

The Board of Greene County Commissioners met in regular session at 1 P.M. Those present were: Rick Perales, Richard D. Gould and Tom Koogler.

The minutes of Thursday, February 16, 2023 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved. The work session minutes of Thursday, February 16, 2023 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved.

Wendy Dyer, Bellbrook, came before the Board with two issues. She asked why the Sheriff’s Administration building estimate was so expensive at \$10 million while the new Parks and Trails building was about \$3 million. Her other issue was the Board’s consideration of starting the meeting with a prayer. Ms. Dyer said she has been told before that this is a business meeting of the Board and now the Board is asking her to participate in something that she doesn’t believe in. She asked that the Board reconsider adding this to the business meeting.

IN RE – APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/TRAINING EXPENSES

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 23-2-23-1 for approval of travel or training.

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-2 authorizing the transfer of appropriations.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

Brandon Huddleson, County Administrator, said this is the fourth Township to ask for the prohibition of constructing economically significant wind farms, large wind farms, and large solar facilities, pursuant to Section 303.58 of the Ohio Revised Code. This is part of the process of SB52, he said. The Township did hold a public meeting, as requested by the Board of Commissioners on this request, and while attendance was low, there was no opposition to the Township making this request to the Board.

IN RE – DESIGNATION OF UNINCORPORATED AREA ROSS TWP RESTRICTED AREA

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-3 designating all of the unincorporated area of Ross Township as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of all of the following: economically significant wind farms, large wind farms, and large solar facilities, pursuant to Section 303.58 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – DECLARING NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 23-2-23-4 declaring National Day of Unplugging from sundown March 3, 2023 to sundown March 4, 2023 and encouraging youth of Greene County and all Greene County citizens to participate in this event and prioritize time to unplug, reflect and connect with family and friends.

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

Mr. Huddleson said there have been lawsuits filed against the biodigester located in Bath Township, and for some time a citizens group has asked the Board to support their efforts to ensure the Renergy/Dovetail Biodigester facility is in compliance with federal and state regulations. He said the Board has no authority to act on any project of this type since there isn't County-wide zoning or regulations on this type of utility; local jurisdictions have the authority. Mr. Huddleson said this is considered a public utility over which the Board has no authority. However, the resolution before the Board does support the residents of Bath Township and the City of Fairborn in ensuring the facility is in compliance with USEPA and OEPA regulations.

IN RE – SUPPORTING BATH TOWNSHIP, CITY OF FAIRBORN CITIZENS

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-5 approving a resolution supporting ongoing efforts by the citizens of Bath Township and the City of Fairborn in ensuring the Renergy/Dovetail Biodigester Facility is in compliance with USEPA and OEPA regulations.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS TO HIRE OUTSIDE COUNSEL (JUVENILE COURT)

Mr. Gould moved resolution 23-2-23-6 authorizing the application, by the Prosecutor's Office on behalf of the Board, to the Greene County Court of Common Pleas to hire outside counsel to assist the Greene County Juvenile Court in the filing of an H-1B Visa Application.

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CONNECT GREENE

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-7 supporting the Connect GREENE initiative as application is made for a federal RAISE Grant to be used to fund multi-use trail projects throughout the County. The grant, if awarded, would pay for 100 percent of the project involving many communities in the County. Commissioners will also send individual letters in support of the application.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING EXHIBIT D. CCAO SERVICE CORP. AGREEMENT: NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 23-2-23-8 approving Exhibit D, Natural Gas Aggregation Purchasing Program, of the Participation Agreement with CCAO Service Corporation (CCAOSC) and CCAO Energy Solutions (a subsidiary of Palmer Energy Company, Inc.).

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – AUTH. TO APPLY: FY2022 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMA)

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-9 authorizing EMA to apply for the FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant in order to continue funding for the Emergency Management program.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY: OHIO SUPREME COURT SECURITY GRANT (DR COURT)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 23-2-23-10 authorizing Domestic Relations Court to apply for a grant from the Ohio Supreme Court for upgraded security measures at the Court. A Supreme Court assessment of Court suggested several recommended upgrades.

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING SFY23 RECLAIM GRANT AMENDMENT NO. 1 (JUVENILE COURT)

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-11 approving Amendment No. 1 to the SFY23 RECLAIM grant for Juvenile Court which makes changes to personnel, and increases expenses for training, vehicle maintenance, food for the Parent Project program, youth incentives, and a laptop for the program director.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS: COUNTY ENGINEER

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 23-2-23-12 authorizing the expenditure of funds by the County Engineer in an amount not to exceed \$2,200 for the Engineer’s Annual Township Meeting to be held on April 11, 2023.

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – APPROVING IV-E CONTRACT: J&FS/PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-13 approving the IV-E contract between Job & Family Services and the Prosecuting Attorney for the administration of the IV-E program for Children Services, beginning January 1, 2023.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – AUTH. CO. ADMIN. TO SIGN EQUIVANT INC., AGREEMENTS (4) (CLERK OF COURTS)

Mr. Gould moved Resolution 23-2-23-14 authorizing the County Administrator to sign the agreement with Courtview Justice Solutions, dba Equivant Inc., on behalf of the Clerk of Courts to initiate the Courtview 3.0 upgrade, in the amount of \$435,000. There are four agreements to this project, which is using ARPA funding.

Mr. Koogler seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

IN RE – RECOGNIZING XENIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD RECIPIENTS (7)

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 23-2-23-15 through 21 recognizing the following Xenia Area Chamber of Commerce Award recipients: Steve Brodsky, Robert E. Babb Award; Tobia Pierce, S.L. Stephan Award; Greene CATS Public Transit, Russ Remick Service-Retail Award; MRL Materials, Dodd’s Memorial Award; David Peterson, F.M. Torrence Award; Cynthia Stemple, Barb Zajbel Award; and Luke Neikirk, Jason Robison, Don Parvin, Jayson Neri and Dr. John Vitaliti, Sheriff Gene Fischer HERO Award.

Mr. Gould seconded the motion, and on roll call the result was as follows:

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Mr. Perales-----Aye
Mr. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye

Mr. Koogler said there is a project proposed on Base to construct a shelter at the Commissary at one of the gates on 444 for first year students for protection from the elements. He said the first-year students are not permitted to have vehicles. COVID-positive cases are up 26 from 177 to 203, he said.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:30 P.M. and will reconvene Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.

Attest: _____
Clerk