The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 2, 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 December 26, 2023, 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 Appropriations Approved:

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

\$3,091.19 – 101.1105.5703 – Contingencies – Commissioners

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 REAPPROPRIATION:

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

Issuance of Blanket Purchase Order Approved:

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

\$2,000.00 - 297.5002.5901 - Other Expenses - Pickaway WORKS

\$1,000.00 - 903.1109.5901 - Other Expenses - GIS Department

\$9,000.00 - 248.2030.5901 - LEPC Other Expenses - Commissioners

\$5,000.00 - 246.4010.5901 - D&K Other Expenses - Commissioners

\$450.00 - 101.1111.5901 - IT Other Expenses - Commissioners

\$9,500.00 - 101.2001.5901 - EMA Other Expenses - Commissioners

\$5,000.00 – 206.5015.5901 – Other Expenses JFS

\$15,000.00 - 257.5027 -5901 - Other Expenses JFS

\$135.00 - 207.5020.5901 - Other Expenses - JFS

\$5,000.00 - 206.5015.5901 - Other Expenses - JFS

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 Preston Schumacker:

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

• Mr. Schumacker reported that they are down to 13 dogs housed due to a high number of adoptions during the holidays. There were 23 visitors to the shelter last week and 2 volunteers.

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: January 9th Agenda
 - > Two (2) Scioto Township Zoning Amendment Applications Agriculture to Residential R-1, lot splits.
- Outstanding Plats:
 - ➤ Navah Place Cul-de-sac, Walnut Township, need proof of bond before final approval can be granted
- Lot Splits: 12 regular lot splits in progress.
 - Approved 2 lot splits in the last week, 5 open applications currently.
- CDBG: No update
- Tax Incentive Review Council -- Need to appoint three (3) board members.

In the Matter of Report Provided by Robert Adkins:

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

- Completed BOE Restore Procedure documenting steps for SOS Directive.
- Planning for Raise of Forest and Domain Functional Levels to 2022.
- Building 2022 Replacement Server for PCFinance Getting quote from CMI for their part in migration.
- Building 2022 Replacement Server for JuvSrvApp.

- Building 2022 Replacement Server for BuildSrv2.
- Building 2022 Replacement Servers PCDCA and PCDCB.
- Building 2022 Replacement Server for PCBuild.
- Troubleshooting VEEAM Offloading errors to Wasabi with Veeam Support.
- Updates completed for Authority Finance and Authority Payroll.
- Reconfigured link from SO to Datacenter to support 10GB.
- Build SO DC and DHCP servers for DR site.
- Configured network and equipment for Fairground switch replacements.

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 the new copier installation on Friday thank you for approving that Capital item. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- Next week Mr. Sharron is off Wednesday, LEPC Meeting and Solar Eclipse Planning meeting
- General Information
 - ➤ Run card project continuing After further discussion, Chief Noggle is staying on to complete the initial run card development.
 - Critical Incident Debriefing project continues developing relationship with Scioto Valley Peer Assistance Team.
 - ➤ Disaster Relief Fund Received organizing documents from Dayton Foundation Reviewing.
 - ➤ NIMS Training for Elected Officials February 10, 2024
 - ➤ Started a discussion about Human Trafficking and steps we can take to mitigate this during special events in the county. Human Trafficking training on December 18-19 at Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy in Columbus.
 - ➤ BOE Continuity Planning Email sent to the Board requesting a meeting in September. Still no response.
- EMA Projects
 - Futurity Orion Software Met with the vendor, their software was not capable of doing what they represented originally. Working with them to see if they can build an add-on that will do more than what the current solution is capable of. Also working on adding Community Lifelines info.
 - ➤ PCSO fiber connection conversion Frontier was missing some information and it has been submitted. RailPros and NS are aware of the need to conduct a prompt review and scheduling of the safety flaggers.
 - ➤ 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. Working with an industrial hygienist to help agencies develop a respiratory protection program.
 - ➤ Disasterville Received many of the props. Will be getting them ready for future tabletop exercises.
 - Radio system is being examined from top to bottom (programming, inventory, tower sites, supervision, etc.).
 - ➤ Replacement of ARES repeaters with County-owned equipment getting quotes.
 - ➤ School safety planning with Teays Valley Scheduling dates with Ashville and Walnut Elementary Schools.
 - ➤ April 2024 Solar Eclipse Beginning the discussions of this event and its implications for Pickaway County. Information session at Park District Offices on January 11 and healthcare (PCPH/ODH) tabletop exercise on February 23.
 - ➤ 911 Committee:
 - Need Commissioners' recommendations
 - Working with Trustees' Association to identify representative for committee
 - o Requires submission to all of the jurisdictions for approval.
- Issues requiring Commissioners Support/Notification
 - ➤ MOU for Siren Maintenance. Tabled.
 - ➤ Unknown if an MOU exists for EMA dues. Tabled.
 - ➤ Building project for training room / emergency capacity facility

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 this week. Fraudulent unemployment claims remain at 15 for 2023.
 - ➤ Policy True-up Reports due February 15th for both accounts.
 - > Update on old claims (Disabled Worker's Relief Fund benefits).
- Govedeals auctions for two Highway Garage bridge beams starting at \$500.00 and sold for \$14,644.00. Both beams paid and picked-up. Highway Garage audio visual equipment ended December 24th with no sale.
- CCAO Benefits+ to be rolled out this week.
- No packets were sent out last week. A total of 80 new hire packets were handed out in 2023. The part-time custodial positions were posted with no applicants. Dog Shelter Kennel Attendant position posted with five applications received. The Maintenance Worker for the Sheriff's Office re-posted with no applications. New position EMA Communications Technician posted with one application received. Deputy EMA Director position posted with no applicants. Deputy Clerk of Courts, Park District Administrative and Finance Manager and Park District Education Coordinator positions posted with applicants unknown. Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant position posted with one applicant.

In the Matter of Designation of President of the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners for Year 2024:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to designate Jay Wippel as President of the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners for year 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 Designation of Vice President of the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners for Year 2024:

Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Jay Wippel, to designate Harold Henson as Vice-President of the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners for year 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 Pickaway County Board of County Commissioners' Office Hours and Weekly Meeting Day:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, designating the Pickaway County Commissioners' office hours to be 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, and the Commissioners' regular meeting day to be Tuesday of every week.

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

In the Matter of Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Year 2024:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to set the **mileage rate for year 2024, to be \$.58 per mile for vehicles,** which is 85% of the IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

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 Designation of Official Representative and Alternate Representative for the Purpose of Voting at the Annual Meeting of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio in 2024:

Commissioner Jay Wippel offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-010224-1

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2024

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and,

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory from of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate; then,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Gary Scherer, County Commissioner, is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Pickaway County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harold Henson, County Commissioner, is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Pickaway County.

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 Determination of the Commissioners Serving on Various Boards and Commissions:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to set the following determinations that were made related to the Commissioners individually serving on various boards and/or committees or commissions for year 2023:

Pickaway Senior Center Board of Directors High Education Learning Partners for Students (WORKS) Local Emergency Response Committee Commissioner Harold Henson Commissioner Jay Wippel Commissioner Harold Henson

P3 Executive Committee/P3 Board of Directors

911 Planning Committee

Pickaway County Planning Commission Chair

Pickaway County Board of Revision

Commissioner Jay Wippel

Commissioner Jay Wippel

Commissioner Gary Scherer

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 Designation County Commissioners Alternate on the Pickaway County Planning Commission:

Pickaway County Commissioners, presented letters to Angela Karr, Clerk, designating the listed individuals to serve as their alternate on the Pickaway County Planning Commission; therefore, Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the appointment.

Marc Rogols alternate for Jay Wippel April Dengler alternate for Gary Scherer Angela Karr alternate for Harold Henson

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 Appointment of John Ellis as Temporary Acting Coroner:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to appoint John Ellis as the Temporary Pickaway County Coroner effective January 2, 2024. Temporary term limit shall expire upon the appointment of a permanent Pickaway County Coroner.

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 Resolution Adopted Authorizing the Pickaway County Engineer to Proceed by Force Account:

Per the written request from Chris Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer, Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to adopt the following Resolution authorizing Mr. Mullins to proceed by force account in year 2024, when competitive bidding is not required by the Ohio Revised Code or other law:

Resolution No.: PC-010224-2

IT RESOLVED that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Sterlin C. Mullins, Pickaway County Engineer, to proceed by Force Account in year 2024, for the normal construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and culverts when not required by O.R.C. 5543.19 or other law to use competitive bidding.

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 County Administrator Report:

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

- Ms. Dengler received the Notice of Award and Agreement with Jay-Car for the Heritage Hall Siding Repair Project.
- Authorization for 2024 ARP Administrative Services needed.
- Mrs. Metzger received a list of renovations the Health Department is requesting. Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator to follow-up.

In the Matter of WDC Group Recommendation to Award Heritage Hall Siding Repair Project to Jay-Car Construction Company:

In reference to the bid opening on October 31, 2023, for the Heritage Hall Siding Repair Project, it is the recommendation of WDC Group to award the best bid to Jay-Car Construction Company, P.O. Box 217, Mt. Sterling, Ohio, 43143, in the amount of \$300,700.00. Upon review, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to award the Heritage Hall Siding Repair Project to Jay-Car Construction Company, in the amount of \$300,700.00.

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 Agreement with Jay-Car Construction Company For the Heritage Hall Siding Repair Project:

Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve and execute the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract with Jay-Car Construction Company for the Heritage Hall Siding Repair Project. Project amount of \$300,700.00.

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

Attest: Angela Karr, Clerk

In the Matter of Resolution for American Rescue Plan Administration Costs in 2024:

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

Resolution No.: PC-010224-3

ARP Administration Costs - 2024

Pickaway County received direct payments from the U.S. Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as fiscal recovery funds. Pickaway County will use the funding in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act and guidance from the U.S. Treasury.

On Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Pickaway County set up a special revenue fund to receive the funds and account for the use of the funds (**special revenue fund # 938 – American Rescue Plan Act Fund**)

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO 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-051821-30 WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Budget Commission approved an AMENDED CERTIFICATE in the amount of \$5,677,293.50 to amend the budget due to fund received for the American Rescue Plan, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriated the following sum for expenditure for period ending December 31, 2021: AMERCIAN RESCUE PLAN ACT REVENUE FUND – 938.0000.4534 \$5,677,293.50 Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Scherer, yes. Voting No: None. Motion

The U.S. Treasury guidance as an interim rule was issued on May 10, 2021, and such guidance has been reviewed. Uses of the fiscal recovery funds based on the federal legislation can be to:

- 1. Respond to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and non-profits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
- 2. Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work.
- 3. Allow for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue (i.e., online, property or income tax) due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the county prior to the emergency (i.e., January 20, 2020); or
- 4. Make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

A resolution authorizing initial uses of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and approving appropriations form unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #938 for managing ARP fiscal recovery funds, disbursing funds, and monitoring of contracts and grants associated with the ARP.

WHEREAS, Recipients of funds may use fiscal recovery funds to cover the portion of payroll and benefits of employees corresponding to the time spent on administrative work necessary due to COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts; this includes, but is not limited to, costs related to disbursing payments of fiscal recovery funds and managing new grant programs established using fiscal recovery funds, based on guidance from the U.S. Treasury dated June 24, 2021.

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has been assigned fundamental responsibility for success of the fiscal recovery program and such work assignments are documented as an addition to the current job description.

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners approves the use of ARP fiscal recovery funds for response to the Coronavirus public health emergency and its negative economic impact for **the management of the ARP fiscal recovery fund, disbursing funds, and monitoring of contracts and grants**, as shown in the attached documentation, consistent with the first allowable use noted in the recitals above (**Expenditure Category 7.1** of Appendix 1: Expenditure Categories – US Dept. of the Treasury)

The calculations below represent estimated costs from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

The uses are approved as follows for estimated costs, rounded up from calculations:

\$17,500.00 Employee Salaries – Commissioners Office \$2450.00 OPERS \$254.00 Medicare \$150.00 Worker's Comp

Total = \$20,354.00

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

In the Matter of Executive Session:

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, 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, Clemons Nelson, April Dengler, County Administrator, Marc Rogols, Deputy Couty 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 10:45 a.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 Pickaway County Sheriff's Office Agreement for Sale and Purchase of K-9 Kahn:

The Pickaway County Sheriff's Office requested the sale of K-9 Kahn to his handler, Seth Thomas. Mr. Thomas' last day of employment with the Pickaway County Sheriff's Office was December 26, 2023. Commissioner Harold Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Gary Scherer, to approve the purchase of K-9 Kahn upon the following agreement and Kahn shall be transferred upon the receipt of purchase price of \$1.00 (purchase between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.)

The Pickaway County Sherriff's Office submitted Agreement for Sale and Purchase of K-9 Kahn (a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois) to employee passed by the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners December 15, 2020. Employee is eligible to purchase the K-9 as outlined on December 15, 2020:

- \$2,100 upon Resolution by the Pickaway County Commissioners if purchased on or before December 31, 2021, or;
- \$1,400 upon Resolution by the Pickaway County Commissioners if purchased between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2022, or;
- \$700 upon Resolution of the Pickaway County Commissioners if purchased between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2023, or;
- \$1 upon Resolution by the Pickaway County Commissioners is purchased between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

Employee's eligibility to purchase the K-9 under Parts A or B of Section I of this Agreement shall continue until the Employee separates employment from the Sheriff's Office for any reason, or the K-9 retires, whichever happens first. Delivery of the K-9 shall be made to the Employee immediately after he tenders payment to the County as outlined. The County will offer right of first refusal to Employee prior to agreeing to sell K-9 to any other party. If Employee chooses to exercise his right to purchase the dog at that time, according to the terms.

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

In the Matter of Pickaway County Developmental Disabilities With Marie Wilbanks:

Marie Wilbanks and Amanda Fay, Pickaway County Developmental Disabilities, met with the Commissioners to provide and update of PCBDD. Mrs. Wilbanks explained that the big thing that PCBDD is dealing with currently is growth. They had to hire additional staff this year and further, they are outgrowing their building. Old equipment needs to go in order to create additional space. Marc Rogols, Deputy County Administrator suggested Govdeals to list unwanted items. Mrs. Wilbanks will put together a list and photos for listing.

School services now include staff going into schools to provide services. For the 7th year in a row the PCDD Board asked the Budget Commission to roll back property tax collections. The 2024 tax rates are reduced by 2.25 mills of the voted levies. Ms. Fay went over expenditure and revenue. They are in hope to not see a huge influx in expenses and make sure that the appropriate individuals are receiving benefits. Mrs. Wilbanks is working with an individual that receive benefits that has shown interest of being appointed to the Board once a seat comes available.

In the Matter of Auditors Update:

The Commissioners requested to meet with Brad Washburn, Auditor, to discuss when property taxes will be on the system and Mr. Washburn explained that everything is ready to go, he is just waiting on the state rollbacks. Commissioner Wippel addressed a waiver that was processed through the Auditor's Office but not approved by the Commissioners. The Commissioners are to approve or deny waivers before processing for payment. Mr. Washburn asked if a waiver is to speed up the payment process and April Metzger explained it is and forces that bill to be processed with that week's bills for payment. Juvenile Court contacted the Commissioner's Office to request a waiver and was told that it would have to wait until the following week for the Commissioners approval.

In the Matter of The Child Protection Center of Ross County With Rhiannon Gill:

Rhiannon Gill, Executive Director the Child Protection Center of Ross County met with the Commissioners October 4, 2022, to request funding for Pickaway County children. CPCRC is a private non-profit organization and a full member of the National Children's Alliance and is recognized as a Children's Advocacy Center. They serve the nine surrounding counties of Pickaway County. CPCRC was designed by a group of local agencies to assure that children who have been physically or sexually abused receive free, appropriate treatment (medical treatment, counseling, support and advocacy for the children and families). CPCRC is staffed with pediatricians, nurses, child abuse specialists, child therapist, victim advocate, parent educator and a supervised visitation coordinator. They provided forensic interviews of children for subject matters cases that involve criminal charges. Most of their grants come from the VOCA grant and it has been cut over the years. They serviced 30 Pickaway County children in 2022 and 29 in 2023 to date. Nationally 1/10 children sexually abused in their lifetime and 1/5 children solicited sexually online. Twenty percent are abused before the age of 8, ninety percent abused by someone they know, and sixty percent never tell anyone. Funding has been cut 47% over the three years and the 2022 grant reduced \$68,389.73. Ms. Gill's job is to ask each of the counties to provide a portion of funding of \$10,000 each to be able to continue to provide services.

Upon discussion, Commissioner Gary Scherer offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Harold Henson, to approve and give \$10,000.00 to Child Protection Center of Ross County in support of the program and services provided for Pickaway County children and families.

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

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 December 3, 2023.

A total of \$1,140 was reported collected as follows: \$330 in adoptions; \$435 in dog license; \$75 in kennel license; \$275 in microchip fees and \$25 in redemptions.

Eight (8) stray dogs were processed in; eleven (11) 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.

Jay H. Wippel, President

Harold R. Henson, Vice President

Gary K. Scherer, Commissioner BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO