

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022
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 19, 2022, with the following members present: Mr. Jay H. Wippel, and Mr. Gary K. Scherer. April Dengler, County Administrator, was also in attendance. Mr. Harold R. Henson was absent from today's session.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022, with corrections.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, absent; 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 Jay Wippel, 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 20, 2022, 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 her warrant on this entry in the amount of \$318,817.78 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, absent; 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 Jay Wippel, 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 20, 2022, 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 her warrant on this entry in the amount of \$537,921.88 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

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In the Matter of
Fund Transfers Approved:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the following requests for FUND TRANSFERS:

\$23,269.87 – 101.1105.5721 – HB295 Transfer Out – Auditor
TO
301.0000.4901 – HB295 Transfer In – Auditor

\$294.32 – 101.1105.5611 -Special Projects Assessment Interest – Treasurer
TO
901.0000.4707 – Special Projects Assessment Interest – Treasurer

\$1,130.99 – 101.1105.5610 – Motor Vehicle Interest – Treasurer
TO
202.0000.4706 – Motor Vehicle Tax Interest – Treasurer

\$3,036.04 – 101.1105.5609 – ALGT Interest – Treasurer
TO
201.0000.4705 – ALGT Interest - Treasurer

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

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:**
 - Saltcreek Township: Road Frontage Variance Request (Denied)
 - Madison Township, NorthPoint Rezoning Request (Approved)
- **Outstanding Plats:**
 - Pumpkin Run II – Finalizing drainage plans w/ Engineer's office
- **Lot Splits:**
 - Approved 5 lot splits in the last week, 7 open applications currently.
- **CDBG:**
 - Change order request for New Holland Critical Infrastructure in the amount of \$1,875 increase to include the removal and replacement of an existing residential concrete wall.
 - Contract with Capital City Awning in the amount of \$19,800 for the Pickaway Senior Center Awning Replacement Project in Logan Elm Village. Using Allocation/Neighborhood Revitalization monies.
 - New Holland Playground Project is scheduled for bid on May 3 @ 11:00 a.m. Allocation/Neighborhood Revitalization monies in the amount of \$68,250

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Gary Cameron:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Gary Cameron, EMA Director.

- This week the Mr. Cameron will attend the Fire Chiefs Meeting, Franklin County Mass Casualty tabletop exercise, Pickaway County LEPC tabletop exercise April 23rd at OCU and Meeting with Berger Hospital with Tim Colburn.
- Next Week the Mr. Cameron will be attending the Ross County Full Scale Exercise and Ohio EMA Spring Conference.
- General Information
 - COVID admissions in Central Ohio area remain low.

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- Spring/Summer weather warnings returning to the information cycle
- Continued reports of cyber-crime/hacking forwarded to IT
- Seeking to remove radio equipment from the old jail location and dispose of properly
- Programming Sheriff's Office radios
- EMA Projects
 - Continuing development of a full-scale preparedness drill at Deer Creek State Park in August. Event is hosted by Enterprise Products.
 - Effort underway to identify first responders in need of ICS/NIMS training as required by FEMA standards. Sense of urgency due to the upcoming disaster exercises.
 - EMA inventory audit – slow progress. Focusing on available PPE and need for rapid deployment kits.
 - Continuing development of the Community Emergency Response Team -training and background checks scheduled for May
 - WLOH antenna to be installed at the gun club tower May 9-11
- Issues requiring Commissioners Support/Notification:
 - NIMS training available to County Executives.

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Marc Rogols:

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

- There were no BWC claims, or unemployment claims filed for the week. Tawn Seimer, Soil and Water, appealed a claim that we did not know about. We did not receive “request for separation information”.
- All auctions are paid for and awaiting pick-up of the 1994 Gradall Excavator and buckets. It did not meet reserve and offered 2nd chance to the highest bidder at \$7,500. Bidder must respond by the end of the week. Developmental Disabilities two set cubicles sold for \$50.00, and the table and four chairs had no bids and is currently being reauctioned.
- Mr. Rogols received the 2022 Benefits Guide April 4th and revisions for Pickaway County are pending.
- Wilson Partners has obtained updated claims data to finalize rates and has also met with CEBCO. Update meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to discuss.
- Mr. Rogols is meeting with Adena this Friday at 11:30 a.m. to discuss Highway Garage Biometric Screening and scheduling of Mamo bus. On-site Biometric screening session at JFS this Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Mr. Rogols reported that no new hire packets were sent out. Twenty-one have been handed out year -to-date. The Accounts Payable/ Administrative Assistant position is posted on the county website and have received three applications. The Maintenance position is posted on website and one application has been received. Part-time Custodial position is still posted with no applications received.
- PICCA Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25th at 12:00 p.m.

In the Matter of
IT Department Report:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Robert Adkins, Pickaway County IT Department Director:

- Meraki Firewall deployed to EOC
- Continue pushing Spectrum to port phones for Garage and for Dog Shelter
- Access Server failed with a hard drive failure – Building a virtual server
- Working on a Vulnerability Management implementation for BOE requested by SOS
- SO – Migration - Ordered keystones and patch panel due to misconfigured patch panel
- SO – Vehicle Tracking – Verizon presentation expecting a proposal from Verizon
- SO – Move to Verizon from AT&T – Going well
- Sophos Contract
- Utility Locating Propasal
- AC unit failure in DataCenter

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In the Matter of
Maintenance Department Report:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Jon Brown, Maintenance Supervisor:

- Mr. Brown informed that Maintenance will start the Service Center flooring in the hallway this weekend.
- The Building Department Porch Project meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with WDC Group.
- Air Conditioner issues at the Annex and IT Server Room. They are running into supply chain shortages. For now, Accurate will keep it charged for use.
- Mr. Brown has received approved plans for the ramp at Memorial Hall ramp, PDI and Dog Shelter Pavilion. The ramp on the Pickaway Street side of Memorial Hall is pulling away from the building. They will have a restoration company look at the building once the old ramp is removed. There may be enough funds to place a strip of heating in the ramp to keep it de-iced during the winter months.
- Mr. Brown informed that the generator at the fairgrounds is not installed and it is still sitting at the PDI building. Mr. Brown has not heard from Scott Pritchard regarding installation.
- Mr. Brown is still waiting on an estimate to replace the courthouse front doors and will follow-up with the company.

In the Matter of
Atlanta Solar Project:

Paul Briggs, Dominion Energy, stopped in to observe today and touch base on the RUMA Agreement for the Atlanta Solar Project. The matter is scheduled on the Commissioners agenda April 26th. The Deercreek and Perry Township Trustees are set to hearing at their meetings Monday, April 25th. Mr. Briggs is in hope to be able to finish April 26th so they can schedule there closing the end of next week.

In the Matter of
Oath of Gary B. Cameron
As EMA Director:

Commissioner Gary Scherer administered the loyal oath as prescribed in Section 5502.34 of Ohio Revised Code for the appointment of Gary B. Cameron as the Director of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to authorize Commissioner Gary Scherer to sign the Record of Appointment of Director of Emergency Management certifying that Gary B. Cameron has been duly appointed as Director of Emergency Management on behalf of the Commissioners.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
USIC Locating Services, LLC Proposal
For the Pickaway County Engineer:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the proposal with USCI Locating Services, LLC for utility locating and marketing services for the Pickaway County Engineer. Services shall be billed at the following rates:

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| • Annual Fee | \$5,000 |
| • Per One Call Ticket | \$21.00 |
| • Project | \$15.00 Per ¼ hour |
| • Emergency Ticket | \$40.00 Flat Fee |
| • Non-at Fault Damage Investigation | \$275.00 |

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

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In the Matter of
ProSource Technologies, Inc.
Sophos Renewal Central Intercept X Advanced with XDR:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the proposal with ProSource Technologies, Inc. (dba ACT) for Sophos Renewal Central Intercept X Advanced with XDR. The quote is 138 Sophos Central Intercept X Advanced with XDR for Endpoints GOV (5/21/22-5/20/25) at \$14,524.50 and 22 Sophos Central Intercept X Advanced with XDR for Services GOV (4/23/22-4/22/25) at \$4,881.80. Totaling \$19,406.30.

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

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In the Matter of
Community Development Block Grant
PY20 Village of New Holland Neighborhood
Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure Project:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to execute the CDNG PY20 Village of New Holland Neighborhood Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure Project, Change Order No. 1 with CAP-Stone Associates, Inc. The change to contract pricing will be increased by \$1,875.00 due to the contract price includes removal of an existing residential concrete back wall and replacement of back wall. The work must be performed while the sidewalk is being removed and replaced. The new contract price total will be \$950,771.32.

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

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In the Matter of
Community Development Block Grant
Pickaway Senior Center Awning Replacement Project
Contract with Capital City Awning:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to execute the contract with Capital City Awning for the Pickaway Senior Center Awning Replacement Project. The cost of project is not to exceed \$19,800.00.

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

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In the Matter of
Engineer's MAD-C008-8.58 6532144, MAD-C008-9.74 6532179,
MAD-C008-11.33 6532209, JAC-C004-9.23 6532713, SCI-C004-10.71 6532705
Guardrail Contract with MP Dory Company:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the Engineer's MAD-C008-8.58 6532144, MAD-C008-9.74 6532179, MAD-C008-11.33 6532209, JAC-C004-9.23 6532713, SCI-C004-10.71 6532705 Guardrail Contract with MP Dory Company. The contractor's bid was the sum of \$142,317.00.

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

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Engineer's MAD-C008-8.58 6532144, MAD-C008-9.74 6532179,
MAD-C008-11.33 6532209, JAC-C004-9.23 6532713, SCI-C004-10.71 6532705
Guardrail Contract Addendum with MP Dory Company:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve the Engineer's MAD-C008-8.58 6532144, MAD-C008-9.74 6532179, MAD-C008-11.33 6532209, JAC-C004-9.23 6532713, SCI-C004-10.71 6532705 Guardrail Contract Addendum with MP Dory Company. The contractor's bid was the sum of \$142,317.00.

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

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In the Matter of
County Administrator Report:

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

- Ms. Dengler discussed the proposed pay rates for Command Staff at the Sheriff's Office. Figures will be reviewed for discussion.
- Ms. Dengler provided 1st Quarter reports for review.
- Ms. Dengler addressed that the rate sheets for RFQ- Fairgrounds Phase 2 will need to be done next week.
- Signage was added for curtain sponsors at the fairgrounds hog/ small animal/ beef barns.
- Ms. Dengler forwarded the EMA informational document regarding solar panels to the Ohio Power Siting Board to be included as record.
- Ms. Dengler will be attending a Farm to Plate Dinner meeting tomorrow at 5:30 at Rhoads Garden Center.
- Ms. Dengler asked the Commissioners about the windows at the jail that need to be painted. The Commissioners agreed to not re-glaze the windows at this time because they may all be replaced during the additional building upgrades.

In the Matter of
Emergency Management Agency
LEPC Member Appointment:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to approve and authorize Commissioner Wippel to sign the Local Emergency Planning Committee Application of LEPC Member Appointments/ Resignations for Multiple Members with Ohio State Emergency Response Commission.

Appointed:

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| Dillion Wilson | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | ODR&C Corrections Reception Center |
| Mike Antle | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | ODR&C Pickaway Correctional Institution |
| Michael Sherron | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | Pickaway County EMA |
| Joseph Grubb | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | Pickaway Public Health District |
| James Brown Jr. | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | Pickaway County Sheriff's Office |
| Gary Cameron | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | Pickaway County EMA |
| Tom Swisher | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | Pickaway County EMA |
| Jon Rhoades | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | Pickaway County Sheriff's Office |
| Jerry McGaha | 4/14/22 through 8/9/23 | ODR&C Franklin Medical Center |

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Resigned:

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| Phil Roar | Removed from roster – Resigned position with Police Department |
| Aaron Wolfe | Removed from roster – Changed position with Ohio EPA |
| Melody Barnhart | Removed from roster – Resigned position with hospital |

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

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

The following is a summary of the report provided by Sheriff Hafey, Pickaway County Sheriff.

- Sheriff Hafey reported the status of the new vehicles.
- They arrested an individual that stole four vehicles over the weekend.
- Patrol is fully staffed and there are positions open in jail. Sheriff Hafey has a meeting scheduled with township to discuss a contract the township is requesting. There are concerns that must be addressed.
- The sewer project is still in the works and being finalized with architect.

**In the Matter of
Resolution Adopted Authorizing
Participation in the ODOT Winter Contract for Road Salt:**

At the request of Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to adopt the following Resolution which authorizes participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual winter road salt bid (2022) for the purchase of road salt/sodium chloride:

Resolution No.: PC-041922-33

**Resolution stating the opposition of the Pickaway County Board of
Commissioners to the proposed Circleville Solar, LLC Project.**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION
IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022**

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees to hold the Department of Transportation harmless for any claims, actions, expenses, or other damages arising out of the Political Subdivision's participation in the road salt contract; and

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- d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically **submitted** salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, April 29 **by 5:00 p.m.** The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract: **THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SALT PARTICIPATION WEBSITE BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 29, 2022.**

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Auditor's Monthly Update:

Melissa Betz, County Auditor, met with the Commissioners to provide a report of March month end. March ended at \$10,189,658.01 and April started with a cash balance of \$12,150,133.17. Mrs. Betz does not see conveyance fees slowing down anytime soon and there have been a lot of conveyances for Commercial Point. Departments look good since we are only into April. Sales tax was \$90,000 more than this time last year. The dog tag sales are still growing with on-line sales. The Auditor is holding a training for township fiscal officers April 28th and Mrs. Betz asked how many solar projects are being considered in Pickaway County. Commissioner Wippel explained Atlanta Solar Project, Yellowbud Solar Project, Scioto Solar Project, Circleville Solar Project, Chipmunk Solar Project and Circleville Transmission Line. The Commissioners have only approved a PILOT for Atlanta Solar Project and denied the Yellowbud Solar Project. The Commissioners are not approving any other PILOTS for projects in the county. Commissioner Scherer asked Mrs. Betz if Bath and Body Works had contacted her, and she explained that they did regarding property taxes. The Commissioners are working with Ryan Scribner, P3, to plan tours of the new warehouses on State Route 104 and Mrs. Betz explained that being apart of the CRAA, visit should be made. The companies have been working well with Mrs. Betz's appraisers.

In the Matter of
Allocation of January 2022 Sales Tax Collections:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to allocate the February 2022 Sales Tax collections in the following manner:

\$36,308.00 to 401.0000.4121 – Capital Fund
\$871,403.98 to 101.0000.4121 – General Fund

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

❖ *Commissioner Jay Wippel removed himself from the sessions regarding solar*

**In the Matter of
Scioto Solar Farm:**

Mike Hartley, Swing State Strategies, Mark Carney, Kim Schreckengost and James Cook, Candela Renewables met with the Commissioners to provide an update of the Scioto Solar Farm Project. Mr. Hartley started with the Scioto Farms set of Representative Conditions. There were concerns of the disposal and cleanup. There will be an environmental specialist there on site to make sure that the cleanup is maintained, and reports have to be provided. Commissioner Scherer explained that the Pickaway County EMA Director has prepared documentation that has been filed with the Ohio Power Siting Board regarding site and environmental impact. Mrs. Schreckengost discussed when tax payments will be made. Commissioner Scherer addressed that Brown County is generating power but not paying taxes yet and asked where is that power going if it is not generated for the grid. Mr. Cook explained that the grid operator will monitor and yes, it is generating power. That power could be sold into the PJM market. It would depend on the contract with the power plant. The commercial operation date is when the project is complete, and the grid operator signs off that everything is working correctly, and it is generating power. They could set a plan to layout the process for a start date as commercial operating. Mr. Carney stated that they have started a conversation regarding vegetation and animals on the solar farm. Mrs. Schreckengost has been meeting with Neighbors regarding the Good Neighbors Program. Mr. Cook stated that the idea regarding a PILOT is to guarantee the county has a clear and predictable revenue stream. The flip side is if you're looking at it without a PILOT it is unpredictable and depreciation of equipment. Mr. Hartley will make sure that when the staffs report comes out to come back in to meet with the Commissioners. Commissioner Scherer advised that the County has retained counsel regarding solar.

**In the Matter of
Circleville Solar Project:**

Jim Samuel and Ally Sexton, Nextera Energy Resources, LLC, met with the Commissioners regarding the Circleville Solar Project. Ms. Sexton and Dylan Borchers, Bricker and Eckler, discussed the schedule of the project. November 18th and March 10th will be an open house, June 10th OPSB staff issues Staff Report of Investigation, June 27th Local Public Hearing, July 22nd Deadline for Stipulation and July 26th Evidentiary Hearing. Ms. Sexton explained that NextEra maintains the project for the life of it and Commissioner Scherer explained that he did make a trip to the Bowling Green Project in Wood County. The Bowling Green Project is similar to the size of the Circleville Solar Project. The Bowling Green Solar Project (20MW) was under the 50MW therefore, did not require OPSB approval, yet the project voluntary conforms or exceeds most state requirements. The Circleville Solar Project is a 70MW facility equivalent of powering 25,000 homes. The project is 575 acres with 3.6-mile transmission line. The setbacks to minimize potential impacts for Circleville Solar for a residential structure is 600 feet from the nearest structure to equipment.

Circleville Solar "civil-light" approach is constructing solar sites, the project minimizes ground disturbance to the land underneath panels. Any topsoil removed for grading will not be removed from the site. Low growing vegetation will be planted throughout the facility. After decommissioning, the field will be returned to agriculture. Commissioner Scherer asked how far the pole will be placed in the ground, and it was explained that the post will be placed 10'-12' into the ground. Commissioner Scherer also asked how they will know if tile had been hit or damaged while placing the poles and Ms. Sexton explained that they will not know immediately, but Mark Ruff has placed most of the tile in these fields and they will be working with Mr. Ruff during the entire project. Mr. Borchers discussed that they have not had a lot of concerns from the community, other than two families. The PILOT has requirements that may not be there if there is no PILOT. One being workforce requirements and apprenticeship requirements. Mr. Samuel. Not having a PILOT could require upfront cost that are higher, and he knows that legislation just passed that does not give the schools the ability to negotiate property values. Commissioner Scherer addressed the safety and

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environmental impact of the materials in the panels and that the Pickaway County EMA Director submitted a memo of the Environmental Impact to the OPSB.

❖ *Commissioner Jay Wippel returned to meeting*

**In the Matter of
County Fiber Expansion
Discussion with Horizon:**

Tom Wetmore and JP West, Horizon, met with the Commissioners to discuss fiber expansion in Pickaway County. Mr. West has been working with broadband for 3.5 years before COVID and has many townships that are wanting to have the broadband in their areas. Horizon has been in business for 125 years. Horizon can offer a robust Hosted Voice, Internet and Ethernet services up to 100 Gbps, dark fiber and wavelength services. State of the art network and reputation for quality and customer experience with first bill review making certain there is a full understanding of services, 60 second Fiber-alert notice/ 30 minute e-mail notifications until resolution and average mean time to repair is within four hours, compared to 6 to 8 hours industry average. Local presence 24/7/365 NOC, project managers and executive team located in Columbus with no 3rd party billing (all done in-house) and support calls ne go west coast or overseas. Major focus on network growth and acquisition with capital and financial backing. Industry leading 99.5% retention rate, a genuine partnership approach while instituting a proactive relationship with customers, vendors and community.

Horizon partners NOVACAP and GCM Grosvenor are at their side providing significant advantages to continue on the path of growth and transformation. This allows for Horizon to enhance services for existing customers, acquiring new clients and partners, while pursuing new markets in the years ahead. Horizon deploys dedicated fiber network, not a passive optical network (PON) network. Dedicated glass fiber strands go to each customer rather than through a splitter in a PON network. This allows for more bandwidth now and into the future, as well as positioning Horizon for advanced technologies years out without reconstructing the network. Horizon FTTP internet is designed to be a “2 Hop” network; meaning that they have a very efficient means of routing traffic to the internet in only two “hops”. This is due to less equipment for the internet traffic to flow through and provides for lower latency and overall better experience to the customer. Two “hops” means literally that they want the customer internet traffic to only touch two pieced of Horizon equipment before it is into the internet. For example, most residential internet networks are between 8-12 “hops” today.

Mr. West explained why households need FTT fiber optic. Households are growing by the number of smart devices and the need for the devices. Households need for work, school, social media, gaming, streaming and has grown to need for Tele Medicine, virtual doctor appointments and shopping. In addition to households, small business need for credit cards transactions, televisions, customer Wi-Fi, phone service and cloud and cyber security. Horizon will be able to over better, faster service for a lower cost to household s and business with great customer support in the United States. Mr. West and Mr. Wetmore offered an invitation for the Commissioners to visit their facility in Columbus to see what Horizon has to offer Pickaway County.

**In the Matter of
Executive Session:**

At 2:33 p.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G) (8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, with Ryan Scriber and David Glass, P3, Matt Palmisciano, FORJAK Industries, Michael Weinstein, Patriot Engineers, April Dengler, County Administrator and Angela Karr, Clerk, were in attendance.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

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At 2:51p.m., the Commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Gary Scherer 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, absent; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

No action taken.

In the Matter of
Brownfield Project Support for
600 South Clinton Street:

During business conducted while in session, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-041922-34

Resolution to authorize submission of an application to the Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Remediation Program for Environmental Remediation activities

WHEREAS, to authorize submission of an application to the Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Remediation Program for Environmental Remediation activities at 600 South Clinton Street which is composed of nine parcels: A0540860000200, A054860001300, A0540860000300, A0540860000400, A0540860000500, A0540860000600, A0540860000700, A0540860000800 and A0540860000900, and

WHEREAS, including authorizing the Pickaway County Administrator to execute the application and associated documents and enter into a contract for professional services with Patriot Engineering and Environmental, Inc, then

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners authorize submission of an application to the Ohio Department of Development's Brownfield Remediation Program for Environmental Remediation activities at 600 South Clinton Street.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report:

The weekly report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending April 16, 2022.

A total of \$360 was reported being collected as follows: \$90 in dog license; \$45 in dog license late penalty; \$50 in adoptions and \$175 in private donations.

Seven (7) stray dogs were processed in; one (1) dog was 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, absent; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

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Jay H. Wippel, President

Harold R. Henson, Vice President {absent}

Gary K. Scherer, Commissioner
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Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk