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**MINUTES: Regular Session – November 30, 2021**

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the November 23, 2021, meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – absent

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting were read and approved.

- 21-1649      A resolution was adopted to recognize the extension of Rebecca Ehling as Interim Executive Director within the Workforce Investment Board Butler, Clermont, Warren Counties. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1650      A resolution was adopted to hire Jim Sargeant Jr. as Service Worker I, within the Department of Facilities Management. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1651      A resolution was adopted to approve emergency repair to the belt filter press located at the Lower Little Miami Wastewater Treatment Plant. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1652      A resolution was adopted to acknowledge execution by the County Administrator of Change Order No 26 to the Guaranteed Maximum Price agreement with the Construction Manager at Risk Granger Construction Company for the New Jail and Sheriff's Administration Office Project ("Project"). Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1653      A resolution was adopted to approve application and addendum to the administrative services contract with Dental Care Plus effective January 1, 2022. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1654      A resolution was adopted to authorize the President of the Board to sign the Ohio Transit Partnership Program Grant Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Department of Transportation on behalf of Warren County Transit. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-1655 A resolution was adopted to authorize acceptance of quote from Lumen on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1656 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1657 A resolution was adopted to approve bond release for M/I Homes of Cincinnati, LLC for completion of improvements in Hudson Hills Section 3 situated in Deerfield Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1658 A resolution was adopted to approve a cash advance from Engineer's fund #2202 into fund #4432 and #4454 and cash advance repayments from funds #4432 and #4454 into fund #2202. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1659 A resolution was adopted to approve a supplemental appropriation into Motor Vehicle fund #2202, an operational transfer from the Motor Vehicle fund #2202 into the King Avenue Bridge project fund #4437 and a repayment of a cash advance from the King Avenue Bridge Project fund #4437 into the Motor Vehicle fund #2202. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1660 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Board of Elections fund #11011300. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1661 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within County Court fund #11011280. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1662 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Tax Map fund #11011750. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1663 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Coroner's fund #11012100. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1664 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within the Building and Zoning Department fund #11012300. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1665 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Juvenile Detention fund #11012600 to Juvenile Probation fund #11012500. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1666 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Juvenile Detention fund #11012600. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1667 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Juvenile Reclaim Grant fund #2247. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1668 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Children Services fund #2273. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-1669 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within County Construction Project fund #4467. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1670 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within the Water Revenue fund no. 5510. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1671 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize Deputy County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous

#### DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

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Matt Schnipke, Economic Development Director, was present for a work session to discuss the broadband expansion project being considered for funding through ARPA funding.

Mr. Schnipke stated his desire to hire a consultant through the request for qualification (RFQ) process to provide the Board with options on the various concepts relative to broadband expansion. He requested Board approval to work with the Prosecutor's Office in preparing the documents to issue the RFQ.

Commissioner Jones stated that Clermont County is utilizing a consultant for their project, and it seems reasonable for us to do the same.

Commissioner Young stated he typically does not like consultants but feels it would be a benefit in this instance to help define our goals and objectives for this project.

Paul Kindell, Telecommunications Director, stated the need for fiber network relative to public infrastructure as well as rural connectivity.

There was discussion relative to provider grants being offered and the ability to work with providers to leverage federal funds being offered along with our ARPA funds.

Upon discussion, the Board stated their approval to the request to issue the RFQ.

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There was discussion relative to the policy on antennas being permitted on water towers and telecommunications towers.

Mr. Kindell stated that years ago they had a problem with Cincinnati Bell knocking the microwave system out of alignment. He then discussed the recent safety upgrades for telecommunication towers.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, provided the history with allowing antennae on water towers, stating his concern with the safety of the water supply as well as the liability of individuals having access.

Gary Hensley, Franklin-Springboro Amateur Radio Club, stated that in 1994, Otterbein's radio repeaters, located on their existing water tower, were purchased by him from Motorola. He stated that he provides the radio communications to Otterbein.

Mr. Hensley explained that when Otterbein co-located their tower with Warren County, his antennae were relocated to the new water tower and he was provided a gate key to access his equipment by Otterbein administration. He stated that the gate locks have been changed and Otterbein stated he would be required to obtain the key from Warren County. He then stated that they have made available 36 radios for public service agencies to utilize in an emergency.

Commissioner Young stated his appreciation for the services that they provide to the community as it is important to have emergency backup in a disaster event. He then questioned how often they access the tower.

Mr. Hensley stated that they seldom need access and when maintenance is necessary on the antennae, they hire a licensed contractor.

Commissioner Young questioned Mr. Brausch and Mr. Hensley if an appointment could be scheduled when access is needed and if Mr. McGary, Assistant Prosecutor, could draw up a release of liability waiver for any of the members that plan to access the property.

Mr. McGary stated that we will also need an additional agreement with their contractor that included Warren County as an additional insured and some type of hold harmless clause.


Commissioner Jones stated that with the nature of the environment as it relates to domestic terrorism, they cannot allow unaccompanied access to the water tower.

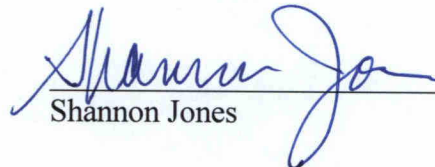
Upon further discussion, it was agreed that Mr. McGary would prepare the necessary documents and Mr. Hensley would arrange access with the Water/Sewer Department staff.

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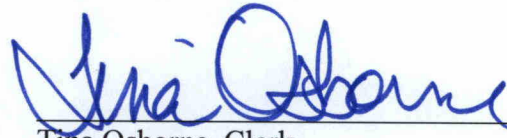
Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.

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David G. Young, President

  
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Tom Grossmann

  
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Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on November 30, 2021, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.

  
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Tina Osborne, Clerk  
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