The Pickaway County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session in their office located at 139 West Franklin Street, Circleville, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 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 Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes from January 16, 2018, with corrections.

Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson yes; Commissioner Stewart, 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 January 24, 2018, 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 $172,174.23 on the County Treasurer to satisfy the same.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

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

Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to adopt the following Resolution:

 Resolution No.: 012318-1

WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Budget Commission approved an AMENDED CERTIFICATE in for the Pickaway County Park District Board Fund #639 in the amount of $66,000 to amend the original budget appropriations for year 2018; then,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates the following sum for expenditure for period ending December 31, 2018:

**Pickaway County Park District Fund #639**

$66,000

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

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

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

47,500 – 639.6052.5901 - Pickaway County Park District-Other Expenses

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of Appropriations Approved:

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

-664,000 (reduction) to 639.0000.4556 – Pickaway County Park District-Local Share
730,000 to 639.0000.4101 – Pickaway County Park District-Real Estate Taxes

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of Report Provided by April Dengler:

- Mrs. Dengler participated in the JBC conference call last week and Jefferson Township (Franklin County) is a new member of the Healthcare Consortium. Franklin County only has started a 2-year pilot program for paid family leave for a birth of a child. Two weeks of leave will be paid to the biological parent, spouse, adoptive parent, domestic partner, or legal guardian of the child provided that the employee is full-time and has worked for at least 1 year.
- Geoff Davis, County Building Inspector, submitted his 2-week notice on January 18th, to take a position with the City of Lancaster Building Dept. His last day will be February 1st. Ads listing the position with its certification requirements are being published in the Circleville Herald, posted on the OhioMeansJobs-Pickaway website, and was sent to the Ohio Building Official Association.
- Mrs. Dengler will be traveling to Columbus on Thursday of this week to accept the Healthy Business Council of Ohio’s Healthy Workplace Gold Award for medium size businesses the county earned for the second consecutive year.
- The Haven House Domestic Violence Center will be holding its 13th annual Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 10th, at the Elks Lodge. Social hour begins at 6:00 p.m., with the dinner and dance from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Circleville City Schools Education Foundation’s “Raise Your Paw” Auction will be held on Saturday, February 24th, at Circleville AMVETS with doors opening at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person.
- A number of items have been posted on govdeals.com that include 2 historic glass cabinet doors; a fireplace mantel; 2 glass and wood entry doors; and 5 pocket doors.
- The list of items were reviewed that was previously provided by the Soldiers Monumental Association (SMA) related to renovations to the Military Artifact Museum in Memorial Hall after the ceiling collapsed during a high wind and rain event. Pictures were of the area were provided for the commissioners’ review. The discolored carpeting is still an issue that was purchased from and installed by Utmost Renovations & Interiors. The owner of the company has put in a defect claim with the carpet factory. The section of ceiling panels that appeared that had a slight sag is being tacked-up and sealed. A new chandelier for the middle of the room is being installed today. The SMA wants remote controls for the ceiling fans to be able to control the speed. Pine Valley Construction is...
looking for the remotes. What appears to be water streaks on a wall are being painted. Covers for the electric boxes have been obtained and installed. The heat ducts have been painted and the opposite sides of the doors have been painted. Holes in the walls were not filled; however, will be when the SMA decides what it wants to rehang on the walls.

In the Matter of
Meeting in Executive Session:

At 9:32 a.m., Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment of a county employee.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

At 9:56 a.m. the commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to resume Regular Session.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

No action was taken.

In the Matter of
Notice of Commencement Signed:

Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, authorizing Commissioner Wippel to sign the Notice of Commencement for Miller Construction Co. related to bridge replacements over CSX & NS Railroads on Lockbourne Eastern Road.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Discussion Regarding Darby Township Trustees’ Request for Temporary Load Reduction on Blaine Road:

The commissioners reviewed the letter and resolution submitted by the Darby Township Trustees requesting the commissioners’ enactment of a temporary load reduction on Blaine Road in Darby Township; however, the request did not include an effective date, percentage of load reduction, or an expiration date.

After discussing the matter, it was determined that the Darby Township Trustees will be contacted requesting the additional information before the commissioners move forward with the request.

In the Matter of
Resolution Enacting Temporary Load Reduction on Portion of Bulen-Pierce Road in Harrison Township:

At the written request of the Harrison Township Trustees, Commissioner Henson offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution No.: PC-012318-2
WHEREAS, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners received Resolution No. 2018-7 from the Harrison Township Trustees requesting the enactment of a 50% temporary load reduction on Bulen-Pierce Road from State Route 762 to Shepherd Road due to excessive moisture and an unstable road bed; then,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective immediately, the Pickaway County Board of Commissioners hereby enacts a temporary 50% load reduction on Bulen-Pierce Road in Harrison Township as follows, expiring April 30, 2018.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

In the Matter of
Discussion Regarding Selection of a Bond Underwriter Related to the Pickaway County Fairgrounds Project:

John Payne, of Bradley Payne (BP) Advisors, who was contracted by the commissioners in July 2017 for bond advisory services informed the commissioners that it is on the schedule for BP to circulate requests for qualifications to underwriters to facilitate the commissioners’ selection. The underwriter is a key participant in a negotiated bond offering.

In the Matter of
Pickaway County Higher Education Learning Partners for Students (HELPs) Update:

Christy Mills, Director of Pickaway County Higher Education Learning Partners for Students (HELPs) met with the commissioners to provide an update and speak about how the mission of Pickaway HELPS is expanding. Ryan Scribner, HELPS Advisory Board member, and Steven Collins of the Circleville Herald, were also in attendance.

The original mission of Pickaway HELPS was to influence Pickaway County students and their families to value 21st century skills and link them with resources and opportunities to succeed, and its vision is to inspire and improve Pickaway County students’ college and career readiness. Mrs. Mills said that HELPS original mission remains; however, it has evolved to be more inclusive with the Pickaway Works initiative that has an end goal of expanding education (K-12) that broadens Pickaway County student’s career options now available that will allow them to live and have a career in Pickaway County.

Mrs. Mills said it was found that there has been significant misinformation, a skills gap, and an awareness gap between the schools and the business community. As a result, there was a 4-day workshop that the school districts invested in. There was an intensive strategic planning process that 40 community members with diverse backgrounds, in the educational field, and the business community participated in. It was determined that there is a real countywide need to increase knowledge of local opportunities, align strong relationships between local educators and employers, and to have relevant connections between classroom work and the real world of work and, from there, Pickaway Works was formed. Mrs. Mills provided the commissioners with a brochure that reflected Pickaway Works’ following 6 initiatives to move forward on: 1) Thinking Partnerships – Businesses partnering with classrooms to provide work problems and develop solutions; 2) Educator Business Tours – Small groups of educators visit businesses to learn about local opportunities; 3) Rounds – “Speed dating” events to connect employers, educators, and students; 4) Job Shadows – Onsite and virtual options with varying levels of time commitment; 5) Senior Bootcamps – Small group workshops and mock interviews to prepare students for future success; 6) Business Showcase – Student-created business spotlight videos to be featured in schools and online.

Mr. Scribner stated that there is a culture change that is taking place in a big way toward career-readiness. For over a decade, the schools saw the value in Pickaway HELPS’ mission for college-readiness and incorporated it in their curriculum. He said for all 4 school districts to invest money in last summer’s 4-day workshop, and their willingness and plan to train their teachers on problem-based learning is significant. Mrs. Mills stated that the schools and Pickaway HELPS have invested over $40,000 for 31 teachers throughout the school districts to participate in a pilot program on PBL (project-based learning) training that
is a 3-year process. A larger group of teachers will participate next year, and by the third year all teachers will be trained. She said that teachers will be learning a new way in instructing students on problem-based learning and engage them on why they need to learn problem solving and make it something they can relate to in the community in a real way. Mrs. Mills stated that they are looking for businesses to partner with the schools to give them their problems, share challenges, and allow students to problem solve. The days of reading chapters and students filling out answering questions on a worksheet are gone – young people need to be engaged, not in a made-up scenario, but work on real life problem solving in the community that they can relate to. Skill sets that employers are stating is lacking is 21st century skills, collaboration, communication, and creativity. These will be things that will be integrated into the school’s curriculum on how to learn. Mrs. Mills stated that all of this cannot happen without the cooperation of the community and businesses. Her role is to further coordinate all of the connections already in place, but be in a more intentional countywide way as things have been done a little differently in each of the school districts. For now, Mrs. Mills said she will not be working one-on-one with students in the classrooms for college-readiness as she has in the past. She said it has been very rewarding to see those in the schools who have come to the table to learn more about what is trying to be put in place and have acknowledged that this needs to be done. She said that they have stepped up and are taking care of what she has previously been doing so she can focus on the new initiative.

Mrs. Mills said that a busload of school administrators and teachers will be taking a tour of businesses in the community this Friday. Businesses have volunteered to allow the group to come and they will spotlight the work that they do and the educators and businesses can brainstorm ways in which to work together. Businesses are also willing to work in the classrooms. Commissioner Stewart stated that in previously taking tours, he found that manufacturing facilities today are not what he thought and what many others may think they are like. There is computer technical training that is necessary in the manufacturing world today, and he inquired if there is a way to “cast a broader net” to students that may not be thinking they are a “manufacturing student.” Mrs. Mills stated that manufacturing is very high tech and for now it is planned for the group of adults to first tour facilities and ultimately follow-up with students. When Commissioner Wippey inquired if the guidance counselors in the schools districts are on board, Mrs. Mills said yes, the school districts are begging for the curriculum to be built.

After discussing the topic further, Mrs. Mills noted that the Pickaway HELPS’ mission and Pickaway Works’ mission fit together perfectly and HELPS continues with its mission while the Pickaway Works initiative is being launched, which is coming out of HELPS, and it has essentially depleted its budget. HELPS is funded by the county commissioners and the 4 school districts at $12,500 each and there has been no increase of that amount that has been requested for the past 4 years. Mrs. Mills presented a 2018 request for commitment in the amount of $15,000. For Pickaway Works to be successful, she said that there also must be eventual financial support from local businesses. Mrs. Mills stated that she has also applied for a one-time grant from the Education Fund of Pickaway Competitive Network that is organized and funded by the Pickaway County Community Foundation.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the commissioners stated that the Pickaway Works initiative is a good thing and they appreciate the work that is being done.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Charlie Weaver and Sid Liming of the
Pickaway County Soldiers Monumental Association
Regarding Repairs to the Military Artifact Museum in Memorial Hall:

Charlie Weaver and Sid Liming, of the Soldier’s Monumental Association (SMA), met with the commissioners to review a list of items related to the renovations to the SMA’s Military Artifact Museum in Memorial Hall. Prior to the review, Mr. Weaver noted that some of the items have been or are currently being addressed.

Mr. Liming stated that he has been informed that a claim has been filed with the carpeting factory regarding the color defects. There were 6 lights with 200W bulbs each, and they have since replaced with higher wattage bulbs and LED bulbs will be ordered by the county maintenance department which are expected to be delivered next week. The ceiling fans that installed are refurbished and only had a 90-day warranty. Mr. Liming was told Pine Valley Construction is looking for remotes. The ceiling panels that were slightly bowing are currently being tacked up. There is caulking on one of the new set of curtains, but Mr. Weaver stated it should not be an issue to remove. Mr. Lutz noted that there are extra panels. The
conduit cap by the storage area and bathroom access door has not been replaced, and the matter will be addressed. There is paint on one of the ceiling panels that appears to have been hit with a roller when the walls were painted, and this will be addressed. Once the SMA has rehung items on the walls, the county maintenance department will fill-in and repaint any exposed holes.

Mr. Liming and Mr. Weaver thanked the commissioners for their time, and all agreed that the museum room looks much better than it did prior to the ceiling collapse. It was noted that the county has paid $28,425 for renovations and the net insurance settlement check was $19,260. The commissioners stated that they want to have the renovations done the right way.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Ron Jahn, Scioto Township Trustee:

Ron Jahn, newly elected Scioto Township Trustee, who took office on January 1st, met with the commissioners to introduce himself and discuss various matters. Mr. Jahn informed the commissioners that he will also be present in the meeting with his fellow township trustees, John Maynard and Ralph Wolfe, scheduled with commissioners for later in the day.

Mr. Jahn first stated that it is the goal of Scioto Township Trustees to work with others in the county and do what is best for the residents of the township. When he said that the 911 situation seems to be a hot topic, the commissioners provided a brief summary of how things have gotten to be where they are today. It was explained that that by law, the county commissioners manage the countywide 911 system and the county’s PSAP has always been located at and run by the Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office (PCSO). By the ORC, 911 Planning Committees are comprised of the president of the board of county commissioners, which chairs the committee; the mayor of the largest municipality in the county, which is the City of Circleville; and a township trustee from the largest populated township, which is Scioto Township.

A few years ago the county presented a proposal to the City of Circleville to consolidate the county’s and city’s PSAP and when that did not happen, it became the commissioners’ mindset to fully commit to the county’s PSAP at its current location and make it the best it can be. The county has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on training and equipment, and to become NG911 compliant, and has allocated an additional $300,000 more for this year. It was explained that last year, after a 911 Planning Committee meeting that Commissioner Stewart, who was president of the county board of commissioners at the time, was not given notice of. There was a push by the township representative and the city’s representative on the 911 Planning Committee for Scioto Township to break off from the countywide 911 plan and have its 911 emergency services calls made from cells phones from within Scioto Township to be transferred to and dispatched by Grove City PSAP because its dispatchers have medical training. The problem with that is that is a few years ago, all of the fire chiefs and other emergency services providers agreed that call transfers were not good as calls that are transferred can be delayed and they could have the potential to be dropped. Only fire and medical services could be dispatched by the Grove City 911 PSAP because by law, the sheriff has the right to dispatch law enforcement services, which adds another transfer by the Grove City PSAP. The fact that the former Scioto Township Trustees entered into a contract with the Grove City PSAP, at $28,000 a year effective July 2017 to July 2019, was discussed as one of Mr. Jahn’s concerns.

Commissioner Stewart stated that it was the county prosecutor’s opinion that if the township wants to go with Grove City they can if Franklin County amends its 911 plan to take them. There is liability involved with 911, and the commissioners raised the question as to why Franklin County would want to take on that extra liability just so Grove City can receive a check from Scioto Township. Commissioner Stewart stated that last year, theScioto Township Trustee representative asked him to support the township’s efforts to have Franklin County amend its 911 plan, but Commissioner Stewart stated that Pickaway County’s 911 plan should not be broken off piece-by-piece and the commissioners will essentially work against it. As far as Mr. Jahn’s concern about the contract that the township entered into last year with Grove City, Commissioner Stewart stated that there is “frustration of purpose” that exists, which essentially means that if a contract was entered into but it is not possible to honor the contract because of something that was unforeseen at the time, you are not legally bound to the contract.

Mr. Jahn inquired as to the timeline in the county making the 800 MHz radio communications system NG911 compliant, it was explained that the process has been underway and is expected to be completed later this year. When he inquired if the run cards will be implemented as the township’s fire chief has submitted the run card procedure information for Scioto Township, the commissioners stated is something that the sheriff could be contacted about, but there are two sides to every story.
After further discussion, Mr. Jahn stated that he is trying to determine if the township should go with the Grove City PSAP. It was noted that there has been a lot of conflicting information and misinformation and speaking with the sheriff was recommended.

In the Matter of
County Administrator Update:

The following is a summary of the update provided by Brad Lutz, County Administrator:

- The Pickaway County new Fall 2017 Aerial and Oblique Imagery has been updated for the entire county and can be accessed by county and local government offices. The imagery will be posted to the Pickaway County Auditor’s website.
- There was a failure at the 800 MHz tower site last night during the storm due to a power supply for the tower-top amp that failed. Tom Swisher, County Communications Administrator, was contacted and responded to the call and provided a detailed email to Mr. Lutz regarding the issue.
- A special meeting of the Senior Fair Board is scheduled for this evening, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This week is Pickaway County 4-H Week.
- There has been a change in the hours for the court security detail at the courthouse. Initially, the hours were set for 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays to accommodate the APA. The APA has been contacted and has no problem with changing the hours back to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Mondays.
- Dave Conrad, EMA Director/911 Coordinator, is working on the City of Circleville’s request to have 911 cell phone and VoIP calls from within the city being directly routed to the city’s PSAP.
- Commissioner Wippel provided an overview of a meeting he had with Marshall Fields, member of the Pickaway County Park District Board (PCPDB). Previously, before the PCPDB levy passed last fall, the commissioners had committed $10,000 for year 2018 to help sustain the Park District in 2018 if the levy failed. Mr. Fields informed Commissioner Wippel that the PCPDB would like to form a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization similar to the Dog Shelter’s “Partners for Paws” and the Mary Virginia Crites Haman Park’s “Friends of the Park.” With stipulations on how levy revenue can be spent, Mr. Fields asked if the $10,000 could be used to form the non-profit and one-time start-up monies for the organization. In discussing the matter, the commissioners agreed to the request.
- The commissioners discussed a letter that will be sent to Circleville Mayor, Don McIlroy, regarding the city working with MARCS to become a Tier I customer of its radio communications system. The letter will detail the reasoning for not breaking the county and city’s relationship for coverage, financial, talk groups, and other standpoints including contractual issues.

In the Matter of
Meeting with Scioto Township Trustees:

John Maynard, Ralph Wolfe, and Ron Jahn, Scioto Township Trustees, met with the commissioners to discuss various matters, and Mr. Wolfe, newly elected township trustee, introduced himself.

Mr. Maynard began by stating that it is the current board of township trustees’ desire to improve relations, open the lines of communication between the township and county commissioners, as well as other county agencies and entities in the government structure, and assist each other and collaborate when possible on projects, grants, joint adventures, cost and revenue sharing, etc. Mr. Maynard stated that they want to improve relationships with the county engineer, county prosecutor, development and planning, the health department, etc. He stated that Scioto Township is experiencing fast growth, the Village of Commercial Point is expanding [the Lehmann Farm, Ball Farm, and another expected annexation of land into the village were mentioned] and the township wants to be more involved and be an active participant on matters that affects it. The trustees, working with Mayor Joiner, of the Village of South Bloomfield was also noted. Mr. Maynard mentioned sharing information about the TIF, CRA, JEDD, Rickenbacker Intermodal, and tax abatements that affects the township. He stated there is extra burden on the township’s fire and EMS services whether it is related to industrial, commercial, residential, or mixed-use growth for which the township does not receive tax revenue. He mentioned past tax agreements that have been made with school districts related to tax incentives that have been approved, and the possibility of any MOU’s that township might be able to enter into.

Commissioner Stewart expressed his appreciation that the township trustees want to be more involved, and that the commissioners have always tried to be upfront with the previous township board of
trustees on matters where there were agreements and polite disagreements. As far as open lines of communication and sharing information, Commissioner Stewart stated that the commissioners have always tried to be transparent, meetings are open, the minutes containing a lot of information are posted online, and he noted that the commissioners have never ignored any emails or telephone calls from any trustee, and the commissioners attend the township trustees’ association meetings, etc.

Commissioner Stewart stated that Mr. Maynard is correct in the fact that the township is experiencing rapid economic development, and what lot of people do not realize is that if private landowners want to sell their land to a business, the process is far down the road before anything gets to the county commissioners’ office. He said that a lot of these things cannot get done without a JEDD because the income tax revenue is needed to get the infrastructure place that is not there. Commissioner Stewart mentioned the JEDD area Harrison Township is in that has a percentage of revenue built in for the township. He stated the township trustees could have more and earlier conversations with the county commissioners, with Ryan Scribner, P3 Economic Development Director, with Terry Frazier, Planning & Development Director, and Planning and Zoning. Mr. Jahn stated having a more proactive approach rather than a reactive approach is one of the things that the current Scioto Township Trustees would like to do so they are not “behind the eight ball when things happen.” Commissioner Stewart stated that he believes with the township trustees’ willingness to talk with everyone, they will find that they will be welcomed and past strained relationships will quickly be forgotten. When Mr. Maynard mentioned P3, it was explained that P3 is a public and private partnership that helps attract business. Pickaway County, the City of Circleville, and other governmental entities such as some of the townships, school districts, and local businesses provide monetary support. The commissioners stated that P3 is essentially a clearinghouse for economic development that works with Columbus 2020, ODOT, and Franklin County to keep the economic engine in the region going. The township trustees stated that they do not believe that Scioto Township has ever contributed to P3, and when the inquiry was made as to how much other townships contribute, the amount was uncertain; however, Commissioner Stewart stated that he could look into the matter. All agreed that P3 does a great job at leveraging federal and matching economic dollars for projects and the recent Sofidel intersection project mentioned as an example. Also mentioned was economic development sites have been identified throughout the county and P3 provides proposals showing what is available to businesses that are looking at areas for new development. Mr. Maynard stated while Scioto Township is essentially considered rural, it is ripe for development which can be good, but spoke about future subdivision expansions that can further affect the township’s roadways budget. The commissioners recommended that the trustees contact Mr. Scribner and discuss some of the challenges the township is facing. Mr. Maynard also stated that the trustees are considering looking into a short-term and long-term strategic plan to have a road map for project planning, and identify multiple benefactors that can be brought to the table and partnered with in discussions, preparation, and planning. Something the commissioners mentioned was land use plans. Ten to 15 years ago, all townships and villages were given the opportunity to create and adopt their own land use plans and the county put money towards that. The commissioners told the township trustees that if they were to look into their archives, they would find that the county put $15,000 towards a Scioto Township land use plan to which Berger Health System also made a contribution. The plan cost was $65,000, but was never adopted by the township and is just sitting on a shelf. The township trustees said the plan had been “scraped,” and there was a lot of opposition to it but there may have been some misrepresentation by some on what they saw as the government’s arm being far-reaching. Commissioner Stewart stated that some people have the incorrect view that a land use plan is something that says what landowners can and can’t do with their property, and that is not the case. There is the ability to make changes and the commissioners provided an example of where, because of its adopted land use plan, Harrison Township prevailed in a suit that was filed by the owner of a company that applied for a conditional permit for a gravel quarry that the Harrison Township Planning & Zoning Board had denied. The commissioners stated that land use plans compliment zoning that is already place in townships, and there is just some basic planning that should be done for the future to prevent spotty development. Mr. Maynard stated that while landowners have constitutional rights regarding their property, there should be some planning done to be able to have an idea of how a community will look years down the road and how to sustain that.

The topic of 911 matters was then discussed. Mr. Maynard stated that Mr. Jahn mentioned that in his meeting with the commissioners earlier in the day, it was recommended that the township meet with the sheriff for discussion regarding various questions they have. Commissioner Stewart stated that there is probably no other county elected official more than the sheriff that would like to have a better relationship with Scioto Township, and contact information was provided. While Mr. Maynard stated whatever divisions that have occurred in the past, not only between the sheriff and the township trustees but also with fire and emergency medical services agencies, those relationships need to be repaired because all are all in the same industry of providing emergency services. He inquired as to what the commissioners have monetarily
allocated and the status of enhanced 911 dispatching services. The commissioners stated that between last year and in this year, over $300,000 will be spent on the hardware to make the dispatch center NG911 capable. When the township trustees inquired if this included run card capability, the commissioners stated that run card technology has been there for approximately 5 years and that they have discussed the implementation of run cards in addition to dispatcher’s medical training with the PCSO. Medical training has been underway and should be completed in about 45 days. The commissioners will then purchase additional enhanced software. They mentioned that the county’s dispatch center at the PCSO is currently relocating to a larger area in the facility and the renovations proceed. Dispatcher workstation consoles have been purchased and increased from 3 to 4, with the 4th workstation being available for future expansion. The system is expected to be NG911 compliant before the end of this year. The trustees brought up the agreement that the previous township trustees entered into with the Grove City dispatch center last year in the fire chief’s efforts to have emergency dispatch calls from cell phones from within the township being transferred to the Grove City dispatch center in Franklin County. It was said that the Scioto Township fire chief wants the calls transferred because the Grove City dispatchers use CAD software, have medical training, and use run cards. The trustees said that they have been given the impression that the sheriff will not implement run cards. The commissioners stated that while there are two sides to every story, it is their understanding that the sheriff has previously asked all of the fire chiefs throughout the county to provide what they would like the combined run card system to look like. It was noted that there are fire chiefs in the county that are satisfied with the way things are being handled. The trustees stated that they were told by the Scioto Township fire chief that he has already provided Scioto Township’s run card procedure information to the sheriff. The commissioners recommended that the trustees consult with the sheriff, as it is his decision on what is implemented at the dispatch center, and they are sure he will be happy to meet with them. The commissioners stated that at in end they feel strongly that everyone involved wants what is best for the public. In talking about the agreement for Grove City to take and dispatch emergency services on calls from within Scioto Township, the commissioners said that it has always been stated been stated that told that transferring of emergency services calls between dispatch centers is an added step that requires additional time and can lend to the possibility of calls being dropped, and seconds count in emergency situations. It was noted while the Grove City dispatch center cannot dispatch law enforcement in Pickaway County and that is done by the dispatch center at the PCSO. The township trustees mentioned other situations to the commissioners that they had been told about the PCSO that the Scioto Township fire chief told them about, to which the commissioners said trustees could speak to the sheriff point blank about the matters. Commissioner Stewart stated that 5 years ago when the process was started in upgrading the radio communications system, there were townships and fire departments that couldn’t even communicate with each other, which was unacceptable, and the system has since come a long way. Conversation was also held about talk groups that the various entities have the discretion on who can talk on or just listen to the channels. After more discussion, Mr. Maynard stated that his main concern is that the Scioto Township fire chief has asked the trustees to back his request to have Franklin County amend their 911 plan for the Grove City dispatch center to be able dispatch emergency services from cell phone calls received from Scioto Township; however, that is not the wish of Pickaway County, and he went back to what he said earlier in the meeting about entities working together for better governing.

When the status of the county’s 800 MHz radio communications system tower being upgraded to MARCS capability was brought up by the township trustees, they were in informed that the county has spent and committed over $1.5 million over the past few years on NG911 and P25 upgrades tower infrastructure hardware costs. The system currently has 6 or 7 channels that are P25 capable and the remainder are EDAC channels. When the township trustees said that they were told by the Scioto Township fire chief that he is unable use the new system, the commissioners said that was not the case. They explained that the county purchased P25 capable radios [at a reduced bulk rate] that users of the system can, and many have, purchased, and it was noted that the township’s emergency services have the radios and the ability to access the system’s P25 channels. When the township trustees said that they were told by the fire chief that he cannot use the P25 radios on the county’s radio system and that the PCSO is not monitoring those channels, again, the commissioners stated that was not the case and other fire departments have already been using the new system. It was explained that the EDAC channels remain available for surrounding counties’ mutual aid agencies that do not have P25 radios yet and they still use EDAC channels. The EDAC channels also remain for other users of the system and 3 of the 4 school districts in the county was mentioned as an example. Overall with the radio system, Mr. Lutz that the county is waiting on mutual aid agencies in adjacent counties that are struggling with whether they are going with the MARCS system. This is another reason there are EDAC channels that remain on the system. When the township trustees stated that they had been told that the county was going to charge for 911 call services, the commissioners stated that there has never been any conversations about charging for those services. It was indicated that perhaps that information was out there because when the county proposed to combine the county and city’s PSAPs, it would require
additional dispatch center equipment and staffing and for the county to take that on there should be financial support from the city that would no longer have those expenses.

After further discussion and before the meeting concluded, Mr. Maynard asked if he is understanding it correctly that the commissioners do not want the township to go with the Grove City PSAP and that they do not plan to charge for 911 services. The commissioners stated that was correct as it would not beneficial for subdivisions to retract from the county’s 911 plan, it would harm public safety in Scioto Township.

The township trustees thanked the commissioners for meeting with them, and the commissioners thanked the trustees for coming in, they are always welcome to meet with them, and that they are pleased that everyone wants to work together and keep the lines of communication open in going forward.

In the Matter of Executive Session:

At 3:04 p.m., Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC §121.22 (G)(7) to discuss county hospital trade secrets with Tim Colburn, CEO/President of Berger Health Systems, along with John Edgar and Shirley Bowser, of Berger Board of Governors. Brad Lutz, County Administrator, was also in attendance.

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

Attest: Patricia Webb, Clerk

At 3:49 p.m., the commissioners exited Executive Session and Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Wippel, to resume Regular Session.

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

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No action was taken.

In the Matter of Approval of 2018 Monetary Commitment to HELPS:

In discussing the request for the 2018 monetary commitment in the amount of $15,000 from Christy Mills, Director of Pickaway HELPS, Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to approve a total amount of $20,000 with the understanding that the additional $5,000 is intended be used towards the Pickaway Works initiative.

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

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In the Matter of Tim McGinnis Hired as Fiscal Specialist/Administrative Assistant in Pickaway County Commissioners’ Office:

After reviewing and discussing the applications received for the Fiscal Specialist/Administrative Assistant position in the county commissioners’ office, Commissioner Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Commissioner Henson, to hire Tim McGinnis, Circleville, Ohio, at the rate of $16.00 per hour, effective date to be determined.
Voting on the motion was as follows: Commissioner Wippel, yes; Commissioner Henson, yes; Commissioner Wippel, yes. Voting No: None. Motion carried.

Attest: Patricia Webb, 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 January 20, 2018.

A total of $1,102 was reported being collected as follows: $120 in adoption fees; $12 in boarding fees; $345 in dog licenses; $310 in kennel licenses; $25 in micro-chip fees; $40 in owner turn-ins; $225 in private donations; $25 in transfers-in.

Four (4) stray dogs were processed in; three (3) dogs were adopted.

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

Jay H. Wippel, President
Harold R. Henson, Vice President
Brian S. Stewart, Commissioner
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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