

JULY 3, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING - #27
VOLUME 20

MEETING

The Ross County Board of Commissioners met on this day, July 3, 2017, in regular session.

Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., with Commissioners Stephen A. Neal and Dwight A. Garrett also 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 June 26, 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. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the following bills of the county be approved for payment:

Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
6/15/2017	2017000441	ACORN DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	1364.13
6/16/2017	2017000790	ACS	500.00
6/22/2017	2017000790	ACS	3452.00
7/1/2017	2017001753	AMERICAN COURT & DRUG TESTING SERVICES	2100.00
5/3/2017	2017000073	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	2249.29
6/10/2017	2017001673	AXIS FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY INC.	285.00
6/22/2017	2017000577	B & C COMMUNICATIONS	850.00
6/22/2017	2017001781	BILL REEP	50.00
6/15/2017	2017001750	Brandon Puckett	31.30
6/26/2017	2017000063	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	1183.42
6/28/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	378.92

6/27/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	675.74
6/22/2017	2017000062	BUNSTINE LAW OFFICE	460.46
7/1/2017	2017000432	CEBCO	637462.98
6/1/2017	2017001749	CHILLICOTHE GAZETTE	20.00
6/12/2017	2017001400	CHILLICOTHE STEEL CO.	65.00
6/22/2017	2017001555	CHUCK SCHRADER	54.83
6/22/2017	2017000066	CNBLAW, LLC	250.00
6/22/2017	2017000563	COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO,INC	108.71
6/20/2017	2017000680	COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO,INC	1173.20
6/7/2017	2017001555	COLUMBUS EQUIPMENT CO.	404.50
6/13/2017	2017001571	COM DOC, INC.	27.28
6/12/2017	2017000055	DAVID A MORRISON	460.00
6/12/2017	2017000055	DAVID MICHAEL WELCH	480.00
6/23/2017	2017000137	DOUG MARINE MOTORS	60.95
6/22/2017	2017001452	DOWNTOWN AUTO BODY REPAIR INC.	75.00
6/20/2017	2017000613	DTB DISTRIBUTORS, INC	656.08
6/20/2017	2017001589	EDWARDS CULVERT COMPANY	10751.20
6/20/2017	2017001772	EDWARDS CULVERT COMPANY	3031.80
6/16/2017	2017000650	FASTENAL COMPANY	184.04
6/22/2017	2017001392	FIRST CAPITAL ENTERPRISES	27.75
Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
6/6/2017	2017000076	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	39.76
6/6/2017	2017000048	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS LLC	20.24
6/9/2017	2017001771	G & J PAVING	4500.00
6/6/2017	2017001400	G&J ASPHALT & MATERIALS INC.	878.36
6/15/2017	2017001400	G&J ASPHALT & MATERIALS INC.	747.36
6/20/2017	2017000814	GFC LEASING	121.65
6/23/2017	2017000287	GLENDALE PARADE STORE	4180.35

6/23/2017	2017000791	GORDON FLESCH CO.,INC.	63.13
6/22/2017	2017001756	GREAT LAKES COMPUTER CORPORATION	315.00
6/20/2017	2017001014	HALLER FUNERAL HOME LLC	275.00
6/23/2017	2017000559	HARRIS & LEACH INC	475.00
5/1/2017	2017001015	INTEGRATED SERV.OF APPLACHIAN OHIO	2228.00
6/12/2017	2017000055	JAMES A. SMITH	80.00
6/22/2017	2017000062	JAMES E BARRINGTON,CO,LPA	2380.00
6/28/2017	2017001669	JAMES K. CUTRIGHT	450.00
6/28/2017	2017000954	JAMES K. CUTRIGHT	550.00
5/31/2017	2017001759	JD EQUIPMENT INC	110.03
4/4/2017	2017001555	JD EQUIPMENT INC	2271.77
6/23/2017	2017000065	JONNETTA D. GADSON	268.00
6/16/2017	2017001452	JULIA PENWELL	86.00
6/20/2017	2017001259	KLEEM INC.	166.58
6/15/2017	2017001259	KLEEM INC.	335.80
6/2/2017	2017000450	K-MART	425.48
6/21/2017	2017001555	LACAL EQ. COMPANY	314.70
6/26/2017	2017000062	LANDIS L. TERHUNE-OLAKER	96.00
6/14/2017	2017001631	LINDA HART	212.50
6/10/2017	2017000431	LORI HUSTON	2000.00
6/12/2017	2017001555	MACHINERY & TOOL RENTALS	117.48
7/1/2017	2017001452	MAGLOCLEN	400.00
6/26/2017	2017000550	MARY R. DAVIS	400.00
6/14/2017	2017001400	MAR-ZANE, INC.	803.40
6/5/2017	2017001400	MAR-ZANE, INC.	531.70
6/23/2017	2017000065	MATTHEW P BRADY	276.00
6/12/2017	2017000055	MELISSA NERVIANO	50.00
6/20/2017	2017001555	MENARDS	9.97
6/20/2017	2017000221	MICHAEL M. ATER	946.45
6/21/2017	2017001757	MIKE'S TRACTOR&EQUIPMENT	45.00
6/22/2017	2017001206	MODERN OFFICE METHODS,INC	232.39
3/3/2017	2017000660	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC	6412.62
6/14/2017	2017001407	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	214.63
6/22/2017	2017000175	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	439.80
6/14/2017	2017000331	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	342.97
6/14/2017	2017001645	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	109.87
6/22/2017	2017000444	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	104.39
6/22/2017	2017000579	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	25.94
6/20/2017	2017000444	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	87.98
6/22/2017	2017001346	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	52.47

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6/22/2017	2017001347	OFFICE CITY EXPRESS	78.40
6/21/2017	2017000140	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	125.92
6/13/2017	2017000224	OFFICE DEPOT INC.	139.78
5/10/2017	2017000354	OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHILD CARING AGENCIES	300.00
6/9/2017	2017000442	OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY	295.00
5/31/2017	2017001697	OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY	345.00
6/12/2017	2017000055	PAMELA K SCHOLL	60.00
6/12/2017	2017000055	PHILLIP RUTHERFORD	1106.00
6/16/2017	2017001555	PRINCIPAL TRUCK SUPPLY	70.24
6/21/2017	2017001755	PRINTEX PRINTING	171.25
6/20/2017	2017001347	PRINTEX PRINTING	66.33
6/20/2017	2017001346	PRINTEX PRINTING	66.34
6/20/2017	2017001027	PRINTEX PRINTING	39.95
6/20/2017	2017000444	PRINTEX PRINTING	66.33
6/19/2017	2017001754	PROBATUM TECHNOLOGIES INC	5760.00
4/19/2017	2017000441	PTS OF AMERICA, LLC	1666.00
6/8/2017	2017000895	RICHARD W. SHANKS	88.50
6/22/2017	2017001452	RIVERS BEND BIKE SHOP	50.00
5/19/2017	2017000444	SAM'S CLUB DIRECT	169.80
6/13/2017	2017000167	Sarah Williamson	79.20
6/6/2017	2017000361	SCIOTO PAINT VALLEY ASSESSMENT SERVICES, LLC	350.00
6/20/2017	2017001400	SCIOTO VALLEY PRECAST CO	495.00
6/19/2017	2017000403	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	76.00
5/12/2017	2017000937	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	26.00
5/12/2017	2017000078	SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CO.	141.00
5/23/2017	2017001773	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO	2980.28
5/23/2017	2017001588	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO	2766.76
5/25/2017	2017000666	SPORTS PLUS AND PARCEL-N-POST	18.00
5/25/2017	2017000444	SPORTS PLUS AND PARCEL-N-POST	18.00
5/25/2017	2017001452	SPORTS PLUS AND PARCEL-N-POST	18.00
5/11/2017	2017001097	STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY INC	27.83
6/21/2017	2017001534	SUGAR LOAF POWER EQ.	65.86
4/13/2017	2017001748	SWANGO CABLING AND TRENCHING, LLC	10104.12
6/21/2017	2017000167	Tara Uhrig	48.60
6/19/2017	2017001758	TED PIERCE	710.25
6/20/2017	2017001761	THE FLAG LADY'S FLAG STORE	490.75
6/14/2017	2017001400	THE MCGLAUGHLIN OIL CO.	74.00
6/16/2017	2017000290	THE PACIFIC INSTITUTE INC	1197.00
6/1/2017	2017001197	TOW PATH MATERIALS	974.25

6/12/2017	2017000055	TREIVA J. COTTRILL	1000.00
6/23/2017	2017000939	TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	6038.95
6/29/2017	2017000177	U. S. POSTMASTER	665.00
6/9/2017	2017001445	UPS	54.11
6/17/2017	2017000410	UPS	33.33
6/14/2017	2017001555	US SAFETY GEAR, INC	144.00
Invoice Date	Purchase Order	Pay To Name	Total Value
5/30/2017	2017001554	VALUE ADDED BUSINESS SERV	63.05
5/30/2017	2017000750	VALUE ADDED BUSINESS SERV	65.60
5/11/2017	2017000320	VERIZON WIRELESS	125.30
6/13/2017	2017001733	VEST TOWING & AUTO REPAIR	343.69
6/19/2017	2017001555	WAGNER RENTAL & SUPPLY	91.95
6/22/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	524.00
6/27/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	364.00
6/22/2017	2017000062	WALTER A. BEVINS	670.00
6/1/2017	2017001555	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF OHIO	167.13
6/22/2017	2017000441	WATCH SYSTEMS, LLC.	35.00
4/17/2017	2017001052	WORLY PLUMBING SUPPLY INC	34.23
4/25/2017	2017000642	WORLY PLUMBING SUPPLY INC	142.93
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			<u>745,954.90</u>

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

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATES APPROVED

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve "Then & Now" Certificates, dated June 26, 2017 through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$127,820.88 prepared by the Office of the Ross County Auditor and certified by the auditor as to the appropriation of funds for the purpose of encumbering the sum of the contract(s) or order(s) outlined therein, or the imminent collection of funds for credit to the appropriated fund(s) of the county, and as to the availability of funds for transfer within the appropriate department(s).

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

INTERFUND TRANSFER AUTHORIZED – GENERAL TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Auditor be authorized to transfer from the General Fund, in the amount of \$8,500.00 to the Emergency Management Fund, according to a request from the auditor of this date.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS – LITTER & COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that \$8,500.00 be transferred within the General Fund from account code #100-01-00-7900, Unanticipated Emergencies, to #100-01-00-7915, Transfer to Emergency Management, according to a request of this date from the commissioners.

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 \$3,941.00 be transferred within the Litter Control Fund, from account codes listed below, according to a request of this date from litter control:

AMOUNT	FROM
\$1,000.00	207-01-00-7100, Travel
1,000.00	207-01-00-7153, Landfill/Disposal Fees
<u>1,941.00</u>	207-01-00-750, Other Expense
\$3,941.00	TOTAL
AMOUNT	TO

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

APPROPRIATION APPLICATIONS APPROVED FOR MEETING ATTENDANCE – COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approve applications (2) for appropriations ad indicated, submitted by the following employee of the Ross County Board of Commissioners for meeting attendance listed:

Brad Cosenza (approx.)	CLCCA Summer Meeting, July 14, 2017, at Deer Creek Lodge & Conference Cnt., Pickaway County, Ohio	\$0.00
(approx.)	Ohio EPA Funding Opportunities, July 20, 2017, at Rio Grande, Ohio	\$0.00

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

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT PROJECT NO. CO05T – COUNTY/TOWNSHIP MULTI ROAD REPAIR

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners approves the act of its president, R. Douglas Corcoran, executng on behalf of the Board and Ross County, as recipient, an Ohio Public Works Commission Project Grant Agreement, Project No. CO05U, with the State of Ohio, providing for funding from the Ohio Public Works Commission under the State Capital Improvements Program Fund, in an amount \$947,035, for the County/Township Multi Road Repair project.

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

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – HEROIN PARTNERSHIP PROJECT COORDINATOR

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, enter into an Independent Contractor Agreement by and between Michelle McAllister, for purpose of the Heroin Partnership Project Coordinator, in the amount of \$20,000 for services provided outline within the agreement, for a period from July 14, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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

PROCLAMATION ISSUED – CAMP SHERMAN

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners issue the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the reason for the selection of the Camp Sherman site was simple: a healthy climate, a plentiful supply of clean water, and two thousand acres of flat, level land located in Ross County just north of Chillicothe; and

WHEREAS, the construction of Camp Sherman began in July 1917 with the camp being organized like a small city which included a hospital, theaters, library, a farm and their own railway system which marked it as the third largest military installation in the nation during WW1; and

WHEREAS, Camp Sherman had a significant effect on Chillicothe & Ross County during this period: quadrupling the population while also providing employment for many of the community’s residents and housing many soldiers’ families; and

WHEREAS, Camp Sherman was named after famous Ohioan and Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman; and

WHEREAS, more than 40,000 thousand soldiers were trained at Camp Sherman which housed four divisions including the 83rd, 84th, 95th and the 96th led to Ross County being known as a soldier factory; and

WHEREAS, an African-American 813th Pioneer Infantry regiment was organized and trained at Camp Sherman; and

WHEREAS, when the war ended Camp Sherman temporarily served as a trade school to educate veterans so they were qualified for re-entry into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920’S the United States Government closed Camp Sherman and ultimately dismantled the camp; and

WHEREAS, currently a portion of the Camp Sherman site serves as the home for the Veterans Administration Medical Center; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners would like to recognize the young men that trained here and served in WW1 and to commemorate the tremendous impact that Camp Sherman had on Ross County on the occasion of 100th anniversary of Camp Sherman.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands to this and caused the Great Seal of the County of Ross, State of Ohio, to be affixed hereto this 3rd day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen.

R. Douglas Corcoran, President

Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

Dwight A. Garrett

*****END*****

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER APPROVED – MILLHUFF-STANG, CPA, INC.

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve an execute a Management Representation Letter from Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc., for purpose of the audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ross County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO – LEASE/PURCHASE OF POSTAGE EQUIPMENT FOR SHERIFF

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, enter into a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes, for the lease/purchase of postage equipment for the Office of the Ross County Sheriff under State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program Contract Schedule 800547, to include equipment and software maintenance, at a monthly payment of \$88.77 per month for the sixty (60) months.

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

PROCLAMATION ISSUED – CAMP SHERMAN

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners issue the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Donald E. Neff was born July 8, 1937 to Eugene and Mildred (Eblin) Neff in Ross County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Donald and his wife Carole have 4 daughters: Angie, Gigi, Donna, Holli and one son Scott. Their extended family includes 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren and another on the way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neff was a science teacher at Circleville High School and Unioto High School for 40 years. For 30 of those years he was also a Coach for Varsity Basketball and Varsity Baseball; and

WHEREAS, throughout his 30 years of coaching Varsity Baseball, Coach Neff never had a losing season. He led his baseball teams to 26 league championships, 16 sectional titles, 7 district titles, 2 regional titles and 2 state appearances; and

WHEREAS, during his career as a baseball coach, Coach Neff was selected league Coach of the Year 24 times holding an impressive overall record of 578 wins and 132 losses and having coached 5 All-Ohio Players; and

WHEREAS, Donald E. Neff was inducted into the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1975 and was also inducted into the Unioto & Southeastern District Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neff was the owner of the very successful business of Neff Interstate Driving Schools and taught Drivers Education for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neff has authored a book called “You’re Driving Me Crazy;” now, therefore, be it


RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, would like to recognize Donald E. Neff for being an outstanding mentor - his service to the youth of Ross County and for his contributions to our community as a businessman; and, further, be it

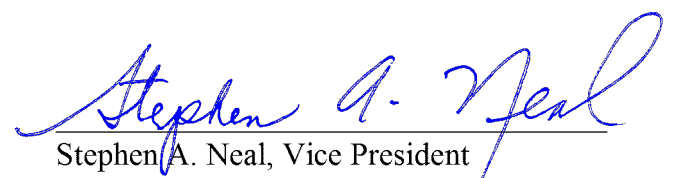

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2017 as

“Donald E. Neff Day”

in Ross County, Ohio and call upon the citizens to join in the celebration of his 80th birthday and his many special contributions to our community.

Issued this 3rd day of July, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,
Ohio

R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

Dwight A. Garrett

*****END*****

2ND OF 2 PUBLIC HEARING PY 2017 OHIO STATE ADMINISTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION GRANT

At 10:00 a.m. this date, the Ross County Board of Commissioners convened the second of two (2) public hearings, as advertised , to provide citizens with pertinent information about the activities and proposed budget for the PY 2017 Ohio State Administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Program Allocation Grant and approve the four (4) activities and budget.

Present for the hearing were Devon Shoemaker and Joanne Price, Ross County Planning Department, Robert Barron, Larry Sater & Robert Delong, Colerain Township, Chuck Schrader, Springfield Township. Mr. Shoemaker distributed copies of the program projects and budgets. Mr. Shoemaker reviewed the eligible four applications that were submitted and then the commissioners created the budget for \$210,000 for the next two years allocated from the Ohio Department of Development. We will not apply again until 2019. Those present at the second public hearing approved and agreed with the commissioners chosen activities and budget.

No other comments were made and the Public Hearing closed at 10:09 a.m.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED – APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY PY 2017 OHIO STATE ADMINISTERED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ALLOCATION GRANT

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-122

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROSS COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY PY 2017 ALLOCATION PROGRAM FOR \$210,000 AND AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED UNDER THESE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Ross County intend to apply for CDBG funds with the Ohio Development Services Agency for funding under the Community Development Allocation program, a federally-funded program administered by the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the County is eligible for \$210,000 of Program Year 2017 Community Development Allocation Program funding, provided the County meets applicable program requirements, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that based upon both the local input and the Commissioners of Ross County's assessment of the County's needs, the Commissioners propose to undertake the following CDBG activities for Program Year 2017:

1. Franklin Township, Public Facilities, Street Improvements
Allocation \$11,600:
2. Colerain Township, Public Facilities, Street Improvements
Allocation \$41,200
3. Springfield Township, Public Facilities, Street Improvements
Allocation \$78,000
4. Scioto Township, Public Facilities, Street Improvements
Allocation \$66,000
5. Ross County Board of Commissioners, General Administration and Fair Housing
Allocation \$13,200

and, be it further

RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Commissioners of Ross County, Ohio file an application for the Ohio Development Services Agency CDBG Community Development Allocation Program grant including all understandings and assurances contained therein.

Section 2. That the Commissioners hereby understand and agree that participation in the program will require compliance with program guidelines and assurances.

Section 3. That the Commissioners hereby understand and agree, that the community as a recipient of CDBG funds will affirmatively further Fair Housing, develop proposed actions to affirmatively further fair housing, seek and obtain state approval of the proposed program, and implement the proposed actions.


Section 4. That the Commissioners hereby agree to exercise the federal responsibilities in environmental issues as defined in Section 102 of NEPA and Section 104(f) of Title 1.

Section 5. That R. Douglas Corcoran shall be the official representative of the Commissioners to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required, and to be the responsible official for environmental issues.

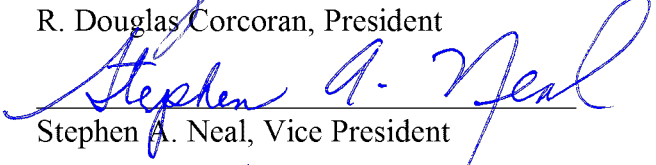
Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the result of the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted the 3rd day of July, 2017.


Board of Commissioners of Ross County,
Ohio



R. Douglas Corcoran, President



Stephen A. Neal, Vice President



Dwight A. Garrett

*****END*****

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM APPROVED - PY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION GRANT

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve an Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for the PY 2017 Community Development Allocation Grant, to be submitted along with the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, certifying that all information and transactions reported therein are accurate and have been made in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

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

OHIO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (OCD) INCOME SURVEY SUMMARIES APPROVED - PY 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION GRANT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President, R. Douglas Corcoran, approve one (3) income survey summary, for areas locate in Colerain, Springfield and Franklin Township, as part of the PY 2017 Community Development Allocation Grant, to be submitted along with the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, certifying that all information and transactions reported therein are accurate and have been made in accordance with OCD Policy 14-03.

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

AUTHORIZE FORMS FOR THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY/OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – ROSS COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, by its President R. Douglas Corcoran, authorize the individuals listed on the Contact Information and Security Role Assignment Forms, prepared for the Ohio Development Services Agency/Office of Community Development, to access the Ohio Community & Energy Assistance Network (OCEAN) information system, as needed to perform their job duties, on behalf of Ross County.

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS – OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES (OCJS)

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that R. Douglas Corcoran, president of the Ross County Board of Commissioners, be authorized on behalf of the Board to execute a letter of request for Release of Funds, in the amount of \$197,814.02, awarded through Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) Grant 2016-DL-LEF-5811, for the grant period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, administered by the Ross County Sheriff's Department.

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

VACATION LEAVE AUTHORIZED – CLERK

Mr. Garrett moved, Mr. Neal seconded, that Gail L. Stout, clerk to the Board, be authorized to take twenty-four (24) hours vacation leave during pay period ending July 8, 2017.

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

POLICY STATEMENT ESTABLISHED – ROSS COUNTY-SHOEMAKER AIRPORT

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT); and, as a condition of receiving Federal financial assistance, signed by its President R. Douglas Corcoran, an assurance that it will comply with 40 CFR Part 26.

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTED – DECLARING THAT THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION PAIN PILLS HAS CREATED A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN ROSS COUNTY AND HAS CAUSED HARM TO THE RESIDENTS OF ROSS COUNTY

Mr. Neal moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-123

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the policy-determining body of the County and may act in any matter not specifically prohibited by general law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners may sue and be sued in any court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to take action to protect the public welfare of the citizens of Ross County; and

WHEREAS, there exists a serious public health and safety crisis in Ross County involving opioid abuse, addiction, morbidity, and mortality; and

WHEREAS, the Controlled Substances Act (“CSA”) and its implementing regulations create restrictions on the distribution of controlled substances. See 21 U.S.C. §§ 801–971 (2006); 21 C.F.R. §§ 1300–1321 (2009). The CSA authorizes the DEA to establish a registration program for manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers of controlled substances designed to prevent the diversion of legally produced controlled substances into the illicit market. H.R. Rep. No. 91-1444, 1970 U.S.C.C.A.N. 4566, 4572 (Sept. 10, 1970); see 21 U.S.C. § 801(2); 21 U.S.C. §§ 821-824, 827, 880. Any entity that seeks to become involved in the production or chain of distribution of controlled substances must first register with the DEA. 21 U.S.C. § 822; 21 C.F.R. § 1301.11; and

WHEREAS, wholesale distributors of Schedule II drugs—controlled substances with a “high potential for abuse,” 21 U.S.C. §§ 812(b), 812(2)(A)-(C)—must maintain “effective control against diversion of particular controlled substances into other than legitimate medical, scientific, and industrial channels,” id. § 823(b) (1). In addition, distributors that supply controlled substances to pharmacies must “design and operate a system to disclose to the [distributor] suspicious orders of controlled substances” and, in turn, disclose those suspicious orders to the DEA. 21 C.F.R. § 1301.74(b). “Suspicious orders include orders of unusual size, orders deviating substantially from a normal pattern, and orders of unusual frequency,” and

WHEREAS, recent media sources have documented the role of wholesale distributors in contributing to this public health and safety crisis by refusing to abide by federal regulations specifically designed to prevent the diversion of prescription opiates into the illicit market; and

WHEREAS, Paul T. Farrell, Jr., a West Virginia attorney licensed to practice law in Ohio, has designed a plan and assembled national consortium of elite trial counsel to investigate, pursue civil litigation, and hold responsible the wholesale distributors who repeatedly violated federal law and dumped millions of prescription opiates into communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has the authority to abate, or cause to be abated, any public nuisance including those acts that significantly interfere with public health, safety, and peace; and

WHEREAS, the retention of special counsel is necessary and desirable given the expertise required to prosecute this complex case against the wholesale distributors. The citizens of Ross County will benefit from the retention of special counsel on a contingent fee basis. There is no fee if there is no recovery. There is no reimbursement of litigation expenses if there is no recovery. Such counsel shall not exercise any administrative discretion in the formulation of public policy, expenditure of public funds, enforcement of laws, rules and regulations of the state or any political subdivision, or execution of public trusts. The Ross County Commissioners shall retain the authority to decide the disposition of the case and maintain absolute control of the litigation and seek approval of the Court of Common Pleas to retain special counsel pursuant to ORC 305.14; now, therefore, be it


RESOLVED, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that opiate abuse, addiction, morbidity and mortality is a serious public health and safety crisis in Ross County, Ohio, and is a public nuisance; and further, be it

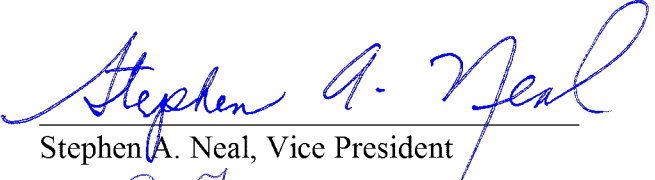
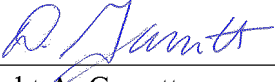
RESOLVED, the Ross County Board of Commissioners hereby retains the law firm of GREENE, KETCHUM, FARRELL, BAILEY & TWEEL, LLP, with Paul T. Farrell, Jr., Esq. to serve as lead counsel, on a contingent fee basis, to investigate and hold accountable the wholesale distributors in the chain of distribution of prescription opiates who caused this public nuisance and abate the same by seeking all civil remedies which may be afforded under law. Any such civil action shall be filed in federal court and SEIF & MCNAMEE, LLC and OTHS, HEISER, MILLER, WAIGAND, & CLAGG, LLC shall serve as local counsel.

Mr. Garrett seconded the motion and the roll call vote was: Mr. Neal, yes; Mr. Garrett, yes; Mr. Corcoran, yes. Motion carried.

Adopted this 3rd day of July, 2017.

Board of Commissioners of Ross County,
Ohio


R. Douglas Corcoran, President


Stephen A. Neal, Vice President

Dwight A. Garrett

*****END*****

AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT ENTERED INTO – WRONGFUL DISTRIBUTION OF PRESCRIPTION OPIATES AND DAMAGES CAUSED THEREBY

Mr. Neal moved, Mr. Garrett seconded, that the Ross County Board of Commissioners, enter into an Authority to Represent, hereby retain the law firm Green, Ketchum, Farrell, Bailey & Tweel, LLP, to pursue all civil remedies against those in the chain of distribution of prescription opiates responsible for the opioid epidemic which is plaguing Ross County, Ohio including, but not limited to, filing a claim for public nuisance to abate the damages caused thereby; and, Paul T. Farrell, Jr., Esq., shall serve as Lead Counsel, and authorizes lead counsel to employ and/or associate additional counsel, with consent of this Board.

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

SUBJECTS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Ester Knapp, president of the Bainbridge Senior Citizens, Joyce Knisley, vice president and Pam Kellough, met with the commissioners to seek grant funding to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Fall Festival of Leaves, by a displayed mural on the Senior Citizens building in Bainbridge, Ohio.

Ms. Knapp said that John Stully started the Fall Festival of Leaves 50 years ago and in his honor have a mural painted on the side of the Senior Citizens building before the festival starts. We are trying to raise the funds. The total cost is estimated to be approximately \$5,000. We are here today to see if the commissioners know where we could apply for grant funding to help with our project. We have raised \$150 towards the project.

Ms. Kellough presented photos of her work along with a proposal of what the mural would look like.

Mr. Corcoran said that Convention and Visitors Bureau may have some funding. We can reach out to them and have them contact you. Also have you asked the township? They may have some funding to donate.

Brady Ratzlaff, president of Camp Cattail Inc., met with the commissioners to present an update about the camp grounds and the activities. Joe Letsche, Ross County Park District, was also in attendance.

Mr. Ratzlaff said that we have had two summer camps this year and had 28 children. Our big fundraiser is August 19, 2017, with a silent auction, and this year we have three (3) bands to perform. This event starts at 6:00 p.m. at the camp. We are continuing with our 5-10 plan to build a building with air conditioning. We are still in the early stages. AEP fixed our driveway that was damaged. We have our Board meetings the second Monday of every month if you would want to attend.

Mr. Neal said that we possibly could help and Board of DD could help as well.

Mr. Letsche said that the Park District could partner with Camp Cattail.

Charlie Ortman, county engineer, met with the commissioners to discuss the vacation of a portion of Clinton Road, Union Township, Ross County, Ohio.

Mr. Ortman said that he had found a problem with the survey that PS PS Surveyors presented. I will get the Paul Sharrett and show him that the survey is incorrect. I'll get back to you in a couple of weeks so we may proceed with the vacation as requested.

OTHER BUSINESS

The commissioners noted receipt of the ballot language (approved by Secretary of State's office) for the Senior Citizens services and facilities issue submitted.

ADJOURNMENT


Mr. R. Douglas Corcoran, President, adjourned the regular meeting of, July 3, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.


Board of Commissioners of Ross County,
Ohio

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Dwight A. Garrett


Clerk


J. L. Stout