

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.

The following members and guests were present: Commissioner Melanie Flax Wilt; Commissioner Lowell McGlothlin; Commissioner Richard L. Lohnes; Jenny Hutchinson, County Administrator; Michelle Noble, Assistant County Administrator/HR Director; Megan Burr, Commission Clerk; Riley Newton, Springfield News Sun; Bob Snavelly, CCAO; Josh Cross, First Energy; Beau Thompson, Assistant County Prosecutor.

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

Agenda Review:

Commissioner Lohnes asked about the following:

Resolution 2020-0392: He read through the Treasurer's report and he interpreted a loss in interest earnings. Ms. Hutchinson explained there wouldn't be a huge change due to the maturity dates. Anything that comes up for reinvestment will have a lower interest rate. Commissioner Lohnes suggested all three Commissioners join the Investment Advisory meeting on July 16th to meet with the new Treasurer and get to know her and her approach.

Commissioner Lohnes added the Governor signed Senate Bill 310. He noted Cuyahoga County noted how important the census data was for them to receive \$400 million from the CARES Act. Clark County has received CARES Act money. The County Auditor has been in contact with other county auditors about the rules for spending the money. He would like to use it to reimburse for the time employees stayed home due to the COVID shut down. Commissioner Lohnes noted furloughs were due to the Governor and Health Director closing the state. He wanted to look through the rules and look for ways to regain furlough losses. Mr. Thompson said it has been a huge topic of discussion amongst the civil attorneys. They are looking into it. The rules did say personnel dedication for COVID was reimbursable. For example, Emergency Management, Job and Family Services, civil attorneys and the Health District were some that qualified. He felt they could recover some of those salary expenses. Commissioner Wilt asked if they could lift the furlough when they already stated it would be through the end of the year. Commissioner Lohnes thought they could. Ms. Noble and Ms. Hutchinson would speak to legal about it. The Board stated the first thing they wanted to do was undo the furlough. Then they asked if they could replenish furloughed employees' pay through a bonus system. Ms. Hutchinson the loss was \$1.8 million. Commissioner Lohnes said there was \$1 million out of the rainy-day fund as well so that is \$2.8 million loss. The Board cut \$3.7 million total.

Commissioners Wilt suggested lifting the hiring freeze. Everyone has done a really good job abiding by that. She wanted to lift it for replacement of current positions. She did not want to fill new positions. After a couple months there has been natural movement with employees leaving. Commissioner Lohnes noted critical positions could not be left open. He agreed to lift the hiring freeze for filling of current vacancies only. He still suggested departments proceed cautiously. Commissioner McGlothlin stated there are strategic positions that need filled. He wanted a hold placed on new positions. Ms. Hutchinson will send out an email to all elected officials and department heads. Ms. Hutchinson asked about phasing county expenditures back in. It made sense to allow local and online training opportunities. She advised possibly doing phase two of opening back up next month after additional sales tax data is received. Commissioner Lohnes agreed. Ms. Hutchinson added the financial management group will meet on July 15. Reimbursements for the CARES Act will be discussed. Ms. Hutchinson also noted Senate Bill 310 changed to House Bill 481. Departments will be required to gather data regarding COVID reimbursements in case there is an audit. Ms. Lucas will be the point person collecting the data and evaluating what can be reimbursed. Mr. Thompson said the civil division will have some guidance in the next few days.

Commissioner McGlothlin asked about the following:

Resolution 2020-0394 authorized the ditch reports. He was amazed at the number of ditches that need mowed and taken care of. He has received calls about this in the past. Commissioner Wilt said about two years ago Mr. Burr did a full county wide ditch assessment. At that time all the Commissioners received calls. Last year and this year assessments look to be normal or slightly increased. She didn't think it would concern people too much. It is more of an educational session and helping them understand it.

Resolution 2020-0390: He was glad to see Northwestern participate in the School Resource Officer contract.

Commissioner Wilt pointed out the local government fund agreement, Resolution 2020-039. It is state money that the county receives and disperses to the various entities. Mrs. Burr added just the language limiting it to three years needs removed.

Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Wilt reminded everyone the 911 Communication Center groundbreaking is today at 11. She reviewed the agenda for the event.

County Administrator Updates:

Ms. Hutchinson said the CARES Act brought \$4.2 million from the feds that have come through. That will be distributed among all the local municipalities in the county. There will be a phased approach to reopen county spending.

Disconnects: The Ohio EPA order that suspended disconnections for water and sewer is expiring July 10. The Utilities Department would like to start disconnecting July 10. Mr. Bauer planned to send a notice to everyone delinquent giving them the opportunity to pay in full or set up a payment plan. The Board needs to decide how the payment plan should be set up if they are ok with one. Typically, the customer has to pay the current bill and a set amount for the delinquent amount each month. The other option is to allow people to put the delinquency on their tax bill. It will put accounts receivable off for 18 months since it will be on the next tax billing cycle. Ms. Hutchinson noted many of the delinquencies are tenants. When the Board places the bills on the tax duplicate the owner becomes responsible, not the tenant. Ms. Hutchinson did not recommend that option. She recommended the payment plan. Commissioner Wilt agreed and suggested a 12-month payment plan. Commissioner McGlothlin asked what the average arrears were. Ms. Hutchinson responded three to four months. Most that have not paid are the normal customers that are always on the list. There were a few new ones. Commissioner McGlothlin supported the 12-month payment plan.

Strategic Plan Updates:

Ms. Hutchinson attended the construction meeting with Kapp yesterday. There is not a ship date for the elevator. Kapp has called every day. Everything else is coming along great. There are no other concerns on that project. The tentative occupancy date is November 16th, dependent on the elevator. Springview occupancy date will be the end of July. A punch list will be received before the August 5th move in date at Springview.

Ms. Hutchinson mentioned the nice thank you received from Dean Blair about the roof project at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Lohnes attended the Board of Revisions yesterday. He received positive feedback from a couple that has worked with the Land Bank. Commissioner Wilt enjoys driving through an area where vacant houses have been and see the improvements.

The Board reviewed the calendar and gave event updates.

The Board recessed until 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order, Commission President Wilt

Resolution 2020-0389

Following the pledge, Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting 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, excluding resolution 2020-0400, the public hearing. 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 2020-0390
SHRC file

**Authorize Agreement Between the
Clark County Sheriff and the Board of Education of the Northwestern Local School District**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Sheriff's Office, to authorize the following agreement:

Agreement Between:	Clark County Sheriff and the Board of Education of the Northwestern Local School District
In the amount of:	\$52,000.00 (income)
Purpose:	Resource officer for the 2020-2021 school year.
Effective Dates:	August 1, 2020 through July 31, 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

Revised
Resolution 2020-0391
LGFD file

**Authorize Contract with
The City of Springfield**

Commissioner Lohnes moved to authorize a contract with:

Organization Name:	The City of Springfield
Organization Address:	76 East High Street, Springfield, Ohio 45502

Purpose: Local Government Fund distribution beginning in 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 2020-0392
TRSR file

Acknowledge Treasurer's Investment Reports

Commissioner Lohnes moved to acknowledge the receipt of the Treasurer's April 30, 2020 and May 31, 2020 Investment Reports.

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 2020-0393
CDDO file

Satisfaction of Mortgage

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Community and Economic Director, to release the mortgage bearing date of August 2, 2011, given by the Board of Clark County Commissioners, and recorded in Volume 1936, Page 982-983, of the Official Records of Clark County, on the property located at 1100 Brookfield Drive, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344.

Borrower: Dena K. (Inman) Marlowe and Ronnie D. Marlowe
Lender: The Board of Clark County Commissioners
In the amount of: \$32,308.00
Address: 1100 Brookfield Drive, New Carlisle, Ohio 45344
Purpose: The requirements of the Community Housing Improvement Program have been met to satisfy the mortgage release.

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute all related documents to the mortgage release.

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 2020-0394
ENGO file

Acknowledge Engineer's 2020 Ditch Reports and Approve 2021 Recommendations for Assessments

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the County Engineer, to acknowledge the 2020 Ditch Reports and approve of the Recommendations for 2021 Assessments.

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 2020-0395
FINX file

Adopt 2021 Preliminary Alternate Tax Budget Document

Commissioner Lohnes moved, to adopt the 2021 Preliminary Alternate Tax Budget document and certify the same to the County Auditor. Be it further moved that all projected deficits shall be eliminated prior to approval of the final budget in January 2021. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the Office of the County Auditor and the County Administrator for public inspection.

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 2020-0396
INVP file

**Authorize Purchase of Vehicle
for the Solid Waste District**

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the Solid Waste District Director, to authorize the purchase of a 2006 Loadmaster 25 cubic yard rear load garbage truck (VIN: 1FVHCYDJ06HV3303) from Best Equipment for a cost of \$39,000.00 to be paid for from the Solid Waste District funds. The truck will be used at the Solid Waste District initially to support the cardboard recycling program and then to help cleanup illegal dump sites and start a pilot bulky item trash drop-off program at the District's 1620 West Main Street facility.

Further move to authorize the County Administrator to execute 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 2020-0397
DWAP file

**Approve Payment to
Krissy Hawke**

Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the following payment:

Payment to:	Krissy Hawke
Address:	21 Walter Street, Springfield, Ohio 45506
Services:	Humane Agent salary for June 2020 per resolution 2017-0055
Funding Source(s):	General Fund
Amount:	\$250.00

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 2020-0398
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
200018213	General (Comm Pleas)	Matthew Bender	5/28/2020	\$180.10
Reason: Invoice received prior to creation of purchase order.				
200018213	General (Comm Pleas)	Thomson Reuters	6/1/2020	\$249.98
Reason: Invoice received prior to creation of purchase order.				
200018213	General (Comm Pleas)	Thomson Reuters	6/4/2020	\$432.00
Reason: Invoice received prior to creation of purchase order.				

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 2020-0399
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
Comm Dev	D. Lackovich	OCCD Summer Mtg	Webinar	7/29-30/20	\$20.00

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

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 2020-0400
COMO file

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing #2 for

Reviewing the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Natural Gas and Electric Aggregation Programs

This is the date and time set by the Board of County Commissioners, Clark County, Ohio, to hold a public hearing for reviewing the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Natural Gas and Electric Aggregation Programs.

Public Hearing opened by the Commission President at 10:04 a.m.

Staff Report: Bob Snavelly, CCAO, was present for any further questions. Commissioner Lohnes asked if the number for PUCO would be publicized in notifications to customers. Mr. Snavelly replied no the supplier number will be listed on the opt-out form. Commissioner Lohnes asked if the governance plan could be posted on the website for the public. Mrs. Burr said replied yes. Commissioner Wilt also suggested an press release with an overview of this program. Commissioner Lohnes asked if the forms in the governance plan would be sent to customers. Mr. Snavelly explained they were templates that the supplier will use.

Audience Comments: None.

The Public Hearing was closed by the Commission President at 10:16 a.m.

Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the adoption of the Governance Plan for the Natural Gas and Electric Aggregation Programs.

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

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

Resolution 2020-0401

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