

FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING - #7
VOLUME 20

MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, February 13, 2017, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett also in attendance.

MINUTES APPROVED

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of February 6, 2017, be approved as submitted.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
1/1/2017	2017000350	ABRAXAS OHIO	6882.00
1/13/2017	2017000466	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	71.00
1/25/2017	2017000194	AIRGAS GREAT LAKES	396.19
1/1/2017	2017000770	AMERICAN COURT & DRUG TESTING SERVICES	195.00
12/15/2016	2017000724	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	98.60
12/15/2016	2017000811	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	104.77
1/31/2017	2017000038	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	300.00
1/27/2017	2017000131	AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION	350.00
1/31/2017	2017000669	AmenFirst Home Mortgage	800.00
12/5/2016	2017000575	AUTOZONE	96.07
1/19/2017	2017000316	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY INC.	525.00
11/30/2016	2016000238	B & C COMMUNICATIONS	471.00
1/19/2017	2017000746	B & C COMMUNICATIONS	301.11
1/25/2017	2017000769	Bill Reep	288.00
1/18/2017	2017000290	BRANDY MCCORD	47.86
1/10/2017	2017000346	BRANDY MCCORD	53.55
2/2/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	626.30
2/6/2017	2017000348	BU-YING QIN	328.27
12/2/2016	2017000724	C & D MONITORING CO	419.40
2/9/2017	2017000432	CEBCO	674052.36
12/12/2016	2017000575	CENTRAL CENTER HARDWARE	103.91
12/8/2016	2016000893	CHILLICOTHE UTILITIES DEPT.	5132.93
1/31/2017	2017000589	COOPER GLASS SERVICE	24.00
1/17/2017	2017000072	DAN PATTERSON	8250.00
1/23/2017	2017000055	DAVID A MORRISON	550.00
1/23/2017	2017000055	DAVID MICHAEL WELCH	480.00
2/7/2017	2017000361	DAYTON MAILING SERV INC	298.05
1/5/2017	2017000205	DE LAGE LANDEN	276.43
11/21/2016	2017000137	DOUG MARINE MOTORS	193.28
1/31/2017	2017000570	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	45.00
2/3/2017	2017000181	DRIVERS LICENSE GUIDE CO.	29.95

10/14/2016	2017000613	DTB DISTRIBUTORS, INC	769.99
2/1/2017	2017000322	FIRST CAPITAL ANSWERING SERVICE	109.33

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1/31/2017	2017000152	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	27.75
1/31/2017	2017000557	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	10411.60
11/30/2016	2017000076	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	19.23
2/7/2017	2017000721	Freedom Path-Chillicothe	347.00
1/31/2017	2017000694	GALLS, LLC	90.90
1/26/2017	2017000575	GALLS, LLC	105.80
1/27/2017	2017000153	GFC LEASING	391.25
1/21/2017	2017000763	GFC LEASING	123.93
1/10/2017	2017000765	GFC LEASING	236.11
2/6/2017	2017000287	GLENDALE PARADE STORE	3327.85
1/13/2017	2017000589	GLOCKNER AUTO	1891.76

2/2/2017	2017000739	GORDON FLESCH CO.,INC.	44.76
2/2/2017	2017000321	HALLER FUNERAL HOME LLC	200.00
2/1/2017	2017000555	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	19.95
2/1/2017	2017000045	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	123.61
2/1/2017	2017000083	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	42.95
2/1/2017	2017000086	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	247.73
2/1/2017	2017000547	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	59.34
2/1/2017	2017000560	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	91.95
1/3/2017	2017000136	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	171.28
2/1/2017	2017000724	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	513.50
2/1/2017	2017000186	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	102.09
2/1/2017	2017000086	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	7744.12
2/1/2017	2017000482	HORIZON CHILLI.TELEPHONE	19.95
2/1/2017	2017000311	HORIZON TECHNOLOGY	9.95
1/12/2017	2017000737	INTEGRATED PROTECTION SVC	250.00
1/9/2017	2017000704	INTEGRATED PROTECTION SVC	505.46
2/6/2017	2017000012	J. L. UHRIG & ASSOC.	2675.00
1/16/2017	2017000575	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	72.00
1/27/2017	2017000675	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	68.99
1/18/2017	2017000444	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	34.00
2/7/2017	2017000137	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	34.95
1/23/2017	2017000055	JAMES A. SMITH	80.00
2/7/2017	2017000062	JAMES E BARRINGTON, CO, LPA	2159.50
1/30/2017	2017000362	JAMES K. CUTRIGHT	600.00
2/3/2017	2017000363	JENNIFER HANCOCK	15.00
1/31/2017	2017000210	KLEEM INC.	1000.27
1/19/2017	2017000444	LEO MEYERS, INC.	97.88
1/31/2017	2017000182	LEXIS-NEXIS	1539.07
1/1/2017	2017000151	LEXIS-NEXIS	739.70
12/31/2016	40639	LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERV.	1429.36
12/31/2016	40644	LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERV.	3454.12
11/1/2016	2017000672	LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERV.	5085.00
11/30/2016	40639	LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERV.	1444.71
11/30/2016	40644	LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERV.	4392.23
2/1/2017	2017000207	LINDA HART	212.50
1/23/2017	2017000431	LORI HUSTON	1650.00
11/29/2016	2016000628	LOWES	312.74
11/29/2016	2017000589	LOWES	86.14

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1/17/2017	2017000588	LYKINS OIL COMPANY	15273.72
1/13/2017	2017000709	MADRU PLUMBING	26.74
1/1/2017	40329	MAXIMUS CONS. SERV. INC.	1500.00
12/31/2016	2016000050	MAXIMUS CONS. SERV. INC.	700.00
1/29/2017	39423	MEDIA NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO	4857.60
1/29/2017	2017000740	MEDIA NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO	575.80
1/3/2017	2017000697	MEDIA NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO	102.40
1/26/2017	2017000130	MEDIA NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO	401.30
1/23/2017	2017000055	MELISSA NERVIANO	150.00
1/24/2017	2017000589	MENARDS	223.79
9/3/2016	2017000466	MOBILEXUSA	475.74
12/28/2016	2017000724	MODERN LEASING	179.46
1/3/2017	2017000171	MODERN LEASING	310.49
12/28/2016	2017000812	MODERN LEASING	26.59
12/19/2016	2017000746	MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	41.83
12/19/2016	2017000659	MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	432.25
12/27/2016	2017000746	MODERN OFFICE METHODS, INC	566.30
2/3/2017	2017000727	NICOLE LONG	45.90
12/13/2016	2016000857	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	109.45
2/6/2017	2017000359	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	52.45
1/4/2017	2017000605	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	53.00
12/21/2016	2016000867	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	199.00
1/31/2017	2017000348	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	53.97
1/4/2017	2017000578	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	42.13
1/30/2017	2017000444	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	171.52
1/18/2017	2017000168	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	213.63
1/26/2017	2017000444	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	302.18
1/20/2017	2017000140	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	35.93
1/30/2017	2017000139	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	190.94
8/20/2016	2017000729	OFFICE MAX CONTRACT INC.	136.95
2/1/2017	2017000215	OHIO AFSCME CARE PLAN	315.00
2/1/2017	2017000725	OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	1545.30
1/23/2017	2017000055	PAMELA K SCHOLL	60.00
2/3/2017	2017000775	PATRICIA C. FRIEL, MS PCC	2185.00
11/9/2016	2017000575	PCMG, INC	335.57
12/7/2016	2016000862	PCMG, INC	349.99
12/7/2016	2017000575	PCMG, INC	22.32
12/27/2016	2017000444	PCMG, INC	62.31
1/1/2017	2017000771	PEACHTREE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, LLC	620.00
12/1/2016	2017000055	PEACHTREE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, LLC	859.00
2/1/2017	2017000772	PEACHTREE ELECTRONIC MONITORING, LLC	310.00
1/23/2017	2017000055	PHILLIP RUTHERFORD	1260.00
12/15/2016	2017000748	PREMIER HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC.	2107.81
12/5/2016	40078	PREMIER HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INC.	19208.43
2/3/2017	2017000666	PRINTEX PRINTING	99.00
2/8/2017	2017000722	PRINTEX PRINTING	1406.75
2/3/2017	2017000722	PRINTEX PRINTING	449.00
1/26/2017	2017000766	PRINTEX PRINTING	119.85

1/31/2017	2017000356	PRINTEX PRINTING	48.75
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2/1/2017	2017000589	RIFFLE & SON MACHINE WORKS	40.00
2/7/2017	2017000225	ROBIN BUSKIRK	99.83
2/9/2017	2017000428	ROSS CO. SOC. SERV. COUNCIL	25.00
1/18/2017	2017000768	ROSS CO. TREASURER	255.92
2/2/2017	2017000767	ROSS CO. TREASURER	118.87
1/30/2017	2017000778	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	60.00
1/30/2017	2017000782	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	20.94
12/7/2016	39755	ROSS CO. WATER COMPANY	80.98
2/1/2017	2017000724	RUMPKE WASTE, INC.	58.47
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1/23/2017	2017000484	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO	1031.26
12/19/2016	2016000549	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO	449.24
1/19/2017	2016000676	SAMSEL SUPPLY CO	746.89
12/1/2016	2017000199	SOFTWORKS, INC.	1195.00
2/3/2017	2017000037	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	300.00
2/2/2017	2017000037	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	300.00
1/20/2017	2017000218	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO	524.49
2/1/2017	2017000444	SPARKLE CLEANERS	64.00
2/1/2017	2017000575	SPARKLE CLEANERS	134.45
1/2/2017	2017000308	SPRINT PCS	53.33
12/26/2016	2017000728	SPRINT PCS	42.84
12/26/2016	2017000589	SPRINT PCS	212.05
1/31/2017	2017000181	SUNRUSH WATER	31.66
2/3/2017	2017000148	TAMMY SPEIRS	792.00
12/19/2016	2017000747	TASER INTERNATIONAL	8428.50
1/1/2017	2017000035	TAYLOR'S IGA	1675.00
1/1/2017	2017000774	TERESA MINNEY	8850.00
2/8/2017	2017000773	TERESA MINNEY	149.00
1/1/2017	2017000036	THE CORNER MARKET	2290.24
1/24/2017	2017000163	THE WATER EXPRESS	17.35
2/2/2017	2017000025	TREASURER OF STATE	4915.60
11/30/2016	2016000470	TREASURER-STATE OF OHIO	5593.00
1/23/2017	2017000055	TREIVA J. COTTRILL	400.00
1/20/2017	2017000165	TRIAD GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM	4200.00
2/3/2017	2017000718	UNIVERSITY HILLTOP APTS.	244.00
2/1/2017	2017000703	UNIVERSITY HILLTOP APTS.	500.00
1/20/2017	2017000070	UPS	42.32
1/31/2017	2017000750	VALUE ADDED BUSINESS SERV	277.73
12/2/2016	2017000764	VERIZON WIRELESS	49.33
12/26/2016	2017000343	VERIZON WIRELESS	15.95
12/26/2016	2017000344	VERIZON WIRELESS	750.06
1/25/2017	2017000589	VERMEER OF SOUTHERN OHIO, INC.	63.28
2/2/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	764.00
12/31/2016	2016000458	WARE FUNERAL HOME	1000.00

1/5/2017	2017000159	WARE FUNERAL HOME	1000.00
1/30/2017	2017000404	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	240.82
1/30/2017	2017000398	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	363.04
1/30/2017	2017000392	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	63.07
1/30/2017	2017000399	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	68.07

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2/3/2017	2017000441	WATCH SYSTEMS, LLC.	35.00
12/29/2016	2017000137	WEX BANK	1297.71
1/31/2017	2017000720	WEX BANK	11000.82
1/31/2017	2017000789	WEX BANK	41.37
1/1/2017	2017000745	XEROX CORPORATION	222.87
			<u>\$ 877,041.29</u>

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated February 6, 2017 through February 10, 2017, in the amount of \$21,897.07 prepared by the Office of the Ross County Auditor and certified by the auditor as to the appropriation of funds for the purpose of encumbering the sum of the contract(s) or order(s) outlined therein, or the imminent collection of funds for credit to the appropriated fund(s) of the county, and as to the availability of funds for transfer within the appropriate department(s).

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO ADVANCE FUNDS

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett, seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to advance funds from the General Fund, to the Heroin Partnership Fund, in the amount of \$10,000.00, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS – VARIOUS

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$59,352.00 be appropriated in the Motor Vehicle & Gas Tax Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #210-58-66-7200, Equipment, according to a request of February 7, 2017, from the county engineer.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$1,325.00 be appropriated in the General Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account codes listed below, according to a request of this date from the commissioners:

AMOUNT	TO
\$1,000.00	100-01-77-7145, Stream Monitoring
<u>325.00</u>	100-00-00-7105, Official Bonds
\$1,325.00	TOTAL

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$18,313.36 be appropriated in the HB66 Drug Task Force Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #420-29-10-7550, Other Expense, according to a request of February 7, 2017 from the sheriff.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$2,000.00 be transferred within the Emergency Management Fund, from account code #215-15-00-7200, Equipment, to #215-15-00-7103, Contract Services, according to a request of this date from EMA.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

ASSET DISPOSAL FORM APPROVED – EMA

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
One (1)	Radio-Motorola, Serial #019YEA5935, Tag #11594	Transfer to Meigs County
One (1)	Radio-CM300 Mobile Radio, Serial #922TFL0006, Tag #12028	“ “ “ “

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED - JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2017

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that payment of \$30,046.42 be authorized from General Fund account code #100-18-91-7550 to the South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, for Ross County's share of services rendered by the Center during the month of January, 2017.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Corcoran, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Caldwell, yes. Motion carried.

RECEIPT NOTED - LETTER OF DESIGNATION FOR REPRESENTATION ON POLICY COMMITTEE OF JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Ross County Board of Commissioners, designation, of this date, naming Commissioner R. Douglas Corcoran to represent the general interests of the citizens on the Policy Committee of the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, Fayette Joint Solid Waste Management District for the year 2017.

SERVICE AGREEMENT APPROVED – ROSS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

Mr. Neal Moved, Mr. Garrett, seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, enter into a Service Agreement with SimplexGrinnell LP, for the fire sprinkler, fire alarm, fire extinguisher and backflow preventers for annually/quarterly tests and inspections; and, fire alarm system monitoring, in the amount of \$5,956.00, effective March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

MEMBER APPROVED – CHILLICOTHE & ROSS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that Todd Holdren, 4951 Marietta Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, be appointed as a member of the Chillicothe Ross County Public Library, for a seven year term, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2023.

On call of the toll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

QUOTE APPROVED – JAMES FAMILY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, approve a quote submitted by James Family Construction, Inc., for refinish, sand, stain and clear coat woodwork, two (2) desks, public divider, in Judge Ater’s Court #1, located in the Ross County Courthouse, in the amount of \$3,800.00, to be paid from account code #100-01-03-7204, Capital Improvement Fund.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

CONTRACT ENTERED INTO – CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR ROSS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, enter into a contract with First Capital Enterprises, for custodial services at the Ross County Service Center, to be paid from General Fund account code #100-01-10-7118, Janitorial, in the amount of \$120,320.18, effective February 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS SYSTEMS/SERVICE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – CHILLICOTHE TELEPHONE COMPANY (HORIZON)

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, enter into a Business Systems/Service Agreement, by and between The Chillicothe Telephone Company (Horizon), to be installed for the Ross County Judicial Services, 15 N. Paint Street, Chillicothe, Ohio, at \$199.80 per month.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

FULL TIME CUSTODIAL WORKER EMPLOYED

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that Linda Huff be employed as Full Time Custodial Worker, at a salary rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective February 14, 2017, contingent upon a clear criminal record check; and, \$.50 increase per hour upon completion of a six (6) month probationary period and a report from the custodial supervisor.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

ESTIMATE APPROVED - ROSS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLEX

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, approve Moody’s of Dayton, Inc., dba GM Baker and Son Co., to repair the7” 2 stage pump for the water well, located at the Ross County-Chillicothe Law Enforcement Center, in the amount of \$3,610.00, to be paid from account code #100-01-03-7204, Capital Improvement Fund.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20 RESCHEDULED

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the regular meeting of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of February 20, 2017 be rescheduled for February 21, 2017.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

MEMBER APPOINTED – ROSS COUNTY RECORDS COMMISSION

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that R. Douglas Corcoran be appointed as a member of the Ross County Records Commissioners and serve as its President, effective this date.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBER APPOINTMENT – DANGEROUS WILD ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, nominate Paul A. Minney for appointment to the Ross County Dangerous Wild Animal Response Team, by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Dangerous Wild Animal Office, for the term effective February 10, 2017 through February 11, 2020.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

SEALED QUOTES OPENED – VARIOUS ROAD MATERIALS

The commissioners opened sealed quotes as advertised, at 11:00 a.m., for the furnishing of various road materials. Quotations were submitted by the following vendors:

1. Wells Group
West Liberty, KY

2. Shelly and Sands, Inc.
Columbus, OH

3. Melvin Stone Co., LLC
Washington Court House, OH
4. Shelly Materials
Columbus, OH

6. Tow Path
Beaver, OH

7. Hanson Aggregates
Chillicothe, OH
8. Latham Limestone LLC
Latham, OH

PRICES IN EFFECT 2-18-16 TO 2-19-17																
	AGGREGATES						*Dump	ASPHALT CONCRETE				CONCRETE	Add	Calcium	Calcium	9 Bag
	#1 & 2 Ton	304	411	\$	\$	Rock	Grits	448 TYPE 1	448 TYPE 2	5 1/2 Bag	6 Bag	6 1/2 Bag	Heat	Chl. 1%	Chl. 2%	Grout
HANSON EXCAVATING	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 4.00									
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 5.90									
LATHAM LIMESTONE	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50	\$ 9.50	\$ 10.50	\$ 8.50	\$ 13.50	\$ 8.50									
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 15.00									
MELVIN STONE-PLANO RD.	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.50	NO BID	\$ 8.50									
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 12.00	NO BID	\$ 12.00									
MELVIN STONE-HOPETOWN	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 6.50	NO BID	NO BID									
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 9.00	NO BID	NO BID									
MELVIN STONE-WMSPORT	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 8.50	NO BID	\$ 8.50									
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ 13.50	\$ 16.50	\$ 12.00	NO BID	\$ 12.00									
TOW PATH MATERIALS	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 3.50			\$ 100.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 120.00
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	\$ 18.25	\$ 18.25	\$ 18.25	\$ 18.25	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 7.00									
SHELLY MATL-50 Ton/Less								\$ 63.50	\$ 57.50							
50-100 Tons Per Day								\$ 63.50	\$ 57.50							
Over 100 Tons Per Day								\$ 63.50	\$ 57.50							
SHELLY & SANDS INC.								\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00							
50-100 Tons Per Day								\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00							
Over 100 Tons Per Day								\$ 65.00	\$ 63.00							
SHELLY & SANDS INC.	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 9.40	\$ 6.50	NO BID	\$ 7.50									
Minimum 200 Tons Delivered	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID									
WELLS GROUP LLC (Renick Ave.)										\$ 97.00	\$100.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 121.00
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DESIGNATING OHIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (ORDC) AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, designate Ohio Regional Development Corporation (ORDC), as Administrator of the Fair Housing Program and the Analysis of Impediments, under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) PY 2016, for Ross County, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT APPROVED – OFFICE SPACE FOR 4TH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners (Tenant), by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve an Amendment to a Lease Agreement with the Foulke Block, Limited, and Ohio Limited Partnership (Landlord), amending the lease agreement to a one year extension beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 30, 2018, providing for the lease of approximately 3,250 square feet of office space for the Fourth District Court of Appeals, located on the third floor of the Foulke Block facility; and, at a monthly rental of \$2,461.70.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED – JUDE LANE, UNION TOWNSHIP

The commissioners were schedule to view Jude Lane, off Anderson Station Road, Union Township, at 1:30 a.m. this date, for proposed dedication of public road into the county road system. Don Arledge and Wilma Whitten, Union Township Trustees, Devon Shoemaker, Ross County Planning Department, Mark Cenci, property owner, Charlie Ortman and John Wetzel, county engineer and deputy county engineer, we also in attendance.

At 2:00 p.m. immediately following the viewing, was the signage of the plat dedicating Jude Lane to be accepted into the county road system; and, that same be turned over to the Union Township Trustees for maintenance.

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 17-107

WHEREAS, the construction of the dedicated public road Jude Lane, situated off Anderson Station Road, in Union Township, Ross County, Ohio, with reference to the plat on file with this office, has been completed, inspected and approved by the Ross County Engineer and reviewed by the Ross County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that the development company has completed all requirements necessary for the acceptance of the dedicated public road system, consisting of Jude Lane; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the temporary right-a-way portion (turnaround) shall be extinguished upon the acceptance of any improvement that extends Jude Lane or in the event that Jude Lane is vacated; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Jude Lane be accepted into the county road system and that same be turned over to the Union Township Board of Trustees for maintenance, effective this date; and, be it further

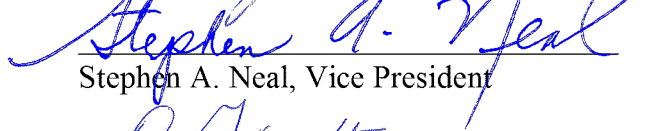
RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Ross County Engineer and the Ross County Recorder is hereby authorized to record be entered forthwith upon the proper road records of the county.

Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

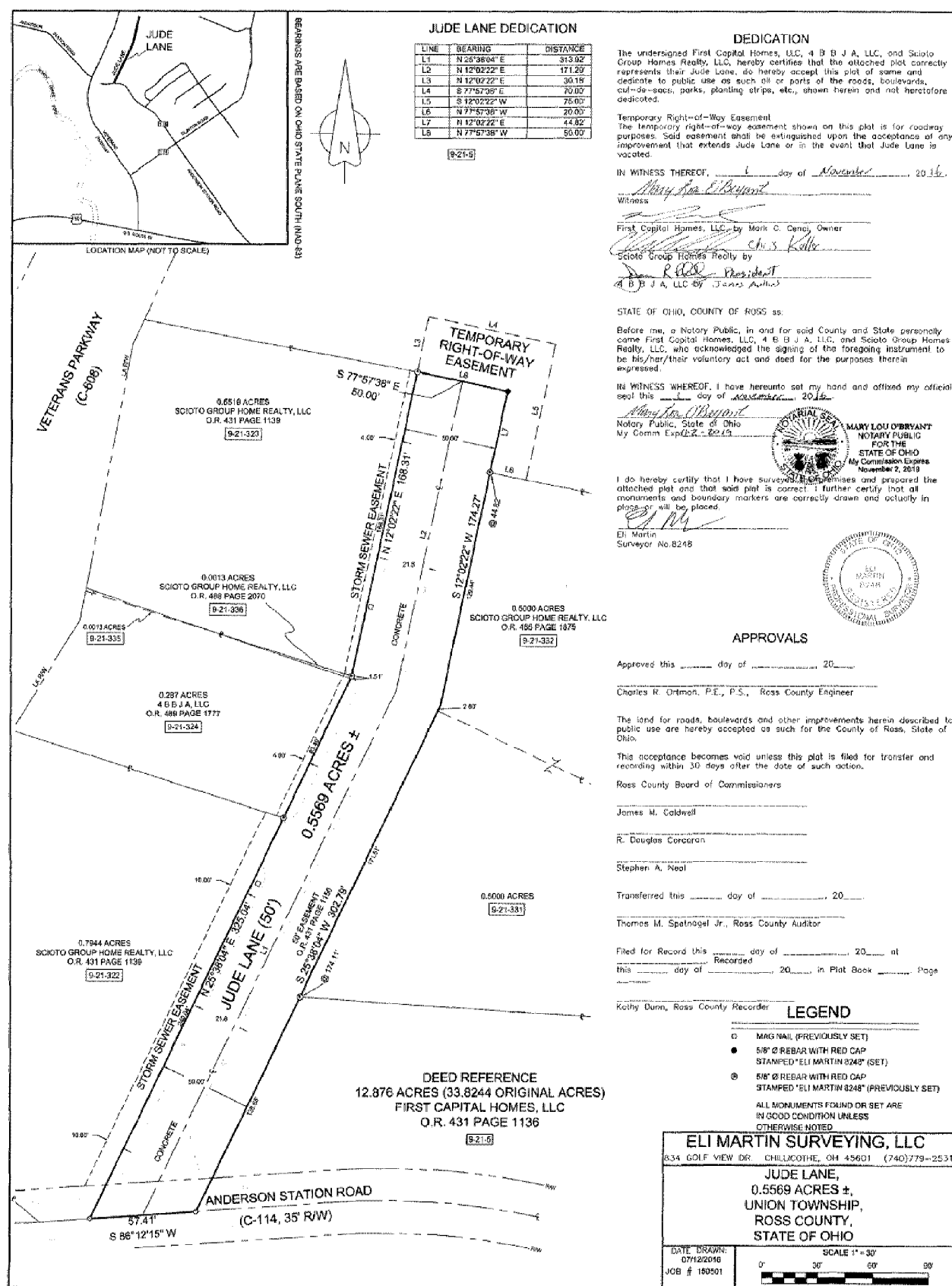
Adopted this 13th day of February, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,
Ohio


R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President


Dwight A. Garrett



Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners authorize and execute a letter of participation for an annual solid waste district recycling survey, to help Ross County and the Ross, Pickaway, Highland, Fayette (RPHF) Solid Waste District better understand recycling in this community.

BID OPENING CANCELLED – CDBG 2016 ALLOCATION GRANT

Mr. Shoemaker said that the prevailing wage issue was not printed and included with the bid specifications which is a requirement that is monitored closely by staff at Ohio Community Development. Regarding the lead paint issue, we need to have the architect revise his specifications to modify terminology that implies we need a "Lead Abatement Contractor" when we do not. At this point, we recommend that the Board rebid the project once all the aforementioned issues are completed.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

FUNDS RELEASED – ROSS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Office of the Ross County Auditor be authorized to release the appropriated funds to the Ross County Humane Society, from the General Fund account code #100-01-16-7450, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes; Mr. Caldwell, yes. Motion carried.

SUBJECTS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Portia Boulger, Lynn Hoover, Rose Marie Hamrick, Aretha Simmons-Jones, Lorene Washington, Jeanne Kerney and Linda Wilson met with the commissioners to discuss the use of public building for Ross County.

Mr. Corcoran said that Portia you asked to come see us, so you have the floor.

Mrs. Boulger said that the first thing I want to ask you, but unfortunately the minutes are not ready and approved from last week's meeting, but last session, I guess is the proper verbiage, Council, Commissioners met and decided to deny my request to use the Ross County Service Center for a public event, so I am wanting to know why.

Mr. Corcoran said that well, we did consider your request last week. We did not act on your request to, I guess we didn't simply deny it, but we didn't approve it. And the reason being is that the building, the meeting rooms of that building are for the agencies in that building that pay rent and that needs the building. We don't allow outside folks to come in after hours and use the building on weekends and things of that nature.

Mrs. Boulger said so it would be inaccurate for me to believe that League of Women Voters use it for the candidate's night? (Doug: We do allow them to use it as a . . .) and it would be inaccurate for me to say that the Kiwanis have used it there, would it be inaccurate for me to believe when I have been told that Kiwanis has used it?

Mr. Corcoran said that I don't recall Kiwanis . . .

Mr. Neal said that I am not aware of the Kiwanis. The League of Women Voters is something we sponsor ourselves, the Commissioners.

Mrs. Boulger said why did you deny us?

Mr. Corcoran said for the reasons stated in our policy. You are not affiliated with the building, you are not a county agency, and it's after hours.

Mrs. Boulger said then by what authority of law do you have to deny us the use of a public building that's paid for with tax dollars? By what authority by law?

Mr. Corcoran said that it's a County owned building. It's not a building that is opened for public use just because the County built it.

Mrs. Boulger said by what law do you have the authority to deny us the use of a public building that is paid for with tax dollars?

Mr. Neal said that I think that it's no different than if you wanted to . . . (Portia: Ohio Revised Code or Ohio Administrative Code) . . . I don't know that would be any different than if you wanted to use the Law Enforcement Complex, if you wanted to use the Courthouse. What's the difference? I mean basically . . .

Mrs. Boulger said I am not asking you about that . . . what I want to know is by what authority of law do you have to deny a public group the right to use a public building?

Mr. Neal said that it's not open for the public in the evenings.

Mrs. Boulger said by what authority of law?

Mr. Neal said well, it's under the Commissioner's responsibilities.

Mrs. Boulger said and what law gives you the authority as Commissioners to deny us use of that public building?

Mr. Corcoran said I can't state a specific law but the Ohio Revised Code, we own the County buildings, we are in charge of the County buildings, (Portia: Yes, you are) and we set policy for who, when they are allowed to be used.

Mr. Neal said that we don't have anyone that works there at night to open it up and close it and keep an eye on what's going on. It's closed in the evenings.

Mrs. Boulger said then why would you not be willing to allow us to educated the public on such an important matter as healthcare, social security, Medicare . . . Why would you think that would not be a very, very high priority for the people who live in this county?

Mr. Corcoran said that we are not judging it based on . . . I had no idea what you were using it for. It's the fact that you aren't a county agency.

Mrs. Boulger said well, I stated it. I can't even remember, I would have to go back to my notes now. But I want to know, legally, how you can do this? We are taxpayers in this county. How can you pick and choose who gets to use that public room?

Mr. Corcoran said because we are . . .

Mrs. Boulger said that I am a member of women in NAACP. We met this past Saturday. During the discussion we were talking about one of our annual fundraisers and the amount of money that it costs to rent a place. Why women in NAACP or this new organization Appalachians Rising would or any other organization in our community, that is valid, has a good purpose, a public, this is a public service. Nobody's getting paid to do this. We're doing it because we care about the people in our County. We face enormous danger in losing our basic safety nets in society. We have a huge veteran's population in our community. These are issues that affect Main Street. Why would you ever consider not allowing that? And for the record, Dwight you weren't here at that meeting, were you?

Mr. Garrett said no.

Mrs. Boulger said so it was Commissioner Corcoran and Commissioner Neal who chose to say that those things are not important and I want an explanation.

Mr. Corcoran said well I . . .

Mrs. Boulger said and I don't think it is funny.

Mr. Corcoran said if I could say . . .

Mrs. Boulger said Mr. Corcoran. I don't know why . . .

Mr. Corcoran said I am smiling because we had no clue, we are not judging it based on what . . .

Mrs. Boulger said I don't know why . . .

Mr. Corcoran said we had no idea what you were wanting to do in that building. The fact of the matter is you are not a County agency and you are not an agency of the building that is paying rent on the building. That is strictly what we base it on.

Mrs. Boulger (?mumble?)

Mr. Corcoran responded Huh?

Mrs. Boulger said neither is the League of Women's voters. Why do some get it and others don't?

Mr. Corcoran said because they are in some way associated with the County or they're sponsored events by the Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Boulger said I don't think you have . . . can you quote me law that gives you authority to pick and choose what public agencies or organizations or clubs or just a group of citizens, good, good folk, who have a good purpose, what authority by law do you have to pick and choose on who does or doesn't have access to a public meeting room?

Mr. Neal said that it is not a public meeting room.

Mrs. Boulger said it is too!

Mr. Neal said no it is not a public meeting room

Mrs. Boulger said then you tell me how?

Mr. Neal said it is made that people in the building . . .

Mrs. Boulger said it is. Ok, then let's put it this way. It is being used by the public at times throughout our year and what is it by authority of law that gives you, our County Commissioners, our highest officers in this County, the authority to pick and choose who does and does not use it for the purposes of a public meeting?

Mr. Neal said who else is - I'm not really understanding your - Who else would have the authority . . . I don't know. I mean we are in charge of all of the buildings and the . . .

Mrs. Boulger said I am not asking you whether you have the authority to do it?

Mrs. Neal said right.

Mrs. Boulger said I am asking you by what authority you have under the laws of Ohio to tell us we can't use it but to tell some other group that they can.

Mr. Neal said that I am not aware of which groups you are talking about.

Mrs. Boulger said what?

Mr. Neal said I don't know what groups you are talking. . .

Mrs. Boulger said well aren't you hearing what I said Steve?

Mr. Neal said I've never approved the Kiwanis Club. I have never, I don't know. I don't what you are talking about.

Mrs. Boulger said you hear what I am saying?

Mr. Neal said I hear what you are saying but I don't . . . you said that . . .

Mrs. Boulger said so you don't have a memory of that?

Mr. Neal said no, I said they never asked me. I have never been involved in a vote until now.

Mrs. Boulger said so maybe they just walked in the door without asking anybody?

Mr. Neal said I have no idea how they got there.

Mrs. Boulger said what I want is not for this to become an antagonistic situation.

Mr. Neal said right.

Mrs. Boulger said I do want you to know that I am deeply disappointed. I am shocked. I am still shocked. We need community. We need for all of us to wrap our arms around each other. What is going to happen to the tax base in Ross County if all of a sudden people's health . . . What kind of confusion and chaos will be in the lives of our citizens who depend on it. How will they even know? Because you all know, we all know, in this room that everyone doesn't pay attention to what's going to happen. They find out when the paycheck comes and its cut. We owe this service to our community. Now you all, Dwight, I don't know how much you have known me, but you two know me. You know that I'm an activist and organizer. I've been doing this for 50 years. I don't get paid to do this. You know, if you think about it, community events that I have organized in the last several decades and never one time have they ever been anything other than focusing on the good of the people. There have never been riots. The police have never been called. So, what is it? I believe strongly that you are trying to shut me down.

Mr. Neal said that's a myth.

Mrs. Boulger said maybe that's just silly.

Mr. Corcoran said didn't we grant your request to use the Courthouse steps?

Mrs. Boulger said yes you did, but that was an emergency.

Mr. Corcoran said so how are we shutting you down?

Mrs. Boulger said well, now that you have brought it up. I wasn't going to even mention it, but I got definitely jacked around about asking to use the new court room. I was denied that. For our very first event. Peace and unity is controversial?

Unknown response from the audience . . . right

Mr. Neal said there is no one here . . .

Mrs. Boulger said I will say that again.

Mr. Neal said that there is no one here to run the building. There is no one paid to monitor . . .

Mrs. Boulger said I don't care who's paid!

Mr. Neal said no, there has to be somebody here to monitor the building.

Mrs. Boulger said so we pay them! Are you saying . . .?

Mr. Neal said we don't have any . . .

Mrs. Boulger said are you saying that we don't have enough money? How much does it cost? Two hours of overtime. What is that dollar figure we're talking about?

Mr. Neal said I have no idea. It depends on who it is. You know . . .

Mrs. Boulger said two hours of overtime doesn't matter who it is if its security it means our sheriff or it means our police officers. Correct? So if it is a County building would I be . . .

Mr. Neal said so your contention is all County buildings should be open to whatever the public . . .

Mrs. Boulger said no I did not say all County buildings. Because it would be . . .

Mr. Neal said just the Courthouse and the Service Center?

Mrs. Boulger said the Courthouse and the Service Center are places that I know for sure are very appropriate for public avenues (?). They're safe . . .

Mr. Neal said those are the two that you feel should be open.

Mrs. Boulger said but my point is, is that when I called back in October or late September to try to secure the big court room, I was denied. And I was jerked around about it. I was told by, I'd have to go back and get my notes, but I was told by Commissioners and potentially it may have been Brad, who has been very helpful in helping me understand this process, and I would like to publicly thank him for that, but I was told that it was the Judge's decision. And then when I talked to Judge Nusbaum, he told me that it was the Commissioners decision. And then I was told by the Commissioners that they defer to the Judge. And then I was denied. And I was denied, the reason for the denial was it was too controversial. Unity and peace are too controversial in what term?

Mr. Garrett said that the only thing that I would like to say, if I could like to say something. Being in education for 36 years, policy and procedures, so once I put a policy in place and it was approved by the Board of Education, that policy was firm until we changed the policy. This policy went into effect June 1, 1999, and when I read over it, being new, but when I read over it, it's pretty specific on how the uses of the Service Center and the Courthouse and County owned buildings are. So, that is my position. I don't think anybody is trying to stop you.

Mrs. Boulger said well, what I would like to remind you of Mr. Garrett, is that your policy on LGBT and violence a few years ago, while you served in the Unioto School District, it changed real quick when the people came forth and said we will not tolerate violence against any person due to their, to their sexual preference, so. . .

Several people talking over each other.

Mrs. Boulger said No! No! No! No! No! No! No!

Several People talking over each other.

Mrs. Boulger said one person at a time

Mr. Corcoran said Portia, now listen. Exactly! It's our . . .

Mrs. Boulger said I am addressing, I am addressing Mr. Garrett.

Mr. Corcoran said it's our meeting, now do you want to be civil or not?

Mrs. Boulger said and his point was that once it's done, it's done. Well it's only done unless the people come forth and say who . . . a wait a minute. You can pass any policy you want, but if people recognize that they, that there has to be the force of the law behind it, whether you're an employer developing a policy manual for your employees or all the way up the chain. Policy has to be backed up by the authority of the law. You all, right now, you two anyway, have picked and choose who will or will not use that building and that is not fair, it potentially is not legal and what I implore to you is to rethink that policy and to really, really reflect on the need of our community organizations who do the good work, who do the work on a weekly and monthly basis, and they are not getting paid. They're doing it because they care. And so I am imploring to you to take another look, because this is not fair policy. And I appreciate what you said Mr. Garrett, but you have also been around the block many, many times and you know just because policy is on a piece of paper it doesn't make it . . . So I really kind of was offended because you know what happened at Unioto.

Mr. Garrett said well that was a . . . that happened. But we had policies, other policies that were enforced for years and years and years.

Mrs. Boulger said absolutely.

Mr. Garrett said and that, and that came down and I can't talk about that, I still can't talk about that.

Mrs. Boulger said well, I can.

Mr. Garrett said yes, but there are things that you don't know that took place in closed door meetings between us and everyone else, so but if you want to bring that up, that's fine

Mrs. Boulger said well I brought it up because you brought it up.

Mr. Garrett said I know you did.

Mrs. Boulger said and you referred to Unioto. I brought up the big courthouse because the door was open. I came here to discuss . . .

Mr. Neal said what is your suggestion then? How do we . . .

Mrs. Boulger said my suggestion is that you take potentially even public input on this. I don't know. But what I know you do have the authority to do, right now, right here today is to change your policy and as long as an organization is official. We're official. We are registered with the IRS. As long as these groups are well known. I don't want you to open the door to chaos and violence, but I do want you to open up the door to people who are doing the good work in our community. And why should our good groups have to put up 3 to \$500 hundred dollars to do a fund raiser? That's a lot of money to a club. So if you rethink this and open up your minds this could be solved today. You could put it on the floor and pass an ordinance right, or pass a change of policy.

Unknown: May I sit down?

Mr. Corcoran said sure. We have had a few other walk in so . . .

Mrs. Boulger said they aren't on the record yet either.

Mr. Corcoran said give the clerk your name please.

OK, my name is Jean Kerney. And I am here to basically . . .

I am Lorene Washington.

My name is Linda Wilson.

Mr. Corcoran said go ahead Ms. Kerney

Mrs. Kerney said I am here to gain some information in terms of facilities, and of course I would expect that any group to say that the facility is just basically open to anyone and at the time that that building was renovated and what have you and taxes were collected in order to get the building the way it is now. It was thought of as a place where those services who are there could be there, be accessible to the community. But also over time there have been groups, and I see your point, the League of Women Voters, I see them no different than the group of Appalachians Rising. I see them no different than that. And I know that they always, 95% of the time, have their town hall meetings, a local town hall meetings there. So my basic question is if an organization is having a (not a march) but an information session, dealing with an area, or areas that will affect the health and welfare of the community, would that group as registered, again (?) want to have a town hall meeting informative session, not really a town hall meeting because it's going to be just informative in terms of social security, what it's like now, if there are changes, what types of changes. We need to know that. We don't have any place to go to get that information. How do we get, how do we get that information? You know, I can't walk into the Social Security Office just as one person and expect for them to give me that information. Some groups or someone would have to give that information out to us. We are not there to talk about what another candidate or the President now is doing, that is not our, we aren't interested in that. We are interested in what will be the impact on this community and on us as individual people who deal with Medicare and Medicaid, what have you. We need, I mean we need to be informed. Who is going to inform us? If we are able to get a Doctor to volunteer, who works in this area . . .

Unknown: Dr. Ellis Frazier

Mrs. Kerney continues . . . to come and speak to this group about Medicare and Medicaid, what have you, that whole topic in terms of affordable healthcare and we are able to get someone from Social Security and that deals in Social Security and they're trained, what

have you, to come and talk to us about that and then for 2 people to share their experiences with how this will affect them, I mean, what harm will that do? I understand that you're not going off on, you're going off your policy. I understand that, very well. And I, but what I don't understand is the difference between having a group, like the League of Women Voters, and Appalachian Rising group. You know, what, I mean they have been around for a long time but they started at some point, place. It is the beginning for this group. And I am sure that in looking at these women, that we have, Portia has been the spokesperson, but I was not going to sit here and let Portia totally get out of hand, I was meant to get up and go . . . you know on that because . . .

Everyone is talking. . . .

Mr. Neal asked Mrs. Kerney, does the, maybe you can help, does the City have a policy that allows use of buildings we could look at. On city council I think, do you know of anything there?

Mrs. Kerney said I do not know of anything there, but at any point that we have tried to use something with them ??, I don't know of any policy but that is also we are looking at for . . . ?? hope . . . so to plan . . .

Mr. Neal said yea cause I was thinking about, we were talking about the courtroom and Municipal Court has 4 courtrooms.

Mrs. Boulger said well we were going to approach that. That it is on our list.

Mr. Neal said I just . . . so I think it is something that it's probably a bigger issue than just a County issue.

Mrs. Kerney said you know the building, the parking space is there. Even if we had to pay a fee for the janitor, you know, I am used to doing that. We do that for the school system. You know, you get the . . . and what have you. You just pay for those people who have to come in. That makes us feel pretty fuzzy. That's ok. We can, we can do that. But at least the school system has said yes you can use it, the, the building.

Mr. Neal said should there be any groups not allowed to use it?

Mrs. Kerney said well there are a lot of groups cannot use the schools. That will not be. . . but I guess with this group I am explaining what we are trying to do with types of things we see with the League of Women Voters.

Mr. Neal said yea. I don't know. I've never given them approval to use the building. I don't know how they get it.

Mrs. Boulger said you don't know how they get in it?

Mr. Neal said yea, they've never asked us for approval.

Mrs. Boulger said I thought earlier you said that you sponsored.

Mr. Neal said well I thought we did, but I, I don't know.

Mrs. Boulger said you did say you sponsored it.

Mr. Neal said I did say that, yea.

Mr. Corcoran said how would you propose that we vent these groups?

Mrs. Kerney said well, put in an application. You can always have an application . . .mumble . . .what we are proposing. Even though we can't get in as a group and we have something before, and we have proposed something that seems a little bit different then that you feel may be out of what you as Commissioners feel that this community would be receptive to, then you could kick that back to that person who, the contact person and say, we need to hear exactly what is going to happen at this, and then make that, make that decision. I guess what we are saying is that we have already done that.

INTERFERENCE

Yea, I wouldn't come and say it were meant for a party. Some people may have done that, but that is not something I would do and would not recommend anyone else doing that, but for a, an event that say, would one could have a town hall, a town . . . for a better word, I really wouldn't even call it a town hall because with some of the town halls that they've had, people get these different ideas about that. But we are having an information session on affordable health care and Medicaid.

Mr. Corcoran said and Social Security.

Mrs. Kerney said and Social Security. Those are the 3 things

Mr. Cosenza said can I say something?

Mr. Corcoran said sure

Mr. Cosenza said that I'm just going to speak when I used to be the Park's Director, because that was a lot of public land and a lot of public buildings and there were a lot of people that wanted to use it. What I understood from the Law Director at that time was, if you open up a building for any public use, then it is open for public use. And, you can, it's very, very difficult to screen once you open it up to the public, who can come in. So if the KKK wants to come to the park there wasn't anything we could do to stop them because we opened the buildings up to the public. And without talking to the Law Director, I don't know, maybe there was a reason why that those, those, you know, policies were set the way they were, so that they didn't have just all kinds of groups in the building. So maybe that's something you need to check with.

Mrs. Boulger said and I can appreciate that. And I do know . . .

Mr. Cosenza said I mean, that's, that was one of the things. I know that we dealt with that in the Park System and we had at one time we had a lot of people that wanted to have like yard sales down there, or whatever, and they would have them and then whatever didn't sell they'd just leave the stuff there for us to clean up.

Mrs. Boulger said if I could clarify, I am not proposing that you just open it up to everybody, because I understand freedom of speech and freedom to assemble will bite us all.

Mr. Cosenza said yep.

Mrs. Boulger said I don't want to have . . . mumble . . . but what I want to do, and maybe with application, that would prevent that, I just want you to let, help us. I want you to help us. Dr. Frazier is a very, very respected fellow in our town. He's our keynote speaker. Rita Fuchsman, who is an expert on Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and is, is another speaker and whatever I have my hand on and any of these women in this room I can guarantee you, it is going to be professional ran. People will be treated with respect and the goal is to inform, but also to help people understand what they may want. And this is not about Donald Trump, he doesn't make laws. It's our legislator that makes laws, so we don't want, some of the information is going to be private, and so to make it a positive meeting, give people an opportunity to understand what type of actions they can do, which is simply pick up the phone and call your legislator, call your Representative, call your Senator. So, and in the IRS, if you want copies of our paperwork, we are, we are registered with the IRS, and we are registered as a Social Organization, educating about social issues evolving (?). We want people to connect. We want them to understand what's going on, and then help them to understand what they can do. So, that, that's very much what the League of Women Voters do. They are women and they are constantly promoting and helping people learn the importance of voting and I have the, you know the highest level of respect. I'm a recent board member. And so I don't want it to be, I don't want this to turn into "Oh man they were down there bad mouthing the League". No, no, no. I had a few scary thoughts like oh my God they will just shut it down to everybody, but I know that you are more honorable men than that. And I, I do respect you, and I know you have quite a job. But we want, we need it. We want you to give it to us.

Mr. Corcoran said well, I don't know what the opinion of the Board is, but I think if we were going to entertain any change to the policy we weren't going to do it a 15 minute session. We have to look at the policy and (too many people talking??) our Law Director and see what kind of legal advice he gives us on use of the building.

Mrs. Boulger said alright, at this time point and time I can bring to you a request to sponsor our, our event, and then that way we can have use. I mean, isn't that your policy right now, that if you sponsor it then that would open it up to us? Current, past practices. Isn't that, I mean I'm just going on.

Mr. Corcoran said I guess you could. I don't know that . . .

Mrs. Boulger said so I would have to . . .

Mr. Corcoran said there would be a motion to act upon it.

Mrs. Boulger said I'm sorry?

Mr. Corcoran said I said I can't tell you whether or not there would be a motion to act upon it, but you can bring it . . .

Mrs. Boulger said well we can find out. Won't we? So I'd like to make a formal request that you . . .

Mrs. Kerney said let me just ask them this question again. How does the League of Women Voters go about getting use of it?

Mr. Neal said that's a good question. I really don't know how they are. Do you know how they do it? Have you ever seen them come in here and ask for it to be used?

Ms. Stout said no. I've never received anything.

Mr. Neal said is the Board of Elections involved with them?

Unknown: I don't know

Ms. Stout said I always thought it was through the Board of Elections.

Mr. Corcoran said we can tell you that we contract with the Educational Service Center, Ross-Pike Educational Service Center to schedule meeting rooms to schedule meeting rooms at the facility. They know what our policy is. If we need a specific request then we act upon the policy. If we find out that there are other events going on in there that are not approved by our policy, then we make those events stop. So I can't, can't say how the board, or the League of Women Voters is been in there, unless the Board of Elections has been . . .

Mr. Neal said we can certainly find out. I don't know.

Mrs. Boulger said so how about the new court room? Or the old court room? How do you, do you make those decisions? Because I never did get a straight answer.

Mr. Neal said I think you brought up point that we need to look at some of those issues.

Mr. Corcoran said we've never, we've never had the public court rooms opened for public use.

Mrs. Boulger said I have used it myself several years ago. Judge Corzine, when that was his court room, opened it up to us for a public meeting. I can't remember now if they called a town hall but it was when I was the Director of Ross County Network for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. We had a wonderful meeting that day. It, it was amazing how many people (??). And it was a public service. That is what I want to emphasize to you. We are here because we care about the community. And so yes it was opened up and I don't think that it shouldn't be opened up again. It's a fa, it's a fabulous place. I'm so proud of this building and uh . . .

Mr. Corcoran said before it's a security issue, they're a lot more stringent on this building then they are the, the Service Center building.

Mrs. Boulger said well, that's ok.

Mr. Corcoran said I don't know . . .

Mrs. Boulger said that's ok. We, we have a metal detector. And that needs a little electricity to get that running don't you? And I appreciate the need for security. And in fact I would feel a lot more secure here with a metal detector than I would over at the Service Center. In fact one of the things that disturbed me a little bit during the conversation with Judge Nusbaum, was on at least 2 to 3 different occasions he mentioned to be that this is the people's courthouse. But then he said no. Why can't a Judge tell the public that they can't use the courthouse?

Mr. Neal said all good questions.

Mrs. Kerney said isn't it impossible for you to do is question, or I hate to sit here and say that I . . . that you just don't want to do it because in knowing some of you, I know you better, knowing your children and all that. What will stop you from sponsoring this, this time and then going on with that process? Can you do that today?

Mr. Corcoran said I don't know that I can based on our, based on our policy that we have in place right now.

Mrs. Kerney said based on your policy what?

Mr. Corcoran said that we have in place right now.

Mrs. Kerney said could you find out who sponsored the League of Women Voters?

Mr. Neal said yea. Try to find that out.

Mrs. Kerney said and then that might help you to make your decision

Mr. Neal said is anybody else the building that would want to cosponsor your activity? I mean Job and Family Services is there.

Mrs. Boulger said well, I, I had not asked them because I didn't feel like it should have to be that way. But I am sure willing to compromise in any way I can . . . I don't think, I, I, I don't think it should have to be, I did consider it. I know how you think. I know your policy. I could have done it 2 weeks ago. But I thought no, this is about, this is bigger than that. This is much bigger.

Mr. Neal said but if they cosponsor, they're there to open the doors and make sure it's taken care of and lock it up, that's what I'm saying somebody's there to take care.

Mrs. Boulger said but the one thing that I worry about is that I mean, I don't know how much I . . . but would I be accurate that they make less than \$20 an hour?

Mr. Corcoran said probably starting out they do. Yea

Mrs. Boulger said probably less than \$15. So when we talk about 2 hours of overtime, we aren't talking about very much money. And I, it, and it bothersome to me that that's the stop cap . . . It's very bothersome. And our tax dollars should, should have a priority on things like this and I know we're on a tight budget but the courthouse up, the courtroom upstairs, you, you could give us authority to use that. Those policies aren't in place at the Courthouse. The policies we're talking about today apply to the Service Center, correct?

Mr. Neal said I think what, I think what we're trying to say is you've brought up an issue we need to look further into before making a decision. Right?

Mr. Corcoran said yes.

Mr. Neal said that we appreciate the comments, I know that the points are well taken but I think we need to look at it a little, a little further and then make, we can't get caught and do all. We just did this, now you, you know, just like you're doing to us, the League of Women Voters, I mean how can we get in? Well we have to make sure we don't screw this up. We need some time to talk to the Prosecutor and look at some things.

Mrs. Boulger said well at one time I mentioned the League of Women Voters. I mentioned the United Way and I mentioned Kiwanis. Because I do not want this to become some type of you know crumb game where this group came up and tried to (?) the League of Women Voters. I don't want that. There were 3 groups who were mentioned and I'm sure that if we had time . . .

Mr. Corcoran said well, we will make sure that's noted.

Mrs. Boulger said that there's are a lot of other people that have had both wanted to see, you know, I would never come and say that is a fundraiser . . .

Mr. Neal said that this will be very brief, I want to make, when we go, the only one that I am absolutely aware of is League of Women Voters. The others I don't know anything about myself.

Mrs. Boulger said now, could we get a timeline? We're really kind of talking about 2 different things here as I understand it. We're talking about the policy for the Service Center and then I am wanting to know how we access the big courtroom. We have a lot of public buildings out at the Ross County Fairgrounds. It would be an amazing thing to have bands, and have everybody bring their families and have a picnic and have a voter registration for them and help people know who's running on the Republican ticket, who's running on the Democratic ticket. What does it mean? What does your vote mean? How do you get there? All of, there's, we have moms all over this country that don't know that you can take your children to the voting booth. Can you imagine what we could do at the Ross County Fairgrounds on a summer afternoon?

Mr. Corcoran said that the Ross County Fairgrounds are owned by us but they are leased to Ross County Agricultural Society and they control all the use of those buildings. So, they have policies and rental rates and everything on the . . .

Mrs. Boulger said what about the Armory? You know . . .

Mr. Corcoran said that the Armory belongs to the City.

Mrs. Boulger said does it? Ok. Well we're, we're in the process of trying to learn what buildings may be available. Sometimes you might need a very small building, sometimes you may, like the park I know we can go down in the park anytime we want. But I would

prefer to do it as, I don't want you all finding out what, what happened at the park the last week. Law enforcement, the Mayor was just amazing with our sister's march. I couldn't have asked for him to be more polite. Do you all know that 27,000 in Ross County . . . There were 8 states represented? People drove from Pennsylvania and West Virginia just to get here. You know, I didn't know . . . parking that day, but I know one thing . . . But I know that my granddaughter is a server at the Stone Pizza. She made \$300 in tips that day. So . . .

Mr. Corcoran said well, I think what we are saying is that we will take these policies and look at them and timeline we will do it as quickly as we can. I can't give you a definite timeline. I'm not saying we will have something figured out but . . .

Mrs. Boulger said how do we follow up? So we can be present when the opportunity it will be an open session that we'll discuss this?

Mr. Corcoran said yes. We have to discuss everything open session.

Mrs. Boulger said well I don't know what all your rules are. So . . .

Mr. Corcoran said our clerk will have to work with the Prosecuting Attorney to get us an appointment.

Mrs. Boulger said hopefully, we can, can we expect at least then 2 weeks.

Mr. Neal said hopefully we can get it within 2 weeks to discuss.

Mrs. Boulger said that's a lot. We'll go from there.

Mr. Neal said thank you all for coming.

Mr. Corcoran said that we do appreciate what you do.

Mrs. Boulger said we just want you're . . . humanity. We want you to say join us. I'm getting old you know . . .


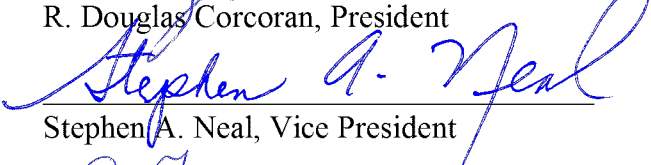
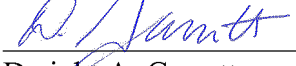
Mr. Neal said have a good evening.

Mrs. Boulger said bless you all.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, February 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.


Clerk

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