

Seneca County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023
Seneca County Commissioners, Tiffin

Board President, Anthony Paradiso called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer offered by Tyler Shuff

Roll Call

Commissioner Paradiso, President	Present
Commissioner Shuff, Vice-President	Present
Commissioner Frankart	Present

Also in attendance:

Barb Patterson, County Administrator

Charlene Watkins, Director of Seneca Regional Planning Commission

Commissioner Frankart made a motion for approval of October 12, 2023, board meeting audio recording, Seconded by Commissioner Shuff. Roll Call was taken and passed by unanimous vote.

All Commissioners gave individual reports on their respective committee assignments that occurred since the last regular Commissioners board meeting. Commissioner Frankart noted that Mircea Handru was selected to be the next President of Family Children First Council since Kathy Oliver resigned this position and that Loudon Township would have Zoning Regulation put on the November 2024 ballot.

County Administrator's report included year to date financial information, the office was participating in the Downtown Trick or Treat event, reminded Commissioners of a meeting with Mike Dittoe on Tuesday, Oct 24th for the One Time Capital Monies that the State was granting, Walk Throughs were continuing for the Energy Project with Wadsworth being on Oct 25th and working to set up date and time with Brewer Garrett. Commissioner Paradiso requested we set a date to open proposals to keep this project moving. Announced that the Commissioner of Aging had been awarded a Healthy Aging Grant in the amount of approximately \$230,000 for the aging population of Seneca County. Presented quotes for the Airport to install tiling for the runway to the catch basin at a cost of under \$4,000. Received results from the final air quality testing for the CSB building and according to the report "The air sample results show that the indoor air quality is not being impacted by an indoor source of mold growth. The indoor levels are lower than outside and the indoor mold types are consistent with what was found outside." Reported that Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) will apply for the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Assistance, for the 2024-2025 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program in the amount of \$967,395 to provide services for senior citizens and low-oncome individuals in Wood, Sandusky, Ottawa, and Seneca Counties and are giving us the opportunity to review and comment on the application until October 26, 2023.

Old Business

Discussion on Sewer District continued with Commissioner Paradiso making a few comments that it was discussed several months ago that we wanted transparency, communication, and discussion of various contracts. With the sewer contract, this is no different. After the discussion at the last meeting (Oct 12),

I began to understand the fees and started to look and immerse myself in all the information. Commissioner Shuff and I attended a Regional Planning meeting and at that point we went over and clarified some things. "In view of last week's discussion, we looked through everything it is obvious that everything you did with regards to writing checks and sewer revenue was within your authority. You didn't do anything illegal or anything like that... I want to make that clear. What I'm saying is, I don't understand. We obviously have a communication gap."

Charlene Watkins, Director of Regional Planning then presented and read a letter with a timeline of events from her perspective. She stated in this letter that several emails went unread and were not responded to. The County Administrator asked about the Account Maintenance Fee, if we had already paid the fee for 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 why would we be collecting the fee back to the beginning of 2023 year? Charlene responded that this would be so the fee could be paid in May/June 2024 for 2024-2025 fee. Commissioner Frankart stated that he had met with Seneca County Auditor Julie Adkins to discuss her office taking over the responsibility and she could administer the sewer billing for an 8% fee and absorb the Tyler Tech annual fee. The contract presented by Regional Planning stated it would need to have an increase of 1.5% and still have to pass along the user fee to the customers of the Sewer District.

Commissioner Frankart made a motion to move the Sewer District billing from Regional Planning to the Seneca County Auditor's office. Commissioner Shuff seconded the motion. During discussion of this motion, Commissioner Paradiso said that it would be subject to entering into contract with the Seneca County Auditor. This was passed unanimously.

New Business

- Supplemental Appropriations
 - General Fund (0010) Inmate Psychotropic Medication \$10,443.00
 - General Special Projects Fund (1193) Contract Services \$8,267.00
 - County Capital Projects Fund (1215) Northwest EMS Station \$5,000.00
 - Probation Funding Grant Fund (1423) Contract Service \$159,238.00
 - VOCA Fund (2112) Transfers Out \$35,000.00

Commissioner Shuff requested that the General Special Projects Fund (1193) Contract Services \$8,267.00 be removed from the motion for approval as he was questioning the need to pay an attorney for PIVOT, and for it to be presented at the next meeting (Oct 26).

Commissioner Paradiso made a motion to approve the supplement appropriations with the exception of the General Special Projects Fund (1193) Contract Services \$8,267.00. Commissioner Frankart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all voting yes.

RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS BE MADE TO BOND RETIREMENT FUND (1310)
Commissioner Shuff made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Frankart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS BE MADE TO VOCA GRANT FUND (2138)
Commissioner Paradiso made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Frankart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes.

RESOLUTION INDICATING INTENT TO ISSUE HOSPITAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING, REFINANCING, OR REIMBURSING COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, RENOVATING AND/OR FURNISHING AN EXISTING ASSISTED LIVING AND ASSISTED LIVING MEMORY CARE COMMUNITY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SENECA, OHIO

Commissioner Shuff made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Frankart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH THE LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE LUCAS COUNTY CORONER TO PERFORM CERTAIN NECESSARY AUTOPSIES AND TOXICOLOGY REPORTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2024

Commissioner Shuff made the motion to approve, and Commissioner Frankart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted yes.

Public comments were made by Lee Wilkinson, City of Tiffin Mayoral Candidate, regarding Tiffin Halloween events and early voting is under way at the Board of Elections. Bryce Riggs, Seneca Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said the chamber has created an online parade registration process for all city parades to expediate the process for entrants.

Commissioners Shuff presented Commissioner Frankart with a Tiffin Columbian jersey after losing a small bet on the Sept 29 Columbian-Clyde football game.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 am