

The Board of Clark County Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to adjournment in accordance with Section 121.22 O.R.C. (Sunshine Law) at the Commission Office, 50 East Columbia Street, Springfield, Ohio via Zoom teleconference.

The following members and guests were present: Commissioner Melanie Flax Wilt; Commissioner Lowell McGlothlin; Commission Richard L. Lohnes; Jennifer Hutchinson, County Administrator; Michelle Noble, Assistant County Administrator/HR Director; Megan Burr, Clerk; Michael Cooper, Public Information Officer; Beau Thompson, Assistant County Prosecutor.

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

Agenda Review:

Commissioner McGlothlin asked about the following resolutions:

Resolution 2020-0314 authorized a grant submission for the Ohio Kinship Adoption Navigator. It is a pilot project so it is new money. Commissioner McGlothlin hoped they would receive it.

Resolution 2020-0319 authorized a supplemental appropriation. Ms. Hutchinson explained it was left off the agenda last week.

Resolution 2020-0321 requested an emergency expense for flooring so DJFS (Department of Job and Family Services) can get ready for re-opening to the public. This will allow the reconfiguration of space to meet the Governor's order and make the space easier to clean and maintain. Commissioner Lohnes felt it was a touchy subject. Ms. Hutchinson explained it was COVID related. This is money that will be reimbursed through SB 310 money. According to Ms. D'Allessandris FEMA will not reimburse for reopening expenses.

Commissioner Lohnes had no questions.

Commissioner Wilt had no questions.

Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Wilt heard from Representative Koehler that HB 665 is related to the Agriculture Society operations. That section of the code will be updated included the amount the Commissioners are required to pay. Currently, the County School Superintendent is an ex officio member of the Fair Board but that has never really been known. In addition, she requested that ride inspections at fair not be under the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The state will decide on the fair match by the end of the month.

The City of Springfield is looking at a 15% budget loss.

Commissioner Lohnes received a registered letter from the Veterans Service Office. In the last 10 years, they have come to the budget meetings in the fall but this year they are following the ORC, which means they had to submit their budget request in May. The County Commissioners have until June to give a decision. The Veterans Service Office has until the first of October to request a hearing with the Commissioners but that hearing has to occur no later than two weeks before the adoption of the 2021 budget. The County Commissioners adopt the budget in mid-January. Mr. Thompson stated he has a conflict so he cannot advise the Board on this issue. Commissioner Lohnes asked if the Board requested another attorney could they answer. Mr. Thompson replied no, the Prosecutor's Office has a conflict and will be unable to advise on this issue. A request for a special prosecutor from another county would be appropriate. Commissioner Wilt stated the request was for over \$1 million to serve 12,000 veterans. Commissioner Lohnes noted they are down about

a thousand veterans from 2012-2019. So far in 2020, they have decreased 300. Commissioner Wilt asked if this was a trend in every county or just a Clark County request. Commissioner Lohnes volunteered to find out. Commissioner Wilt felt the Board has always been supportive and generous with their office. Commissioner Lohnes agreed and noted several times the Commission Office helped them out with budgeting. This issue seemed to be driven by one person.

Commissioner Wilt noted there are two veterans on the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner McGlothin agreed and wants to take care of the veterans. He asked if the Veterans Office paid rent to the County for their space. Commissioner Lohnes explained the County pays their rent, telephone, utilities, human resources and IS support. They are not charged for any of those services. Commissioner Wilt stated they were offered two other nice locations as well and they turned them down. Both were handicap accessible. Now they say their space is inadequate in the Heritage Center. They have requested to be reestablished in a different location.

Commissioner Lohnes said the Board had a critical position staff was trying to fill for cyber security. Ms. Noble said they were doing first interviews. In addition, another person resigned. Commissioner Lohnes stated the Board established a hiring freeze but he didn't know how these positions would be filled considering the importance. Commissioner Wilt said the network is the lifeblood of the county, especially with more employees working from home. The County cannot function without Information Systems (IS). Commissioner Lohnes felt those positions were critically needed. Commissioner McGlothin agreed it was a key position. Commissioner Wilt added IS supports the entire county and all elected officials. Ms. Hutchinson explained there were two network positions they would like to fill. The Sheriff's Office did not fill the 911 Coordinator position and asked IS to handle those services. When that person resigned in April, they asked the Board to take over the position permanently. The Sheriff's Office will transfer the money for salary to the Commission that was already budgeted. Ms. Hutchinson strongly supported this as the new 911 Center is under contract and someone needs to be on site to make sure it is ready to open. She asked for those two positions to be filled as soon as possible. Commissioner Wilt asked if there was an option to contract people if they are unable to fill them. Ms. Hutchinson said they have tried to contract it but with COVID 19 most information technology people are working from home and will not physically come to a site. This environment makes it difficult. Currently, IS is handling work orders and emergencies that come up. No projects are moving forward at this point. Commissioner Wilt agreed they should proceed. The two positions agreed to are network administrator for cyber security and someone for 911. Commissioners Lohnes and McGlothin agreed.

Commissioner Wilt is keeping a running list of businesses that are closed permanently due to COVID-19. She was up to five. It is an important example of the toll on the economy locally.

County Administrator Updates:

Ms. Hutchinson received the first sales tax report since the stay at home order was implemented. It was a 2.5% decrease over the revenues received last year. She will send it out to department heads and elected officials. She did expect April to be worse. Ms. Hutchinson hoped for early numbers for April. Commissioner McGlothin asked if they break out internet sales from brick and mortar. Ms. Hutchinson replied no, it is a lump payment. The casino tax will not come in at all. It was about \$1.5 million to the general fund. The county may receive a quarter of that.

Strategic Plan Updates:

Ms. Hutchinson stated there were issues with the elevator at AB Graham. There is a difference of opinion with what the county specified and what Kapp obtained from their subs. It is a good six months off before the elevator comes in. The building will be done before the elevator. They should be ordering it in the next couple days. Due to the specification change the cost should decrease on the elevator. The county wanted a higher end elevator and what Kapp obtained was a basic elevator.

The Board reviewed the calendar.

Commissioner Lohnes noted the additional COVID-19 cases. The interesting number is the total number of deaths other than COVID-19 in Clark County. The total through April is 432. The top causes are heart disease, cancer, and influenza/pneumonia. Of the 432 only three were caused by COVID-19. Commissioner Wilt was ready to write a letter to the Governor asking that people be trusted to make their own risk assessments. Commissioner Lohnes noted the orders have been lifted and are health advisories now.

The Board recessed until 10:00.

Call to Order, Commissioner Wilt

Resolution 2020-0312

Following the pledge of allegiance, further budget discussion ensued. Commissioner Lohnes shared state auto sales tax was 4.6% last year in March and was 9% below the estimate this year. Collections were higher than last year but below the estimate. Non sales tax collections are 12.6% below April last year and 7% below the estimate. April auto sales were 57.7% below a year ago and 53% below the estimate. The decreases will be reflected in the payments received in June.

Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the minutes and dispense with reading of same. Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the agenda in its entirety including the add-on, Resolution 2020-0321. Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll being called for passage resulted as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Resolution 2020-0313
ENG file

**Authorize Contract with
FDC Enterprises for 2020 Herbicidal Spraying Contract**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Deputy Engineer, to authorize a contract with:

Organization Name:	FDC Enterprises, Inc.
Organization Address:	5470 Ballentine Pike, Springfield, Ohio 45502
In the amount of:	\$99,300.00
Funding Source(s):	Local Funds - MVGT
Purpose:	Vegetation Control
Effective Dates:	April 8, 2020 through December 31, 2022

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

Resolution 2020-0314
JFSG file

**Authorize Grant Submission
For Ohio Kinship Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN)**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Department of Job and Family Services Director, to authorize grant submission of the following:

Grant: Ohio Kinship Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN)
Grantor: Kinnect
Funding Amount: \$362,984.00
Purpose: To fund two FTE OhioKAN, Social Service Worker 2 positions and portion of a Supervisor position, to provide supportive services to kinship families and post-adoptive families in order to stabilize placements, by providing support and services. This grant/MOU is a 2-year pilot and evaluation project with the goal to stabilize placements and prevent children from disrupting and potentially entering the foster care system.
Effective Dates: October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the grant submission 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 2020-0315
EMAG file

**Authorize Grant Submission with
Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance DR-4507-OH**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Clark County Emergency Management Deputy Director, to authorize a grant with:

Organization Name: Federal Emergency Management Agency
Purpose: 75% reimbursement grant for COVID-19 eligible expenses.
Effective Dates: January 20, 2020 and continuing

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 2020-0316
CDDG file

**Set Date and Time for Public Hearing for
CDBG FY2020 Public Hearing #2**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, upon recommendation of the Community & Economic Development Grants Coordinator, to set 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2020 in the Board of Clark County Commissioners Chambers, 5th Floor, 50 East Columbia Street, Springfield, Ohio as the date and time for the public hearing for the CDBG FY2020 Public Hearing #2.

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 2020-0317
INVS file**

Authorize Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Deputy Engineer, to dispose of the following through on-line auction for 15 calendar days in accordance with Resolution 2019-0818 §307.12(E) of the Ohio Revised Code:

2007 Dodge Durango
VIN# 1D8HB38P97F568434

Further the Board finds this property no longer needed for county use.

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 2020-0318
FINI file**

Authorize Inter-fund Transfer(s)

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

Transfer From	Amount	Transfer To	Amount
General Water Fund 5510-610-850000	\$1,181.42	Northridge Water Tower Issue 2 Fund 5540-610-540000	\$1,181.42
Reason: Transfer is necessary for interest payment on bond issue due 6/1/2020.			
General Sewer Fund 5010-600-850000	\$18,093.75	SW WWTP Digester Rehab 5170-600-540000	\$18,093.75
Reason: Transfer is necessary for interest payment on bond issue due 6/1/2020.			

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 2020-0319
FINS file

Approve Supplemental Appropriation(s)

Commissioner Lohnes moved, upon the recommendation of the County Administrator, to authorize the following supplemental appropriation(s) from unappropriated funds:

Fund:	Account:	Amount:
Permanent Improvement	Capital Asset Exp	(\$371,800.00)

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 2020-0320
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
200017146	Cert. of Title Admin	Quill	9/20/2019	\$109.55

Reason: The original invoice was never received.

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

Add On
Resolution 2020-0321
JFSO file

Authorize Emergency Purchase

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per request of the Department of Job and Family Services Director, to authorize an emergency purchase for flooring as a real and present emergency exists per Ohio Revised Code Section 307.86(A)(1). This purchase shall not exceed \$20,000. Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract and related documents upon receipt.

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 2020-0322

Commissioner Wilt adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Melanie F. Wilt, President

By: _____
Richard L. Lohnes

By: _____
Lowell R. McGlothin

I certify that the record is true and accurate:

Commission Clerk