The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, with the following members present: Mr. Brian S. Stewart, Mr. Jay H. Wippel, and Mr. Harold R. Henson. Brad Lutz, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

In the Matter of
Minutes Approved:

Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wippel, to approve the minutes from August 1, 2017, with corrections.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes from August 8, 2017, with corrections.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Bills Approved for Payment:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner 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 August 16, 2017, 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 $517,549.11 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Report Provided by Erica Tucker:

- Last week, Mrs. Tucker and Tom Davis attended a meeting at the Ohio Solid Waste District Organization (OSWDO) office and the group organizing the state recycling plan. They are assisting regional solid waste districts, and provided suggestions on what they would like to see in new plans. They are trying to assist regional districts that only have one recycling hauler. It was mentioned that Rumpke Recycling reduced its bill due to the recent issues the RPHF was experiencing related to recycling bins not being emptied at a few locations.
- Mrs. Tucker and Mr. Davis will be traveling to Frankfort next Wednesday regarding the RPHF district-wide household hazardous material day event that is scheduled to be held in November at Adena High School. Environmental Enterprises, Inc. will be taking and properly dispose of the materials.
In the Matter of
Report Provided by Dave Conrad:

The following is a summary of the report provided by Dave Conrad, EMA Director:

- The application to the Ohio EMA Hazard Mitigation Division in the amount of $5,000 for the logjam removal in Griffey Creek near Swackhammer Road was not considered by the agency. Nor was a $300,000 application submitted for the removal of a logjam and a bridge on Little Walnut Road. However, a $755,000 is being considered for a retaining wall along Walnut Creek Pike. Mr. Conrad will be working with the county engineer regarding obtaining additional information for submission to the state.

In the Matter of
Conceal Carry Weapons Policy for County Commissioners’ Building Approved for Inclusion in the Pickaway County Policy & Procedure Manual:

Clemans, Nelson & Associates provided a revised copy of the Conceal Carry Weapon (CCW) policy the commissioners’ reviewed on July 11, 2017, and had made some revisions.

After reviewing the revised policy, Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, for its approval that will be included in Section 5.19 of the Pickaway County Policy & Procedure Manual.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Report Provided by April Dengler:

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

- A 2003 Ford F250 Extended Cab county engineering department service truck has been posted on the govdeals.com website until next Wednesday.
- An Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (OBWC) claim was filed by an employee of the county highway garage employee that had a hydraulic hose he was using exploded in his hand, and required surgery. He was wearing the required leather safety gloves.
- The 2016 data for the OBWC 4-year grant has been received. Pickaway County will be receiving a check from OBWC in the amount of $3,750.
- CORSA will be holding its mandatory training for elected officials or their designee and two topics will need to be chosen from a list provided by CORSA.

In the Matter of
Appropriations Approved:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve the following request for a CASH ADVANC BACK:

5,000 from 255.5036.5801 – 800 MHz-Advances Out To 101.0000.4910 – Advance In-General

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk
In the Matter of
Cash Advance:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve the following request for a CASH ADVANCE:

6,000 from 101.1105.5801 – Advance Out-General
To
227.0000.4910 – Juvenile-VOCA-Advance In

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Appropriations Approved:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve the following requests for the APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS:

1,476 to 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
2,224 to 234.2064.5901 – Prosecutor-VOCA-Other Expenses

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Approval of Line Item Name Change:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve the following request for a LINE ITEM NAME CHANGE:

226.2055.5401 from DYS Alternative to Detention
To
DYS Monitor

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Transfers Approved:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve the following request for a TRANSFER and RE-APPROPRIATION:

1,476 from 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies
To
101.1103.5205 – Workers’ Comp.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk
In the Matter of
Issuance of Blanket Purchase Order:

Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve the following request for the ISSUANCE OF A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER:

30,058.41 – 919.69
08.5901 – Tax Sales-Other Expense

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Resolution Adopted in
Recognition of Constitution Week:

Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wippel, to adopt the following Resolution that will be included in the Pickaway Plains Daughters of the American Resolution annual display at Pickaway County District Library:

Resolution No.: PC-081517-1

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners to recognize occasions of outstanding significance; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States comprises the primary law of the United States Federal Government, describes the three branches of government, the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial, and lays down the basic rights of citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, the oldest Federal Constitution in existence, was framed by the convention of delegates from twelve of the original states in Philadelphia in May 1878, and was adopted by convention of States on September 17, 1787, with ratification completed June 21, 1788; then

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pickaway County Commissioners are proud to honor the Constitution of the United States and hereby declare

September 17, 2017 through September 23, 2017
as
CONSTITUTION WEEK
in
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Resolution Adopted Recognizing the
Month of September as Hunger Action Month:

At the request of the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Commissioner Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-081517-2

WHEREAS, Pickaway County supports the Mid-Ohio Foodbank in educating people about the importance of addressing hunger and the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and,
WHEREAS, one in six citizens in Ohio deal with food insecurity on a daily basis, with the rate of food insecurity among children even higher at one in four, and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributed more than 69 million pounds of food and groceries in 2016 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Commissioners would like to thank our county-wide partners, which include the Circleville Church of Christ, the Emergency Clearinghouse Pantry, PICCA Veterans Program, Tarlton UMC Food Pantry, The Circle Shelter, and the Village Table/Village Chapel UMC; and

WHEREAS, food banks across the state – including the Mid-Ohio Foodbank – will promote numerous events thought the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community; then,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pickaway County Commissioners hereby recognize the month of September 2017 as HUNGER ACTION MONTH in Pickaway County, Ohio

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Meeting Regarding Proposed “Marsy’s Law for All” Statewide Amendment on the November 2017 Ballot:

Andy Kestler, Director of Operations/Field Director – Marsy’s Law for Ohio, and Laney Spaulding met with the commissioners to discuss Marsy’s Law for All, a statewide proposed amendment that will be on the November 7th ballot. Marsy’s Law is named after the sister of Dr. Henry Nichols, of California, where it was first to be passed in 2008. Marsy was stalked and murdered by her boyfriend, and shortly after her murder, Marsy’s family members had no idea the accuser had been released from jail and were confronted by him in a public setting.

Mr. Kestler said crime victim rights include, but are not limited to, being treated with respect, fairness, and dignity throughout the criminal justice proceedings; notification of their rights and services available to them; the right to receive timely notification of proceedings and other major developments in their case; the right to receive timely notification of any changes to their offender’s custodial status; the right to be present at court proceedings and provide input to a prosecutor before the plea deal is finalized; the right to be heard at plea or sentencing proceedings or any process that may result in the offender’s release. Mr. Kestler said that many Ohio crime victims have particularly voiced their concerns of not being notified of court proceedings so they may provide input, and notification of their offender’s release.

Along with an endorsement form, the full ballot language was provided for review that was accepted by the Ohio Attorney General would guarantee victims’ rights to be upheld in the Ohio Constitution. Essentially, the rights in Marsy’s Law are already included in the Ohio Revised Code; however, Mr. Kestler stated that unfortunately they are being neglected in some court systems, without consequences. He said Marsy’s Law in the Constitution would give more “teeth” to the enforcement of victim’s rights that would be elevated to and equal to rights already afforded to and enforced for offenders. The role of the victim in a criminal case is unchanged by the law, and the judge still runs the courtroom and the prosecutor still runs the case, and the rights of the accused are untouched. In addition to California’s passage in 2008, Marsy’s Law has been passed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nevada, Montana, and will be in Florida. Mr. Kestler stated that there has been no organized opposition to Marsy’s Law, and polling has shown 87% informed voter approval and 73% non-informed voter approval. Mr. Kestler stated that they have received nonpartisan endorsement of the proposed amendment from other counties so far
including Athens, Meigs, Hocking, Jackson, Pike, and are scheduled to meet with Ross, Scioto, and other county commissioners.

The question was raised about the various victim’s rights listed and if they have not been enforced, does the victim have to hire an attorney about their rights being violated, and Mr. Kestler said “yes,” causing the victim to fight for their standing of notifications of court proceedings to provide input, their offender’s release from confinement, etc., causing them to feel re-victimized. Mr. Kestler mentioned the recent Kirkersville, Ohio, shootings as such an example. Another question was raised about the victims’ rights, which are already law in the ORC that are not being enforced in some areas without consequence, and how Marsy’s Law in Ohio’s Constitution can provide heavier enforcement, and Mr. Kestler and Mr. Spaulding stated that they can consult the attorneys who could better answer the question, and will get back with them. Contact information was exchanged and Mr. Kestler stated he will report back when he has more information.

After further discussion, the commissioners stated that they were interested in learning more about the proposed amendment and thanked Mr. Kestler and Mr. Spaulding for meeting with them.

In the Matter of
Meeting Regarding Commissioners’ Appointment to the
Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) and;
PCBDD’s Decision not to Collect 25% of its 2 Mil Levy for Calendar Year 2018:

Mike Pelcic, PCBDD Superintendent, met with the commissioners along with Bob, Hively, Director of Business/Financial Manager. The first topic of discussion was Jessica Mullin, the commissioners’ at large appointee to the PCBDD, whose term will expire December 31, 2017. This is Mrs. Mullin’s third term and per the ORC, is not eligible for reappointment. Pertinent sections of the ORC for membership criteria that must be met were distributed and reviewed. Mr. Pelcic also distributed a copy of a Declaration by Member of Pickaway County DD Board form he said that is as a matter standard practice during the PCBDD’s annual organization meetings held in January, for board members complete to determine if there is a conflict of interest or other circumstance that may cause them to be ineligible to serve on the PCBDD. The commissioners appoint five members to the PCBDD, and the probate judge appoints two. All of the commissioners’ current appointees and term status were then reviewed.

Mr. Pelcic stated that one individual has reached out to him regarding his interest to serve, if it is determined that would be no conflict of interest. Another individual has reached out as well about interest and has been invited to attend the PCBDD’s next meeting, something Mr. Pelcic recommends to all interested individuals.

In discussing the commissioners’ requirement to appoint a new at large member, Mr. Pelcic stated that the commissioners are to select their appointee by November 30th. It was ascertained that the commissioners’ office will publically advertise and solicit interested individuals and schedule times to meet with next month.

The second topic of discussion was the PCBDD’s recent resolution it adopted regarding its voluntary decision to not collect the 25% (approximately $534,000) of the 2 mil levy, originally approved in 2005, collectible in calendar year 2018, and will reflect in the real estate tax bills that will be mailed in 2019. Mr. Pelcic stated that there has been carry-over/cash reserve in the PCBDD fund that is growing and expects to close calendar year 2018 with expenditures $500,000 less than revenues. Mr. Pelcic stated that if there are no real changes to the current circumstances, the PCBDD does not anticipate going back to the voters until 2038. Mr. Pelcic and Mr. Hively will be meeting with Pickaway County Budget Commission (comprised of the county auditor, county treasurer, and county prosecutor) later in the day to also inform them of PCBDD’s decision. The commissioners commended Mr. Pelcic, Mr. Hively, and the PCBDD.

Mr. Hively also informed the commissioners that the PCBDD’s 501 (c)(3) non-profit housing board, formed the late 1990’s, to be able to receive grants to purchase homes throughout the community and made them ADA compliant for housing for disabled individuals. He stated that the housing board sold seven properties it owned in the community to PICCA, with the balance of any unpaid grant dollars transferred over, at 85% of their value and entered into agreement that PICCA, for no less than 15 years in each of the homes, will rent the houses to people with disabilities. Mr. Hively mentioned that this will remove for those
homes that were covered under the county’s County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) policy. He stated that all vehicles have been sold as well. He said that the housing board no longer has properties to manage, and it will remain in existence and its fund balance could possibly be used for some expenses that PCBDD might have or projects that would be outside of the scope that its levy funds can be spent for.

Mr. Pelcic took a few moments to inquire about the status Pickaway County Fairgrounds Revitalization project, and the commissioners informed him that the schematic designs have been completed and they signed-off on them last month. They informed Mr. Pelcic that they have been actively moving forward on the project which is now in the development phase, cost estimate phase, it is expected to have biddable documents by the end of the year.

The results of capital campaign feasibility study was reviewed during last week’s meeting that showed that passion is high in the community and a large percentage of interest in terms of donating to the campaign and individuals volunteering for the campaign committee, and other committees. The official fundraising campaign that the Pickaway County Community Foundation (PCCF) will be administering is expected to kick-off this fall. Mr. Pelcic stated that the PCBDD is very interested in the project and assisting in any way.

At the conclusion of the meeting, thanked Mr. Pelcic and Mr. Hively for meeting with them.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Marc Rogols, Chief Dog Warden,
Regarding County Dog Shelter Complaint:

Marc Rogols, Chief Dog Warden, met with the commissioners in reference to complaint they received via email on Friday, August 11th, from an individual who surrendered her two elderly dogs to the Pickaway County Dog Shelter to be euthanized. Mr. Rogols was contacted and instructed to place the dogs on administrative hold, compile a report for the commissioners’ review, and meet with them to discuss the matter.

In essence, the individual stated in her email that on August 1st, she went to the Dog Shelter to have her elderly dogs euthanized, a 14-year old black lab and a 13-year old coonhound, and listed a few health issues she stated each of them had. She went on to state that she completed the paperwork and paid a total of $140 total including a euthanasia fee. She said that on August 8th, she began receiving messages and emails from family and friends stating that the dogs were up for adoption and they had been seen on the shelter’s Facebook page. She stated in the email that she wants the dogs put to sleep due to their age and health issues, and she does not want them separated. She also said that her mother was upset and drove to the shelter and was told that they do not put dogs down, but they could adopt them back at the standard adoption fee.

In her email, the individual stated that she wants her two dogs put to rest together and would like to be contacted to pick them up when that has been completed. She stated that she wanted her two dogs put to rest together and would like to pick up their bodies once this is completed as she wants to know that her dogs were actually put to rest. She also stated in the email that she would like to have the $140 she paid in fees returned to her.

In Mr. Rogols meeting with the commissioners, they stated that they had had opportunity to review his report. The report stated that in late July, he received a telephone call from the individual (prior to bringing the dog to the shelter on August 1st) requesting the euthanasia of her dog that she described as a 14-year old black lab named Spencer, citing the dog’s age and various health problems, including a broken leg that was treated twice last year, as the reasons. He said she identified a specific veterinary clinic as the dog’s vet and informed Mr. Rogols that Spencer had recently been to the veterinarian clinic, but she could not specify the date, and that euthanasia had been recommended by the vet. Admittedly, she could not afford the clinic’s prices, and as a result, she informed Mr. Rogols that the vet clinic recommended that she contact the dog shelter, due to cheaper prices. Mr. Rogols stated that he specifically told her that the process would require her to surrender the dog to the shelter, and the dog would be assessed by the shelter staff prior to any euthanasia being performed, and the dog would only be “put down” if it was warranted. He said the fees involved, which included a dog tag $15; late tag fee $15; and the cost to surrender the dog $40; for a $70 total, and that she stated the fees were “no problem.” Mr. Rogols noted that the shelter’s fees do not differentiate between an “Owner Surrender” and an “Owner Surrender – Euthanasia Request.” The shelter
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charges $40 for all owner surrenders. The only difference involves the actual computer entry into the shelter’s records system; a reason for the owner surrender is required as part of the data entry. For example, a person surrendering a dog due to moving to a new residence and no longer being able to keep the dog would be entered as an “Owner Surrender” / “Surrender for Adoption.” A person surrendering for euthanasia is entered as an “Owner Surrender / Owner Requested Euthanasia.” The charges are the same, $40, and the difference in entries for statistical data. In short, the individual did not pay for the dogs to be euthanized. She paid the $140 amount for an owner turn-in fee ($40 x 2), and dog license fee ($15 x 2), with license late fees ($15 x 2). This is consistent with any owner turn-ins for dogs to be released to the shelter for possible adoption.

Mr. Rogols stated that during the telephone call in late July, an appointment was scheduled with the individual to bring the dog in on August 1, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Immediately after the telephone, Mr. Rogols called the animal clinic that she had identified during their conversation and he asked the vet clinic for the records they had on Spencer, which were faxed to the shelter and (copies were provided to the commissioners. The records show two flea treatments in 2015, along with two treatments for a broken leg late last year. The clinic specified that it did not vaccinate Spencer, and there was nothing shown in the report recommending euthanasia.

On August 1st, the individual arrived at the shelter with Spencer for the scheduled appointment along with a second dog, “Annie,” a 13 to 14-year old coonhound. Up to that point, Mr. Rogols said there had never been any mention of, or discussion about Annie. She informed Mr. Rogols that she wanted Annie euthanized as well due to a bladder control issue and her advanced age. Mr. Rogols stated that he processed the paperwork and presented with an “Owner Surrender” form for each dog. On both forms, she indicated the owner surrender was being done due the dog’s poor health. Justifying the requests for euthanasia, the individual told Mr. Rogols that both dogs had been seen by a vet clinic, and euthanasia had been recommended for both due to advanced age, and that Spencer had a mobility issue and Annie had a bladder control issue. It was noted that the Owner Surrender form specifically states the following: “As the owner of the animal described below, or the duly authorized agent thereof, I hereby relinquish and transfer ownership of this animal to the Pickaway County Dog Shelter. I understand that the Dog Shelter will evaluate this animal’s age, temperament, and health, and will take the most appropriate course of action with respect to its disposition. These dispositions include adoption, euthanasia, or transfer of this animal to another facility. All attempts are made to place acceptable dogs into new homes.” The dogs have received rabies, parvo, and Bordetella vaccinations from the shelter and a dog license was issued for each.

Mr. Rogols stated that the individual’s mother did visit the shelter and told him that she had not wanted her daughter to turn the dogs into the shelter. He explained that after the dogs were evaluated, the shelter staff did not feel they were candidates for euthanasia, and the mother seemed to agree. He said that she was not upset with the shelter, and she thanked Mr. Rogols for the shelter’s concern for the dogs and that she wanted to adopt them, but did not believe her husband would approve.

In discussing the matter, the commissioners asked a number of questions. One of which was if a veterinarian recommends euthanasia, does the shelter follow that recommendation. Mr. Rogols responded by stating, “Yes,” adding that the standard procedure of the shelter is to first request the records from the vet, and if the records recommend euthanasia, that recommendation is never overruled by the shelter. When a question was raised about the statement contained in the email that the “shelter does not put down dogs, Mr. Rogols stated that both dogs had been seen by a vet clinic, and euthanasia had been recommended for both due to advanced age, and that Spencer had a mobility issue and Annie had a bladder control issue. It was noted that the Owner Surrender form specifically states the following: “As the owner of the animal described below, or the duly authorized agent thereof, I hereby relinquish and transfer ownership of this animal to the Pickaway County Dog Shelter. I understand that the Dog Shelter will evaluate this animal’s age, temperament, and health, and will take the most appropriate course of action with respect to its disposition. These dispositions include adoption, euthanasia, or transfer of this animal to another facility. All attempts are made to place acceptable dogs into new homes.” The dogs have received rabies, parvo, and Bordetella vaccinations from the shelter and a dog license was issued for each.

The commissioners stated that they will respond to the individual stating that after researching the matter, it was determined that the proper procedures were followed by the shelter and Mr. Rogol’s report will be provided. She will also be provided the opportunity to get the dogs back if she desires and will be provided a specified number of days to pick them up. If she chooses not to do so, Mr. Rogols also mentioned a rescue facility he collaborates with that is dedicated to senior dogs and he is certain that both dogs would be accepted so they can remain together.
The commissioners thanked Mr. Rogols for meeting with them and providing his report. It was determined that total of $80 will be refunded for the owner surrender fees; however, the dog licenses and license late fees will not.

Note: Commissioner Wippel was not present for the remainder of the day due to an outside obligation.

In the Matter of
Meeting Regarding the Ohio Department of Corrections & Rehabs’ Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Plan (T-CAP):

Common Pleas Court Judge, Randall Knece, and Jason McGowan, Chief Probation Officer, met with the commissioners to discuss the Ohio Department of Corrections & Rehabs (ODRC) pilot Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Plan (T-CAP). ODRC states that in 2016, approximately 8,300 of nearly 20,000 individuals committed to prison were sent to serve one year or less for low-level, non-violent offenses. Approximately 4,100 of those commitments were for Felony 5 offenses. By assisting local communities to manage these low-level offenders as a less costly, more effective alternative to state prison, this funding opportunity from ODRC will ensure that these individuals receive the essential treatment they need at the community level, and will also help reduce Ohio’s growing prison population. If ODRC does not see a decrease in its prison population associated with the T-CAP grant, it could discontinue the funding program. The expenses for the grant would run through September 1, 2017, to January 30, 2020.

ODRC would provide Pickaway County $434,000 in grant funding to develop a plan to effectively supervise, treat and hold accountable the low-level, nonviolent offenders. Judge Knece stated that the Pickaway County Common Pleas Court would utilize the T-CAP funds to hire and employ a community corrections case manager, create an effective electronic monitoring program, expand collaboration with local drug and alcohol treatment agencies, and compensate the Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office (PCSO) for housing unsuccessful offender. By using a cost per diem formula that was developed by the Buckeye Sheriff’s Association. Using this formula the PCSO calculated a $78 a day to house a T-CAP offender. A special revenue fund would be set up to receive the $434,000 in total funds over the grant period via electronic payments, and $22,500 of that would be appropriated to the PCSO quarterly, which equates to a total of $180,000. The grant application which is due to ODRC by Monday, August 21st, can be done electronically. The application is include a local plan, which was developed and was presented to the commissioners, along with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Pickaway County Common Pleas Court, Pickaway County Commissioners, and the PCSO.

After reviewing the plan, the MOU, and discussing the matter further, Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to accept the ODRC T-CAP grant, and authorize Commissioner Stewart to sign the Pickaway County Common Pleas Court Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison Plan that Mr. McGowan will submit with the grant application.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Tour of Walnut Heights Subdivision and Circle Hills Subdivision Sewer Treatment Package Plants:

A portion of the afternoon session was dedicated to touring two of the county’s sewer treatment package plants with Chris Mullins, Sanitary Engineer, which included the package plant in Walnut Heights Subdivision, in Harrison Township, and the package plant in the Circle Hills, in Washington Township. Mr. Lutz also participated in the tour.

In the Matter of
County Administrator Report:
The following is a summary of the report provided by Brad Lutz, County Administrator:

- A complaint was received regarding the renters of the apartment in the building that the county owns on the frontage of the fairgrounds. This is the second time a number of items have been placed against the chain link fence causing the fence to bend. The county Maintenance Department previously removed items and will be returning a second time to remove items. Mr. Lutz will send a letter to the renter of the apartment regarding the issue.

- A ribbon cutting is scheduled for next Friday, August 25th, at 11:30 a.m. for the “Little Bit of Heart Photography” located at 113 S. Scioto St.

- A tour of the Everts Annex and Mill Street gymnasium is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd at 2:00 p.m. related to the proposed cultural arts center that Kristen May met with the commissioners about. It was noted that the City of Circleville will need to make a formal decision on what direction it will go in related to the buildings.

- A telephone call update is scheduled with Signet and Quandel Construction regarding the Pickaway County Fairgrounds Revitalization project later in the week. The project cost is expected to be received by August 28th.

- Mr. Lutz stated that further clarification is being sought regarding the letter received from the Scioto Twp. Fire Chief related to fire department’s plan to pull out of the county EDAC system.

In the Matter of
Weekly Dog Warden Report:

The weekly Dog Warden report for the Wright Poling/Pickaway County Dog Shelter was filed for week ending August 12, 2017.

A total of $920 was reported being collected as follows: $360 in adoptions; $255 dog licenses; $90 in dog license penalties; $25 in micro-chip fees; $40 in owner turn-in euthanasia; $100 in private donations; $50 in redemptions.

Eight (8) dogs were processed in; nine (9) dogs were adopted.

With there being no further business brought before the Board, Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wippel, to adjourn. Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Stewart, yes; Commissioner Wippel, yes. Commissioner Henson, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Brian S. Stewart, President
Jay H. Wippel, Vice President
Harold R. Henson, Commissioner
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk