

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**  
**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO**

The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel, Mr. Harold R. Henson, and Mr. Gary K. Scherer. April Dengler, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

**In the Matter of  
Minutes Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the minutes from April 2, 2024, with corrections.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of  
Bills Approved for Payment:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bills have been found to be properly filed and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated April 9, 2024, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners orders the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, to draw his warrant on this entry in the amount of \$331,587.14 the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of  
Then and Now Certification Approved for Payment:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Auditor certifies that both at the time that the following contracts or orders were made and at the time that a certification (Section 5705.41) was completed, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appointed and free from any previous encumbrance. The Then and Now Certification has been found to be properly filed and their respective vouchers shall be cross-referenced to the approving pages dated April 9, 2024, in the Commissioners' Voucher Journal, the date in which checks will be cut; then,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Pickaway County Commissioners, as Taxing Authority are authorizing the Auditor of Pickaway County, Ohio, to draw his warrant on this entry in the amount of \$20,412.99 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

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**In the Matter of**  
**Amended Certificate Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to adopt the following Resolution:

**Resolution No.: PC-040924-57**

**WHEREAS**, the Pickaway County Budget Commission approved an AMENDED CERTIFICATE in the amount of \$3,010.00 to amend the following funds:

**\$3,010.00 – 954.0000.4280 – Board of Elections Recount Fund – Board of Elections**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriated the following sum for expenditure for period ending December 31, 2024:

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of**  
**Appropriations Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for APPROPRIATIONS:

**\$215.00 – 954.1135.5419 – County Share – Board of Elections**

**\$2,795.00 – 954.1135.5970 – Reimbursements – Board of Elections**

**\$12,000.00 – 277.6126.5901 – Hughes Upper Other Expenses - Engineer**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of**  
**Transfer and Reappropriations Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for TRANSFER AND REAPPROPRIATIONS:

**\$5,000.00 – 930.1204.5102 – Salary Pathway to Recovery Drug Court – Adult Probation**  
**TO**

**930.1204.5401 – Contract Services Pathways to Recovery Drug Court – Adult Probation**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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**In the Matter of**  
**New Fund Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for NEW FUND:

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**954 – Board of Elections Recount Fund – Board of Elections**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of  
New Line Item Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for NEW LINE ITEM:

**954.0000.4280 Recount Fund – Board of Elections**

**954.1135.5419 – County Share – Board of Elections**

**954.1135.5970 – Reimbursements – Board of Elections**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of  
Blanket Purchase Order Approved:**

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve the following requests for BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER:

**BL240471 – 276.6125.5901 – Autie Howard Maintenance Ditch Other Expense – Engineer**

**BL240473 – 277.6126.5901 – Hughes Upper Other Expenses - Engineer**

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of  
Report Provided by Mike Sherron:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Mike Sherron, EMA Director.

- This week Solar Eclipse, Safety Council Meeting, Circleville Public Safety Committee Meeting (911 Q&A) and LEPC Meeting.
- Next week OEMA Spring Conference (Columbus), Fire Chiefs Association Meeting, Rickenbacker Air Show Planning Meeting and LEPC Exercise.
- General Information
  - Run card project continuing.
  - Critical Incident Debriefing project continues – developing relationship with Scioto Valley Peer Assistance Team.
  - Disaster Relief Fund – Received organizing documents from Dayton Foundation – Reviewing.
  - County Fair. Will be developing a Fairgrounds drone policy for your review in the coming weeks.
  - School safety plans – Received TVSD’s. Reviewed and will be providing feedback in conjunction with other agencies.
  - Attending Circleville’s Public Safety Committee meeting to answer any questions about the 911 Final Plan.
- EMA Projects

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- Futurity Orion Software – working with vendor to develop some enhanced capabilities.
- PCSO fiber connection conversion –
- Homeland Security grant of \$58,804 to purchase PPE for law enforcement – approved by OEMA, coordinating with LE agencies for numbers to purchase. Determining the number of SWAT trained officers are in the county to guide purchasing of PPE.
- Excess Equipment: Working to distribute portable radios to departments who can use them for trade-in credit on new equipment.
- Replacement of ARES repeaters with County-owned equipment – getting quotes.
- School safety planning – Scheduling dates with Ashville and Walnut Elementary Schools and ESC Alternative School.
- Submitted Circleville PSAP documents for submission to Ohio 911 Program Office awaiting review from the State.
- 911 Committee: Meeting scheduled for April 23.
- Issues requiring Commissioners Support/Notification: Discussion of 911 Final Plan.

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Robert Adkins:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Robert Adkins, IT Director.

- O365 Backup Server replacement
- Upgrading desktops to Windows 11
- Adding microphone to Courtroom AV update

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Preston Schumacker:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Preston Schumacker, Dog Warden.

- Mr. Schumacker reported that they are housing 19 dogs. There were 8 visitors to the shelter last week and 12 volunteers.
- Partner for Paws April 20<sup>th</sup> fundraiser and YMCA Career Day April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Schumacker presented information he received from Ohio Department of Agriculture regarding the number of dogs one can own, breed or sale relative to the owner on Call Road. The next step would be to involve the County Prosecutor. The address has been flagged by the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office.

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Marc Rogols:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator:

- There were no BWC claims, or unemployment claims filed this week. Fraudulent unemployment claims remain at 2 fraudulent and 1 legit claim for 2024.
- Six new hire packets were sent out last week (Engineer and Sheriff's Office). A total of 37 new hire packets have been handed out in 2024. The part-time custodial positions were posted with no applicants. Dog Shelter Kennel Attendant position posted with six applications received with three interviews pending. EMA Communications Technician Position re-posted with no applicants received.
- Mr. Rogols attended the Annual CEBCO Membership Meeting Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in Columbus.
- Maintenance:
  - Generator – service and certification continue.
  - Last week's approved quotes all items have been ordered and repairs pending.
- Miscellaneous:
  - Tower Decommissions- work to start April 15<sup>th</sup>. Estimate one week duration for both towers. Starting with SR 56 tower then Dog Shelter tower second. No change.
  - Flooring in the old Recorder's Office continues. Grant Davis email/ Pine Valley.
  - Dog Shelter generators will not start. Generator Systems to re-service.
  - Plumbing and HVAC repairs across the county continue.
  - Continued work on jail plumbing and light replacement (LED).

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**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Tim McGinnis:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Tim McGinnis, Planning and Development:

- Planning Commission: Planning Commission: April 9th Agenda
  - Final Replat – Pewamo Subdivision Phase 2
  - Pickaway Township Rezoning Application – Industrial to C-2
  - Harrison Township Rezoning/Request for Conditional Use – National Lime and Stone.
- Outstanding Plats:
  - Navah Place – Cul-de-sac, Walnut Township, need proof of bond before final approval can be granted.
- Lot Splits:
  - Approved 3 lot splits in the last week, 5 open applications currently.
- CDBG: Tarlton Critical Infrastructure Rebid – April 9th
- Smart Growth Initiative – CEDA Application

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by Sheriff Hafey:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by Sheriff Hafey:

- Sheriff Hafey and Audrey Welch explained the Axon contract for six additional body cameras. The \$10,701.96 grant it to cover the first payment of the \$103,804.32. The term is for 84 months.
- There are a few new deputies and a corrections officer starting. Another individual will be starting road patrol which will make road patrol almost fully staffed.
- Ms. Welch explained that grants will become available in April-May. She can look into potential grants for the Motorola Flex Software. Commissioner Scherer advised that grants may come available for jail renovations/new jails. Ms. Welch will be attending a grant training/class next week.

**In the Matter of**  
**Bid Opening 2024 Pickaway County &**  
**Township Resurfacing Project:**

The Commissioners conducted a bid opening for the project referred to as 2024 Pickaway County and Township Resurfacing Project for the Pickaway County Engineer Department was held April 9, 2024, at 10:31 a.m. Anthony Neff, Deputy County Engineer and Marcus Cradlebaugh, Engineer's Inspector were in attendance. Bids were submitted electronically through Bid Express.

**BID A -Engineer's Estimate: \$793,240.05**

The following bids were received and read aloud:

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| • Kokosing Construction<br>Westerville, Ohio 43081 | \$758,598.90 |
| • The Shelly Company<br>Thornville, Ohio 43076     | \$716,016.55 |
| • Cox Paving<br>Washington Court House, Ohio 43160 | \$744,945.28 |

**BID B -Engineer's Estimate: \$418,614.45**

The following bids were received and read aloud:

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| • Kokosing Construction<br>Westerville, Ohio 43081 | \$443,178.40 |
| • The Shelly Company<br>Thornville, Ohio 43076     | \$399,801.45 |

**BID C -Engineer's Estimate: \$792,746.93**



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At 12:00 p.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Executive Session:**

At 1:06 p.m., Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (5) matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes; with Matt Pritchard, McNees Wallace and Nurick LLC (teleconference), April Dengler, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 1:22 p.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No Action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Resolution Reaffirming the Opposition of the**  
**Pickaway County Board of Commissioners to**  
**The Proposed Circleville Solar, LLC Project:**

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution:

**Resolution No.: 040924-58**

**Resolution Reaffirming the Opposition of the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners**  
**to the Proposed Circleville Solar, LLC Project.**

**WHEREAS**, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners has responsibility for preserving the general health, safety, and welfare within the territory of Pickaway County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners on April 12, 2022, passed Resolution No. PC-041222-32, which expressed the Board's opposition to the Circleville Solar, LLC Project pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board in Case No. 21-1090-EL-BGN.

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Power Siting Board in Case Nos. 22-549-EL-BGN and in other recent cases has considered local government views in consideration of whether a project meets the statutory public interest criteria of R.C. 4906.10(A)(6);

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**WHEREAS**, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners remain opposed to the Circleville Solar, LLC Project pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board in Case No. 21-1090-EL-BGN;

**WHEREAS**, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioner's opposition is unanimous against the Circleville Solar, LLC Project;

**THEREFORE**, be it Resolved that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that the application by Circleville Solar LLC in Case No. 21-1090-EL-BGN before the Ohio Power Siting Board will not promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Pickaway County and therefore the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners expresses its unanimous opposition to the request to construct and operate the facility.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of**  
**Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments**  
**CDC of Ohio Contract:**

Following the review of the Community Development Block Grant Program, Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments CDC of Ohio Contract, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson to authorize Commissioner Wippel to execute the Community Development Block Grant Program Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments CDC of Ohio Contract. All services required for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing shall be completed no later than July 1, 2024.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

**In the Matter of**  
**Executive Session:**

At 1:30 p.m., Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (4) to discuss collective bargaining matters pertaining to the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office employees, with Rob Young and Jacob Booth, Clemans Nelson, April Dengler, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 1:45 p.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

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**In the Matter of**  
**Clerk of Courts Update and Renovations:**

Grant Davis, Clerk of Courts met with the Commissioners to discuss that the Title Department started doing watercraft registrations today. They got pre-approved to be a passport facility and would like to have it finalized to be up and running by the end of the year. CourtView is in the que for upgrades.

**In the Matter of**  
**Executive Session:**

At 2:06 p.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation, etc., of a public employee with Grant Davis, Clerk of Courts, April Dengler, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, County Deputy Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk in attendance.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

At 2:19 p.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to resume Regular Session.

Roll call vote on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No Action taken.

**In the Matter of**  
**Report Provided by April Metzger:**

The following is a summary of the report provided by April Metzger, County Administrator:

- Mrs. Metzger discussed the Axon contract approval for the Pickaway County Sheriff's six additional body cameras. Grant funds of \$10,701.96.

**In the Matter of**  
**Weekly Dog Warden Report:**

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for the week ending April 6, 2024.

A total of \$525 was reported collected as follows: \$75 in dog license; \$120 in owner turn-in; \$180 in adoptions; \$25 in redemption and \$125 in microchip fees.

Three (3) stray dogs were processed in; five (5) dogs were adopted.

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wippel, to adjourn.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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Jay H. Wippel, President

Harold R. Henson, Vice President

Gary K. Scherer, Commissioner  
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