

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

The following members and guests were present: Commissioner Melanie F. Wilt; Commissioner Richard L. Lohnes; Commissioner Lowell R. McGlothlin; Jenny Hutchinson, County Administrator; Michelle R. Noble, Assistant County Administrator/Human Resources Director; Megan Burr, Commission Clerk; Angela Wheeler, Administrative Assistant; Beau Thompson, Assistant County Prosecutor; Michael Cooper, Public Information Officer; Sydney Dawes, Springfield News Sun; Tom O'Neal, Veterans Office; Mike Stitzel, German Township Police Chief; Rod Kaffenbarger, German Township Trustee; Charlie Patterson, Health Commissioner; Ethan Harris, Community and Economic Development Director; Christina Conover, Health District; Doug Wood; Jason Kershner, Spectrum; Michelle Clements-Pitstick, EMA Director.

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

Charlie Patterson and Christina Conover were here to discuss the Community Health Improvement Plan (see attached). Ms. Conover gave a presentation and went over CHIP highlights. It is continuing the three year cycle the state mandates. This current cycle will end in December 2022. The CHIP is in response to the assessment. The assessment is based on statistics which include morbidity, mortality and community input. Some of the priorities came from public input. Two main goals for this cycle that was different from previous cycles: to increase the shared ownership and to increase the consideration of the role of social determinates of health. Ms. Conover pointed out the Social Determinants of Health chart on page 13. Page 16 is the Table of Organization and includes the three sets of priorities. They want to direct resources to the gaps in the system. Many times the data goal was trying to get Clark County in line with Ohio. Clark County as a whole is disparate in many of these areas. When our goal is to just get Clark County in line with the state rate that is something we need to take notice of. Tobacco T21 Project enforcement policy is being worked on. Ms. Conover discussed mental health, green space, local food council, community health workers, maternal/child, and sexual health.

Commissioner Wilt commented that the presentation was very helpful. A few of the priorities match up with Commission priorities such as substance abuse. She was glad to see OPIOD and mental health/substance abuse as part of the CHIP. Commissioner Lohnes mentioned mental health/substance abuse is one of the main things the County is planning to do with the jail. Commissioner Wilt mentioned healthy food for the local food infrastructure is good to have in the plan. Commissioner Wilt questioned infant mortality. She noticed race is not listed as a social determinate of health. She questioned how race is incorporated into the assessment. Ms. Conover stated they are also interested in breaking down data to race and ethnicity. Discussion ensued regarding the effect race has on some of the statistics.

Commissioner Lohnes asked for an example of a policy that pertains to tobacco use. Mr. Patterson mentioned the City Commission that that only people over the age of 21 will be able to purchase tobacco. It is not strictly enforced by the State of Ohio, therefore, the City passed a Tobacco Licensing Provision. Commissioner Lohnes asked about stores outside of the city limits. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Lohnes questioned how the grocery store on South Limestone was coming along. Mr. Patterson stated it is opening as we speak. Commissioner Wilt asked the name of the grocery store. Mr. Patterson responded it is Grocery Land and is successful in other communities. Commissioner Lohnes questioned the status of reducing teen birth rates and diseases. Ms. Conover mentioned it needs to be looked at again. One of the steps is to take inventory of what needs to be done. Ms. Conover stated State of Ohio does not have health education standards and is the only state that does not. Commissioner Lohnes asked if there is any state guidance. Ms. Conover stated there are best practices but no standards. Mr. Patterson mentioned there are proposals to set health education standards. It is not getting traction due to other things going through legislation. Ms. Conover mentioned there are promising things going on in the school. Commissioner Lohnes mentioned overdose deaths and the Fentanyl and Heroin issues. He asked if there is anything new and different being put into schools to help. Mr. Patterson mentioned it is important to stop the tobacco and marijuana use which is the gateway drugs to other drugs.

Commissioner Lohnes asked if they track Veterans suicides which are a shocking number. Mr. Patterson responded they do track as part of the Suicide Prevention Coalition. There are some statistical issues with tracking and are not statistically reliable. Commissioner Lohnes asked how Veteran's suicides are reported. Mr. Patterson stated it comes from Vital Statistics that each local health department reports. Ms. Conover said though it is difficult to track, it is trending up. Commissioner Lohnes thanked them. Commissioner Wilt asked if there was any difficulty getting info from students that they surveyed. Ms. Conover stated it has been more of a struggle this year. They are working on and have deadlines to get the information. Ms. Conover stated any encouragement from the Commissioners would be helpful to get the word out for the survey. Mr. Patterson stated Clark County is one of only two states in Ohio that has a Youth Health Risk survey every two years. They have gotten more funding due to the data they have collected. It helps them understand where to put efforts and funding. Commissioner McGlothin questioned the sting operations to catch companies that sell to under aged people. Mr. Patterson commented that the Health Department will do those stings starting January 1, 2022. Commissioner Lohnes questioned why the Health Department would handle that instead of the police department. Mr. Patterson stated it was part of an agreement with the City of Springfield and that the police department has other priorities.

Agenda Review:

Ms. Hutchinson reviewed the agenda.

Resolution 2021-0692 authorized contract with APCO International to provide EMD cards to the dispatch center. This project is being funded by ARPA funds. Commissioner Wilt asked for an updated spreadsheet with what has been approved, allocated and spent for ARPA. Commissioner Lohnes will have it sent to the Commissioners. Commissioner McGlothin questioned if anything was updated last Friday regarding the dispatch costs for the different entities. Ms. Hutchinson said they are waiting for call numbers for some of the entities from Major Clark. Ms. Hutchinson commented that the \$10,000 current minimum fee is too high for some of the areas that get few calls.

Resolution 2021-0693 authorized Intra Fund Transfers. Juvenile Court needs to move funds for operating expenses.

Resolution 2021-0694 approved supplemental appropriations. The first is APRA funds for the EMD Project. The second is for the Clerk's office going to the Certificate of Title Fund. No information was given on this supplemental appropriation. Commissioner McGlothin asked if it had to do with the deputy. Ms. Hutchinson said it could be.

Resolution 2021-0695 approved issuance of then and now warrants. It is a payment to Travel Specialties. Ms. Hutchinson stated since it is a contract. They must have run out of funds on the open purchase order so they opened another purchase order.

Resolution 2021-0696 authorized disposal of obsolete equipment. The items are from EMA and are old, outdated items being disposed. Commissioner McGlothin asked if they could be used by another entity in the county. Ms. Hutchinson stated they are items that no longer work.

Resolution 2021-0697 approved travel expense allowances. Commissioner McGlothin stated he is not going to the CCAO winter conference since there are two representatives going. Commissioner Wilt will attend the entire conference but Commissioner Lohnes is only going for a day.

Resolution 2021-0698 authorized allocation of ARPA funds regarding Residential Broadband Infrastructure Project Phase 2. Ms. Hutchinson stated Mr. Kershner from Spectrum was here to discuss the the plans for the project. Commissioner Lohnes mentioned at the symposium they found out the provider can also request grants.

Mr. Kershner stated he is excited to continue the partnership to expand unserved and underserved areas for broadband. They will be putting in an application to the state for the Residential Broadband Grant that is due November 8, 2021. The application is for \$270 million to apply to the state to close the last mile funding gap. In other words, the state is doing what the County did last year. This project would allow the 'white space' areas in the Clark County to have access to broadband. Mr. Kershner mentioned there are 1,165 homes in the white space area (underserved). Mr. Kershner stated based on public available data, these are the number of homes that are unserved or underserved. Commissioner McGlothlin asked if it was above or below ground. Mr. Kershner stated it is a combination of above and below ground wires. Commissioner Lohnes mentioned that there are counties that have few homes but are tough to reach. They figured out a way to allow the one mental health professional in the school district to contact a child that needed help through a Zoom call. Commissioner Wilt asked how much funding it would bring down from the state. Mr. Kershner stated the funding gap they have identified is \$5.1 million. The \$3 million makes it to where we are only asking for \$2.1 from the state. Mr. Kershner also wanted to make it clear that the wirelines would be going directly into each home. Commissioner Wilt commented that it is the best thing to do for Economic Development for the rural parts of the county. Ms. Hutchinson stated this will make Clark County one of the premier counties in Ohio to have all homes having access to broadband. Commissioner Lohnes stated the county is using ARPA money and using providers to hook up to state money. Commissioner Wilt stated the calls she has gotten are questioning if people are getting it. She explains to the callers there is a cost to going that far. Commissioner Lohnes stated the last mile is more for the people who live back gravel lanes. Commissioner Wilt stated the subsidies help for the cost effectiveness for the companies to run lines for those few people. Commissioner McGlothlin asked where those areas are in the county. Mr. Kershner stated the South and East areas of the county there is a band that have no service. Commissioner McGlothlin also asked about German Township having service. Mr. Kershner mentioned they turned on four phases of service. They feel confident about getting Phase 1 of the project complete by the end of the year. Commissioner McGlothlin asked about new sign ups for those people signing up for service that now have it. Mr. Kershner did not have the specific numbers but they are getting sign ups. He offered to get the information for the Commissioners. Commissioner McGlothlin stated he would like to see those numbers.

County Commissioner Updates:

Commissioner Wilt went on a ride along with the Sheriff's Office for the Clark County Law Enforcement Advisory Team to understand what it's like to go out on the road. Commissioner Wilt stated it was one of the coolest things she has done. Every call they had involved a fifteen (15) year old Caucasian kid. It was eye opening to witness the mental health issues involving our youth. Commissioner Wilt discussed a few of the calls. She was impressed to see how the deputies worked with the kids. Commissioner Wilt stated how important the calls were. Commissioner McGlothlin stated that is why our resource officers are so valuable in the schools. She would like to do it annually and strongly encourages everyone to try it.

County Administrator Updates:

Ms. Hutchinson has started to schedule budget meetings. They are mostly toward the end of November. Commissioner McGlothlin asked about a schedule for the meetings. Ms. Hutchinson advised she will put them out to the commissioners. The annual wellness event was last week. There were over 300 cars but several cars had more than one employee. There was a flu shot clinic and two others are scheduled. Ms. Noble stated they had a small issue with the pharmacy due to a surprise state visit to the pharmacy. Ms. Noble gave credit to the personnel staff for doing a great job. Ms. Hutchinson mentioned how they did an amazing job. Ms. Hutchinson discussed the server room move and there were no issues. The IS Department was able to get the servers up to the 5th floor by Saturday morning. There were no strategic plan updates. Commissioner McGlothlin mentioned the Road Vacation viewing today. Mrs. Burr will add the address of the Road Vacation to the calendar.

The Board reviewed the calendar and events.

Mr. Kaffenbarger asked if they will let the township know when they have a meeting with Major Clark. Ms. Hutchinson stated it will be an internal meeting and then the information will be brought to the commissioners.

Commissioner McGlothlin mentioned the Spangler Road email they received from the Engineer. It is something that has needed to happen for years. Commissioner Wilt asked Commissioner Lohnes to discuss it in the ARPA meeting.

The Board recessed until 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order, Commission President Wilt

Resolution 2021-0691

Following the pledge, Commissioner Lohnes moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Commissioner McGlothlin seconded the motion. The roll being called resulted as follows:

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

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

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

Resolution 2021-0692
SHRC file

Authorize Contract with APCO International

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

Organization Name:	APCO International
Organization Address:	351 N. Williamson Boulevard, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114
In the amount of:	\$90,000.00
Funding Source(s):	American Rescue Plan Act
Purpose:	To provide Guidecard System, EMD Program and software training for 9-1-1 Dispatch Center.
Effective Dates:	October 27, 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 Lohnes, Yes; Commissioner McGlothlin, Yes; Commissioner Wilt, Yes

Resolution 2021-0693
FINF file

Authorize Intra-Fund Transfer(s)

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

From			To		
Department	Expense Acct.	Amount	Department	Expense Acct.	Amount

Fund: General

Juv. Ct. – Prob.	Pers. & Fringes	\$20,000.00	Juv. Court	Operating Exp.	\$20,000.00
Juv. Ct. – Det.	Pers. & Fringes	\$30,000.00	Juv. Court	Operating Exp.	\$30,000.00
Juv. Ct. – Det.	Pers. & Fringes	\$40,000.00	Juv. Det.	Operating Exp.	\$40,000.00

Reason: Transfer needed to adjust accounts.

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 2021-0694
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:	Department:	Account:	Amount:
ARPA Fund	Comm. Dev.	Contract Services	\$125,000.00
Cert. of Title	Clerk of Cts.	Other Expenses	\$100,000.00

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 2021-0695
FINT file

Approve Issuance of Warrants for Then and Now(s)

Commissioner Lohnes moved, upon the recommendation of the County Administrator to approve the issuance of warrants for then and nows are as follows:

P.O. Number	Fund	Vendor	Date Purchase	Amount
210021530	Pub. Asst. (DJFS)	Travel Specialties	9/16/2021	\$45,760.47

Reason: Invoice pre-dates purchase order.

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 2021-0696
INVS file

Authorize Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per the request of the EMA Director, to dispose of the following:

Mini 4 Channel Receiver with Power Cord	S/N 0309240095
2- Transmitters	S/N 12-1200VH1
CND Security Inc. Camera	S/N F1822B006910127
Power Sonic Battery	S/N PS -1270F2
Wireless Camera Receiver Axion	S/N CK637AS01702
Yaesu receiver VR5000	S/N 2F310019
Stat Phone Accessories	S/N N109WSP4K
Signal Vehicle PA System	S/N 99500126
DVR	S/N X6NHSTMX6NH0408061094
DVR Original	S/N 031148055
Battery Backup	S/N 9219ALOP54383500004

This equipment is out dated and not in use any longer and also too old for any type of repair and will be disposed of or salvaged in accordance with §307.12(I) of the Ohio Revised Code.

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 2021-0697
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. Pleas	D. Rastatter	OCPJA Winter Conf.	Columbus, OH	12/1-3/2021	\$559.00
BOCC	M. Flax Wilt	CCAO Winter Conf.	Columbus, OH	12/8-10/2021	\$500.00
BOCC	R. Lohnes	CCAO Winter Conf.	Columbus, OH	12/8/2021	\$175.00

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

Resolution 2021-0698
ARPA file

Authorize Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Residential Broadband Infrastructure Project by Spectrum Mid-America, LLC as managed by Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”) in Clark County, Ohio

Commissioner Lohnes moved, per request of the County Administrator, to approve the following:

Whereas, Clark County has received direct payments from the United States (US) Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and,

Whereas, Clark County will use the funding in accordance with ARPA and guidance from the US Treasury; and,

Whereas, the Department of Treasury issued the Interim Final Rule on May 10, 2021, to provide guidance on permissible uses; and,

Whereas, a permissible use of the ARPA funds is to make necessary investments in broadband infrastructure through projects that will improve the usage of broadband services and internet accessibility; and,

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners for the County of Clark (“County”) recognizes the importance of expanding broadband access and providing reliable connectivity to the internet for the residents in Clark County; and,

Whereas, the County wishes to support the efforts of Spectrum Mid-America, LLC as managed by Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”) to obtain financial support for Charter’s Residential Broadband Infrastructure Project in Clark County; and,

Whereas, the County also wishes to urge the Ohio Broadband Expansion Authority to approve Charter’s Residential Broadband Infrastructure Grant Application for additional financial support for the project in Clark County, Ohio, because the residents in Clark County deserve greater access to the opportunities and services only available through reliable, high-speed internet.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, Clark County, Ohio, that the Board approves the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$3,000,000 to support Charter’s Residential Broadband Infrastructure Project in Clark County and Charter’s Residential Broadband Infrastructure Grant Application for additional financial support for the project in Clark County, Ohio.

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 2021-0699

Commissioner Wilt adjourned.

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Melanie F. Wilt, President

By: _____
Lowell R. McGlothlin

I certify that the record is true and accurate:

Acting Commission Clerk

By: _____
Richard L. Lohnes