she asked the Board to think about it.

Ms. Hutchinson said hiring good employees to fill vacant positions has been difficult; specifically for the Dog Warden and Information Systems Departments. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued about looking at offering soft benefits.

Commissioner Lohnes moved to go into executive session to discuss economic development. Commissioner McGlothin seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothin, yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt,

The Board recessed until 10.

Call to Order, Commission President Wilt

Resolution 2021-0069

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

Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

The motion carried.

Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the agenda in its entirety. Commissioner McGlothin seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage resulted as follows:

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

The motion carried.

Resolution 2021-0070
SHRC file

**Authorize Dispatching Contract(s) with
City of New Carlisle and Harmony Township**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the County Sheriff, to authorize contract(s) for dispatching services with:

City: New Carlisle
In the amount of: \$26,994.00

Effective Dates: January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

Township: Harmony

In the amount of: \$14,036.00

Effective Dates: January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contracts & related documents.

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

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0071
SHRC file

**Authorize Law Enforcement Contract(s) with
Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the County Sheriff, to authorize contract(s) for law enforcement services with:

Organization: Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority

In the amount of: \$128,406.14

Effective Dates: February 10, 2021-December 31, 2021

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents.

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

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0072
UTLC file

**Authorize Contract with
Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Utilities Department Director, to authorize a contract with:

Organization Name: Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.

Organization Address: 19 Garfield Place, Suite 500 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

In the amount of: \$22,120.00

Funding Source(s): General Water and Sewer Funds

Purpose: Financial consulting and analysis; rate evaluation; economic feasibility study
Northridge wastewater plant project

Effective Dates: February 10, 2021

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents.

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

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0073
INVS file

Authorize Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Emergency Management Agency Director, to dispose of the six SCBAs listed on the attached. Further move to donate the listed equipment to the City of Springfield Fire-Rescue Division, 350 N. Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio, as the equipment is no longer needed for County use, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.12(D).

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

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0074
FINT file

Approve Issuance of Warrants for Then and Now(s)

Commissioner Lohnes moved, to approve the issuance of warrants for then and now(s) are as follows:

P.O. Number	Fund	Vendor	Date Purchase	Amount
210020150	General (Dom Rel)	Anumita Roy	1/15/21	\$ 248.20
Reason: Invoice received prior to creation of P.O.				
210020135	BDD	Treasurer State of Oh	1/13/21	\$74,655.66
Reason: Received after date of purchase order.				
210020134	BDD	Treasurer State of Oh	1/13/21	\$93,322.86
Reason: Received after date of purchase order.				
200020157	General (Sheriff)	US Bank	12/24/20	\$ 90.00
Reason: Mistakenly did not set money aside before end of 2020 for this monthly bill.				
210020151	LEPC	WC Sims Co	1/1/21	\$ 166.14
Reason: Original PO request did not include freight or overrun charges.				
210020140	HazMat	Durawear Glove & Safety	12/30/20	\$ 36.30
Reason: Original PO request did not include freight.				
210020058	MV>	Roger Storer & Son	12/22/20	\$ 95.00
Reason: Emergency repair of toilet. Expense not anticipated.				

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

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0075

TRAV file

Approve Travel/Expense Allowance

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per request of the following Department Director(s) or Elected Official(s) to approve the following travel allowances:

Dept.	Name	Purpose	Place	Date	Cost
DJFS	D. Bell	Training	Online	2/11/21	\$ 37.00
DJFS	J. Kynard	CPR Cert.	Springfield, OH	2/27/21	\$ 44.00
*Veterans	R. Ward	New CVSO School	Columbus, OH	4/18-23/21	\$2,524.00

*Request authorization to use credit card for travel related expenses.

Further move reimbursements shall comply with all requirements of the Travel Policy as adopted in the Personnel Manual.

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

Commissioner McGlothin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0076
Replaces Resolution 2021-0033
CDDG file

Approve Submission of PY2020 Targets of Opportunity CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Application

Commissioner Lohnes moved, to approve the submission of the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG PY2020 Targets of Opportunity CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Phase I funding application:

Grantor: State of Ohio, Development Services Agency
Amount Funding: \$720,799.00.00
Purpose: To support public services and public facilities projects to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Effective Dates: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2022

Further the grant will support the provision of public services and improvements to public facilities through sub-recipient contracts with four designated local non-profit partners. The (CDBG) PY2020 Targets of Opportunity CARES Act (CDBG-CV) Phase I Funding must be used to support public services and public facilities projects to continue to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Second Harvest Food Bank \$ 251,999 Public Facility Improvements & Operations
- Rocking Horse Public Health \$ 302,400 Public Facility Improvements
- Citi Outlook \$ 60,600 Provision of Public Services
- Safe Harbor House \$ 19,600 Public Services
- Safe Harbor House \$ 36,200 Public Facility Improvements
- Administration \$ 50,000

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

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

**Resolution 2021-0077
COMC file**

**Authorize Contract with
Arcon Builders Ltd.**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the County Administrator, to authorize a contract with:

Organization Name:	Arcon Builders, Ltd.
Organization Address:	7824 Alt. St. Rt. 49, Arcanum, Ohio 45304
In the amount of:	\$637,900.00
Funding Source(s):	General Fund
Purpose:	Renovation of 1 st and 5 th floors at Municipal Court Building
Effective Dates:	February 10, 2021

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents.

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

Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0078

Commissioner Wilt adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Melanie F. Wilt, President

By: _____
Lowell R. McGlothlin

I certify that the record is true and accurate:

Commission Clerk

By: _____
Richard L. Lohnes