

**AUGUST 21, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING - #34**  
**VOLUME 20**

**MEETING**

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, August 21, 2017, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett in attendance.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, of August 14, 2017 be approved as submitted.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
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7/11/2017	2017001928	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	156.00
6/27/2017	2017001018	ADENA HEALTH SYSTEM	1292.32
6/27/2017	2017001018	ADENA MEDICAL GROUP, LLC	61.38
8/16/2017	2017002115	AMERICAN COURT & DRUG TESTING SERVICES	9600.00
8/15/2017	2017000389	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	436.97
8/15/2017	2017000402	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	25.21
8/18/2017	2017001977	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	200.00
8/15/2017	2017000688	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	26.58
8/17/2017	2017000615	B.P.O.E., ELKS LODGE, #52	250.00
8/15/2017	2017001722	BIG GUY Z AUTOMOTIVE, LLC	88.79
8/8/2017	2017001760	BOB BARKER COMPANY	1585.80
7/27/2017	2017001723	BOB'S BOOTERY	103.32
7/27/2017	2017001798	BOB'S BOOTERY	25.68
8/16/2017	2017001698	BRITTANY G JADWIN	1577.80
8/14/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	648.22
8/7/2017	2017002101	CAPITAL ONE COMMERCIAL	304.96
7/31/2017	2017001836	CARTER JONES CO INC	33.67
7/25/2017	2017001926	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC.	2699.29
7/4/2017	2017000854	CENTRAL CENTER HARDWARE	55.95
7/6/2017	2017000851	CENTRAL CENTER HARDWARE	25.99
8/1/2017	2017002075	CHILLICOTHE GAZETTE	330.11
7/31/2017	2017000297	CLIFFORD E. REAM JR	231.26
8/15/2017	2017000123	CODIAK BUILDERS	8500.00
7/1/2017	2017001018	COLUMBUS RADIOLOGY CORP	379.28
7/17/2017	2017001752	COLUMBUS TIME RECORDER CO INC	898.80
8/2/2017	2017001839	COPPEL COAL & SUPPLY CO.	142.80
6/12/2017	2017001740	CUTRIGHT & CUTRIGHT	250.00
8/1/2017	2017001425	DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	500.00
8/8/2017	2017000298	DORRAL W CUNNINGHAM JR	68.75
8/9/2017	2017000444	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	50.00
7/31/2017	2017000613	DTB DISTRIBUTORS, INC	959.65
8/10/2017	2017002072	DUGOUT CLUB UNLIMITED INC	1000.00
8/1/2017	2017001928	EVOLUTION AG, INC	51.51

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7/26/2017	2017001928	FASTENAL COMPANY	163.57
7/6/2017	2017000046	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	10.00
7/26/2017	2017000726	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	6.72
8/1/2017	2017001769	FOULKE BLOCK/ALTHOFF	230.00
8/16/2017	2017001356	FOULKE BLOCK/ALTHOFF	2461.70
8/17/2017	2017000609	FOULKE BLOCK/ALTHOFF	2000.00
7/28/2017	2017001836	G&J ASPHALT & MATERIALS INC.	4214.94

7/26/2017	2017001867	GALLS, LLC	50.00
8/16/2017	2017001127	GLACIER MTN. BOTTLED WATER	40.50
8/8/2017	2017001928	GLATFELTER	516.00
7/3/2017	2017001722	GORDON FLESCH CO.,INC.	26.16
8/10/2017	2017000791	GORDON FLESCH CO.,INC.	1.72
8/12/2017	2017000853	HIGH VIEW ELECTRIC	725.00
8/10/2017	2017001849	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	292.27
8/10/2017	2017000482	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	2771.26
8/10/2017	2017000556	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	53.32
8/10/2017	2017000547	HORIZON CHILLI TELEPHONE	109.80
8/9/2017	2017001404	J. JEFFREY BENSON	47.70
7/13/2017	2017001798	JACK'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER, INC.	277.95
8/11/2017	2017000363	JENNIFER HANCOCK	30.00
8/11/2017	2017002076	JERRY FAIRCHILD	450.00
7/28/2017	2017001647	JERRY R DETILLIAN	728.15
7/29/2017	2017000819	John T. Barnhart	13.00
8/3/2017	2017001798	JULIA PENWELL	257.00
8/2/2017	2017002102	K & C SERVICE STN.MAINT. CO.,INC.	750.00
8/2/2017	2017002104	K & C SERVICE STN.MAINT. CO.,INC.	750.00
8/2/2017	2017001928	K & C SERVICE STN.MAINT. CO.,INC.	750.00
7/28/2017	2017001648	KENNETH E COTTRILL	518.14
8/14/2017	2017002050	KEVIN BEAVER	100.00
8/4/2017	2017001798	KEVIN CLAYPOOL	165.12
7/31/2017	2017001798	LEO MEYERS, INC.	299.38
8/1/2017	2017002061	LEXIS-NEXIS	3780.00
7/19/2017	2017002063	LYKINS OIL COMPANY	15082.00
8/7/2017	2017000161	MARGARET A SEITZ	103.50
8/7/2017	2017001896	MATTHEW BENDER & CO INC	169.62
8/15/2017	2017000062	MATTHEW P BRADY	164.00
7/31/2017	2017000900	MEDIA NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO	2631.20
8/1/2017	2017000300	MELVIN H PARK, JR	84.38
8/1/2017	2017001929	MELVIN STONE CO.	2665.09
8/4/2017	2017000425	MENARDS	5.98
8/2/2017	2017001928	MENARDS	65.28
8/14/2017	2017000881	MIDDLETOWN FORD, INC	26730.76
8/1/2017	2017000179	MODERN LEASING	63.79
8/1/2017	2017000342	MODERN LEASING	353.37
8/1/2017	2017000339	MODERN LEASING	181.95
8/3/2017	2017000171	MODERN LEASING	315.64
8/1/2017	2017000340	MODERN LEASING	123.15
8/1/2017	2017000341	MODERN LEASING	138.93

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8/15/2017	2017000724	MODERN LEASING	270.06
8/7/2017	2017001480	MS Consultants	2300.00
8/8/2017	2017002067	NORTH RIVER PLACE APTS.	500.00
8/7/2017	2017002114	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	1045.07
8/4/2017	2017001765	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	69.50
8/4/2017	2017001630	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	231.98
8/14/2017	2017002113	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	46.69
8/10/2017	2017002116	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	3706.00
8/4/2017	2017000364	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	69.50
8/3/2017	2017000224	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	68.81
8/15/2017	2017002090	OFFICE OF CRIM. JUSTICE	16376.64
8/16/2017	2017000361	OHIO ASSOC. OF PROBATE JUDGES	200.00
7/24/2017	2017001836	OHIO DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE	70.00
9/13/2017	2017000485	OHIO STATE ASSOC. OF COUNTY VETERANS SERV.OFF.	150.00
6/8/2017	2017001762	R R BRINK	3191.00
7/29/2017	2017000819	Raymond H. Schinkle	8.00
7/29/2017	2017000819	Robert Ball	13.00
7/31/2017	2017001591	ROBERT D LEAMAN, SR	605.63
7/24/2017	2017002088	ROBINSON HEATING AND COOLING	1076.53
3/24/2017	2017001018	ROSS EMERGENCY GROUP PC	1080.81
8/1/2017	2017001928	RUMPKE WASTE, INC.	87.89
8/1/2017	2017000480	RUMPKE WASTE, INC.	506.63
3/15/2017	2017002106	S.O.S. ELECTRIC	146.24
7/19/2017	2017001928	SARGENT SALES & RENTALS	51.20
7/14/2017	2017001723	SCIOTO SHOE MART	109.98
8/21/2017	2017001836	SEITZ TRUCKING INC.	810.00
7/17/2017	2017000708	SHERWIN WILLIAMS COMPANY	409.10
8/7/2017	2017001928	SIEMER DISTRIBUTING	61.50
7/1/2017	2017001406	SOJOURNERS CARE NETWORK	4810.00
8/9/2017	2017002089	SOUTHERN OHIO EQUIPMENT CO, LLC	98.00
7/6/2017	2017000305	SPRINT PCS	78.34
7/2/2017	2017001850	SPRINT PCS	84.56
8/12/2017	2017001564	Stacey E Thompson	61.83
8/19/2017	2017000895	Stacey E. Thompson	61.16
7/31/2017	2017002117	STAFFAN'S LOCK & KEY	358.78
7/31/2017	2017002118	STAFFAN'S LOCK & KEY	108.00
8/10/2017	2017001097	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	120.00
8/17/2017	2017000608	STEVEN MADDUX LLC	800.00
8/17/2017	2017000063	SUSAN PETTIT	268.00
8/17/2017	2017000049	SUTHERLANDS RADIATOR SERV	47.50
8/14/2017	2017000163	THE WATER EXPRESS	23.20
8/7/2017	2017001928	THE WHOLESALE HOUSE	211.08
7/27/2017	2017001590	THOMAS D. ABRUZZINO	565.63
8/2/2017	2017001930	TOW PATH MATERIALS	2534.51

6/27/2017	2017002087	TOWER PRODUCTS, INC	200.07
6/30/2017	2017001723	TREASURER-STATE OF OHIO	5022.00
8/4/2017	2017001724	TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	6267.11
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7/28/2017	2017001898	UPS	37.09
8/9/2017	2017001562	US SAFETY GEAR, INC	48.94
8/4/2017	2017000649	VERIZON WIRELESS	206.62
7/14/2017	2017002097	VISA	1303.19
8/14/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	150.00
8/17/2017	2017000361	Wendy L. McWhorter	6.40
7/1/2017	2017000183	WEST GROUP	796.98
8/4/2017	2017000792	WEST GROUP	159.70
6/30/2017	2017000430	WEX BANK	381.56
6/29/2017	2017000044	WEX BANK	780.38
7/31/2017	2017000852	WEX BANK	401.26
7/7/2017	2017000867	WEX BANK	67.08
8/10/2017	2017002119	WORLY PLUMBING SUPPLY INC	199.46
8/3/2017	2017002060	WORLY PLUMBING SUPPLY INC	723.48
8/21/2017	2017002131	ROSS CO. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP.	
43,400.00			

**\$207,671.80**

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**THEN & NOW CERTICIATES APPROVED**

The commissioners noted receipt of no "Then & Now" Certificates, dated August 14, 2017 through August 18, 2017 to report from the Office of the Ross County Auditor.

**AUDITOR AUTHORIZED TO REPAY ADVANCE MADE FROM GENERAL FUND TO DRUG COURT SUBSIDY FUND**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to repay a portion of salary & fringe, advance of \$9,235.01 made from the General Fund to the Drug Court Subsidy Fund, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**APPROPRIATION/DEAPPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS – VARIOUS**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that (\$52,872.54) be deappropriated from the Sheriff Jail Diversion Fund, from account codes listed below as indicate from a request of this date from the sheriff:

AMOUNT	FROM
(\$34,743.93)	420-29-07-7001, Salaries
( 1,018.61)	420-29-07-7100, Travel
( 1,300.00)	420-29-07-7101, Advertising & Printing
( 2,267.95)	420-29-07-7151, Educational Supplies
( 544.05)	420-29-07-7155, Communications
( 998.00)	420-29-07-7200, Equipment
(12,000.00)	420-29-07-7757, Electronic Monitoring
<b>(\$52,872.54)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$66,520.25 be appropriated in the Sheriff Jail Diversion Fund, from unappropriated funds to account codes listed below, according to a request of this date from the sheriff:

AMOUNT	TO
\$ 100.00	420-29-07-7101, Advertising
587.50	420-29-07-7150, Office Supplies

500.00	420-29-07-7155, Communications
37,752.00	420-29-07-7103, Counselors
712.50	420-29-07-7151, Educational Supplies
24,960.00	420-29-07-7001. Salaries
1,692.00	420-29-07-7757, Electronic Monitoring
<u>216.25</u>	420-29-07-7550, Other Expense
<b>\$66,520.25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded that \$2,767.00 be appropriated in the General Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #100-11-02-7121, Foreign Judges, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded that \$43,400.00 be appropriated in the General Fund, from unappropriated funds, to account code #100-01-16-7151, Loan to CIC, according to a request of this date from the commissioners.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

### TRANSFER OF FUNDS – VARIOUS

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$74,355.00 be transferred within the Juvenile Court IV-E Fund, from account codes listed below, according to a request of August 15, 2017 from juvenile court:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM</b>
\$74,355.00	420-18-42-7550, Other Expense
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TO</b>
\$71,855.00	420-18-42-7103, Contract Service
<u>2,500.00</u>	420-18-42-7150, Supplies
<b>\$74,355.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$3,892.03 be transferred within the Senior Citizen Levy Fund, from account codes listed below, according to a request of this date from the county auditor:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>FROM</b>
\$3,892.03	234-01-50-7103, Contract Services
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TO</b>
\$ 117.50	234-01-50-7143, Del. Tax Advertising
<u>3,774.53</u>	234-01-50-7409, Auditor/Treas fees
<b>\$3,892.03</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that \$55.00 be transferred within the General Fund, from account code #100-02-00-7550, Other Expense, to #100-02-00-7100, Travel, according to a request of this date from the county auditor.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

### TIME SHEETS APPROVED - COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR & CLERK

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve time sheets submitted by Bradford M. Cosenza, county administrator and Gail L. Stout, clerk to the Board, for the pay period ending August 19, 2017.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

### APPROPRIATION APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE – VARIOUS

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$41.00 (approx.), submitted by Judi Mannion and Ryan Shreve, Ross County Litter, for them to go to Ace Truck Body Inc., to install lift gate and crane on litter truck, on August 22, 2017, at Grove City, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$45.00 (approx.), submitted by Judi Mannion, Wellness Coordinator, for her attendance upon the CEBCO Wellness Coordinator meeting, to be held September 29, 2017, at Columbus, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$210.00 (approx.), submitted by Linda Wood, EMA, for her attendance upon the ICS300 Intermediate and ICS400 Advance courses, to be held October 24-27, 2017, at Jackson, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$460.00 (approx.), submitted by Charlie Ortman and Deric Cox, Ross County Engineer, for his attendance upon the bridge conference, to be held on August 23-24, 2017, at Columbus, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an application for an appropriation of \$270.00 (approx.), submitted by Ross County Recorder, Kathy Dunn, for her attendance upon the Ohio Recorders’ Fall Conference, to be held September 19-20, 2017, at Columbus, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**ASSET DISPOSAL FORM APPROVED – SHERIFF**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve an Asset Disposal Form submitted by the Ross County Sheriff, for disposal of the following surplus personal property of the county as indicated:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF DISPOSAL
One (1)	Voice recorder	Trade In

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**ROSS COUNTY/CHILLICOTHE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLEX AND JAIL UPGRADE AND RENOVATION PROJECT PROFESSIONAL FEE APPROVED – DLZ**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve the Invoice for Professional Services, from DLZ, in the amount of \$9,905.63, to be paid from account code #557-01-00-7103, Contract Services.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**2020 CENSUS LOCAL UPDATE REGISTRATION FORMS**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, authorize and execute a Registration Form 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) and hereby appoints Greg Rouse as the county’s liaison, for protecting the confidential Census Bureau materials covered by Title 13, U.S. Code.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

**LOAN TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DRIVE PROJECT**

Stephen A. Neal, Vice President, reports that Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), is ready to bid the Industrial Road project. The paperwork has been prepared and ready for the county engineer’s signature. All paperwork will need to be returned to their ODOT office by September 29, 2017. The estimate came in high so we will need \$43,400.00 for the county’s share but will get repaid upon the sale of property lots.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Corcoran seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, agree to loan \$43,400.00, interest free, to the Ross County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), to complete the Industrial Drive project located in the Gateway Interchange Industrial Park, to be repaid upon the sale of property lots.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes; Mr. Neal, yes. Motion carried.

**RATIFICATION OF LETTER TO PARTICIPATE - T-CAP GRANT FY 2018-2019 PROGRAM**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies, confirms and approves the act of its president, R. Douglas Corcoran, on August 18, 2017, executing on behalf of the Board, a letter to participate for the Targeted



Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) Grant 2018-2019 Program, to supervise, treat and hold accountable low-level, non-violent offenders and to thereby safely reduce Ohio's prison population, in the amount of \$316,000.00.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION CALLED**

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners adjourn into executive session at 11:10 a.m., to meet with Ross County Sheriff George Lavender, Ross County Auditor Tom Spetnagel Jr. and Dave Riepenhoff, Associate, Fishel, Hass, Kim, LLP, Attorneys at Law, to discuss and review collective bargaining strategy.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

## **REGULAR SESSION RESUMED**

The executive session of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, called at 11:10 a.m., was adjourned, and the regular meeting resumed at 11:50 a.m. No action was taken.

## **WARRANTY DEED GRANTED – CLINTON ROAD**

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, grants, with general warranty covenants, to Rick R. and Luann Everhart, 819 Clinton Road, Chillicothe Ohio, 45601, Union Township, Ross County, Ohio, an adjoining parcel transfer/lot add-on of 2.24 acre tract, accordance with Board Resolution No. 17-130, to Parcel Number 37-0921007.00, in Volume 463, Page 2042, of the official records of the Office of the Recorder of Ross County, Ohio.

On call of the roll, the vote was: Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

## **SUBJECTS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD**

Craig Taylor, President of Community for Veterans; Chief David Petrie, VA Protective Services; Chief Robert Kirkbridge, VA Fire Department; Ross County Sheriff George Lavender and staff; and, Ross County Prosecutor, Matt Schmidt, met with the commissioners to discuss police coverage for the Freedom's Path community at the Chillicothe Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC).

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting by saying there are two documents from which we are working. There appears to be some gray area that is being used to justify non-responsiveness to calls. We are here today to resolve these problems. There has to be a way to enforce the law without making a federal case out of every misdemeanor. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Sheriff and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), was to follow protocol when a call came into 911, then the call center would call who was to be dispatched but would not be a response from Ross County. If the VA make an arrest, it is a federal offense, if the Sheriff makes the arrest, they go to jail.

Sheriff Lavender said that if the call goes through 911, then dispatch to VA, if back up is needed we would respond. Our Task Force is here to help when needed.

Chief Petrie said that I thought we had all this worked out. I think the Sheriff and our department is on the same page. Mr. Taylor, it may be that you don't understand the protocol here. The sheriff's department has always assisted when needed. We have a good working relationship with the department and want this to continue.

Mr. Taylor asked about wellness checks.

Chief Petrie said that we can check the residents but we cannot force them to go to the hospital.

Mr. Taylor said that there are different issues for landlord tenant rights. We will take this information back with us for further discussion and review. Thank you commissioners for your time and patience through all this. I perfectly understand now the issues that need attention.

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Melody Counery, Friends of the Lucy House, Board of Directors, met with the commissioners to discuss replacement of security light(s); procuring a rental contract for events and to express appreciation & gratitude for the past renovations.

Ms. Counery said that we would like motion lights on the back porch and the parking lot. The sidewalk needs repair in the front and a flag pole to place the American Flag on.

Mr. Corcoran said that we don't have a problem with any of the items requested and will have the county administrator look into taking care of those items.

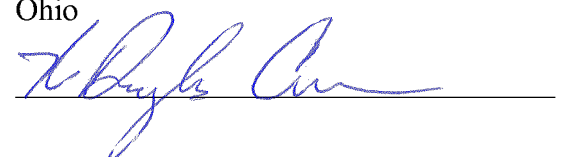
## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The commissioners noted receipt of the Ross County Engineer's Annual Report per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5543.02.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, August 21, 2017, at 3:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,  
Ohio





Gail L. Stout  
Clerk

R. Douglas Corcoran, President  
Stephen A. Neal  
Stephen A. Neal, Vice President  
D. Garrett  
Dwight A. Garrett