

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

The minutes of Thursday, March 11, 2021 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved. The work session minutes of Thursday, March 11, 2021 previously circulated and available for public viewing were approved.

IN RE – APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 21-3-18-1 for approval of vouchers.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVAL OF TRAVEL/TRAINING EXPENSES

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-3-18-2 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. Gould-----Aye
Mr. Koogler-----Aye
Mr. Perales-----Aye

IN RE – TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 21-3-18-3 authorizing the transfer of appropriations.

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

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

IN RE – PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-3-18-4 approving the personnel actions as presented.

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

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

IN RE – AUTH. SUBMISSION OF TRAC APPL & LETTER OF SUPPORT: US 35/ VALLEY/ TREBEIN PROJECT (CO. ENG.)

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 21-3-18-5 authorizing the submission of a Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) application to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Ohio Department of Transportation for funding consideration for the replacement of the existing at-grade intersection at US 35/Valley/Trebein with a full interchange of Valley/Trebein Roads over US 35, with the County agreeing to provide up to 20 percent for the local share of the estimated construction cost of \$32 million; and signing a letter of support to TRAC for the project.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO I-675/WILMINGTON PIKE INTERCHANGE PROJECTS MANAGEMENT & FINANCING AGREEMENT (CO. ENG.)

Mr. Perales moved resolution 21-3-18-6 approving the first amendment to the I-675/Wilmington Pike Interchange Projects Management & Financing Agreement with the Montgomery County Transportation Improvement District (TID), the City of Centerville and Sugarcreek Township. This will include completing Phase 1 of the project and seeking grant funds.

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

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

IN RE – LETTER OF SUPPORT TRAC APPLICATION: I-675/WILMINGTON PIKE INTERCHANGE PROJECT STUDY (CO. ENG.)

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 21-3-18-7 signing a letter of support for submission to the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) for the I-675/Wilmington Pike Interchange Project Study.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING PERFORMANCE BOND REDUCTION: BELLASERA

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-3-18-8 to reduce by 50 percent the sidewalks and survey markers performance bond for Bellasera, Section 1, Sugarcreek Township, leaving a balance of \$48,860.

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

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

IN RE – APPROVING IV-D PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH DR COURT MAGISTRATES: CSEA

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 21-3-18-9 approving the IV-D Provider Contract between the Child Support Enforcement Agency and Domestic Relations Court Magistrates to assist in the establishment and enforcement of IV-D paternity and/or child support and medical support orders, in the amount of \$24,033.60, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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

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

IN RE - APPROVING IV-D PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH JUV. COURT MAGISTRATES: CSEA

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-3-18-10 approving the IV-D Provider Contract between Child Support Enforcement Agency and Juvenile Court Magistrates to assist in the establishment and enforcement of IV-D paternity and/or child support and medical support orders, in the amount of \$122,894.67, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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

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

IN RE - APPROVING IV-D PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH CLERK OF COURTS: CSEA

Mr. Koogler moved Resolution 21-3-18-11 approving the IV-D Provider Contract between Child Support Enforcement Agency and Clerk of Courts to assist in the establishment and enforcement of IV-D paternity and/or child support and medical support orders, in the amount of \$21,527.85, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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

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

IN RE - APPROVING IV-D PROVIDER CONTRACT WITH PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE: CSEA

Mr. Perales moved Resolution 21-3-18-12 approving the IV-D Provider Contract between Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Prosecutor's Office to assist in the establishment and enforcement of IV-D paternity and/or child support and medical support orders, in the amount of \$391,274.22, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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

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

Commissioners recessed at 1:08 p.m., until the publicized 1:15 p.m., public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

The first public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY21 and HOME Programs was called to order at 1:15 p.m. This is a federally funded program administered by the State.

Sarah Mault, Community Development Coordinator, said the County intends to apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency for funding under the CDBG program and the HOME Investment Partnerships programs. She said the County is eligible to receive \$236,000. Projects eligible for CDBG funds include economic development projects, streets, water supply, drainage and sanitary sewer improvements, park acquisitions and improvements, demolition of unsafe structures, repair and rehabilitation of housing and neighborhood facilities, and downtown business revitalization.

Ms. Mault said the projects must be designed to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income persons, or to aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.

The following CDBG programs are available to Greene County:

<u>Programs</u>	<u>Available Funds</u>
1. Community Development Allocation Program	\$150,000
2. Targets of Opportunity Program	\$200,000
3. Neighborhood Revitalization Program	\$750,000
4. Critical Infrastructure Program	\$500,000
5. Residential Public Infrastructure Program	\$600,000
6. Economic Development & Public Infrastructure Program	\$500,000
7. Economic Development Loan Program	\$500,000
8. New Horizons Fair Housing Program	\$ 20,000

The second public hearing for this program will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 1:15 p.m., at the Commissioners' Conference Room, 35 Greene Street, Xenia.

Kristie Tidd, Manager, Department of Development, presented information on the HOME program, and said the County is eligible for \$400,000 for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program if the partnership agreement is renewed with the City of Xenia.

According to Ms. Tidd, the eligible activities under this program include: Rehabilitation Assistance for owner or rental (\$1,000 to \$64,000); Repair Assistance for owner or rental (\$1,000 to \$18,000); Homeownership Assistance (\$1,000 to \$65,000) for Homeownership Down Payment Assistance plus Rehabilitation, Down Payment Assistance, New Construction with Habitat for Humanity (\$1,000 to \$30,000); Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (\$100 to \$12,000/yearly); Administration (maximum of 12 percent of the total grant); and Fair Housing.

These programs must also benefit low- and moderate-income persons, she explained.

Mr. Koogler said that several years ago, the County found out that the City wasn't applying for funds. With encouragement from the County, the two entities entered into a partnership in order to leverage more dollars. Ms. Tidd said the County applies for the funds and keeps the administration allotment to use for various items including salary reimbursement at the end of the grant cycle. Everything goes through the County's Development Department, Ms. Tidd explained. The application is due to the Ohio Development Services Agency by Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

No one from the public spoke at the public hearing. The public hearing was closed at 1:20 p.m. A copy of the public notice follows this page in the journal.

Mr. Koogler said in 2017 the Board reduced County real estate taxes and he would like this Board to consider doing this again for tax year 2021, payable in year 2022. He said the County's cash carryover would allow for this reduction especially during a time when many residents have suffered because of COVID.

Brandon Huddleson, County Administrator, said a half mill reduction, as was done in 2017, would be about \$2 million. He added that the last time the Board did this, the County was going through a property re-evaluation and many residents didn't see the reduction because of the re-evaluation.

Mr. Gould said when he ran for a seat on the Board one of his ideas was if the County had the money and it wasn't being used for operations, give it back to the taxpayers. He added that this is one of the few things the Board has any say over because most of the property taxes are earmarked for schools, the library, social services; this rollback would only impact the County's general fund.

Mr. Perales agreed with the idea. He asked that a review be done to see the other needs, not just capital expenses, to determine the feasibility of rolling back property taxes. Mr. Huddleson said he will provide several scenarios for the Board from a half mill to a one mill reduction. He added that the time is right and residents will see the difference.

The Commissioners will hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6 p.m., at the Greene County Fairgrounds' Assembly Hall to discuss the large solar project proposed for the County. Mr. Koogler asked if the meeting could be recorded and have the comments made at the meeting become part of the information sent to the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Mr. Koogler said the numbers for COVID-positive cases by zip code have gone up slightly from 139 last week to 147 this week. Mr. Huddleson said those age 16 and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine next week.

Mr. Huddleson reminded the Board that the meeting next week will be on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9 a.m.

Commissioners adjourned at 1:30 P.M. and will reconvene Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Contracts signed by Co. Admin., pursuant to Res. no. 17-7-27-7:
SAFEbuilt Ohio, LLC, Amend. One, Term Extension, Inspection Svcs, nte \$25,000, Bldg. Reg.
SAFEbuilt Ohio, LLC, Amendment One, Term Extension, Plan Review, nte \$25,000, Bldg. Reg.
Koorsen Fire & Security, Revision, Alarm Contracts (Manager Changes), San. Eng.