

REGULAR SESSION FEBRUARY 15, 2023

This day the Board of Morrow County Commissioners met in their office at 80 North Walnut St., Ste. A, Mt. Gilead, Ohio with the following members present: Mr. Abraham, Mr. Mason and Mr. Siegfried.

County Staff: Jamie Brucker, Director of Operations, Whitney Smith, Commissioners, Brent Russell, Planning/Zoning, Don Glosser, Engineer

Public in attendance: Dave Sherman, Jeremy Eichler, Whitey Florence

The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag, and then called to order by Mr. Abraham, who then proceeded with the business at hand. The following matters came before the Board for their consideration and approval.

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
OF REGULAR SESSION OF FEBRUARY 13, 2023: 23-R-132**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of February 13, 2023, as recorded in the Commissioners Journal # 50.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: 23-R-133**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 85 submitted by the Morrow County Auditor’s office.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
PAY-INS: 23-R-134**

The following pay-ins were made to Patricia K. Davies, Morrow County Auditor:

Receipt Batch #3258 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$60.00
 Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$359.00
 Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$110.00
 Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$57.98

Receipt#230450 Payment from Sims Brothers for Engineer Scrap Metal 2202-1080-480830 \$820.90

Receipt#230451 Payment from Morrow County Auditor for storage reimbursement 1000-1020-420250 \$1,830.64

Receipt#230452 Payment from Delaware County Health Department for March WIC rent 2072-1070-470802 \$650.00

Receipt Batch #3262 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$610.25
 Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$60.00

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES –GENERAL FUND,
OFFICIAL BONDS: 23-A-025**

A motion was made by Mr. Mason to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies for renewal of Morrow County Court Clerk Bond:

1000-0133-530383	Official Bond	\$300.00
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Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FUND 2152 WORKFORCE
INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT: 23-T-015**

At the request of Sundie Brown, a motion was made by Mr. Abraham to approve the following transfer of funds:

**Reason-appropriation to utilize the balance of RESEA program funds for shared cost reimbursement to the PA fund.

From 2152-1102-530335 WIOA Dislocated Worker Program Services to 2152-1108-530334 WIOA RESEA Shared Cost (to PA Fund) in the amount of \$13,000

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – GENERAL FUND, COMMISSIONERS: 23-T-016**

At the request of Whitney Smith, Assistant Clerk, Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the following transfer of funds:

**Reason –operating supplies (janitorial) for Douglas Street.

From 1000-0114-530341 Telephone/Cell Phones to 1000-0114-540420 Operating Supplies

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO APPOINT COURTNEY WADE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION: 23-R-135**

WHEREAS, Brent Russell, Director of Planning and Zoning has received notice from Harmony Township that they recommend replacing John Pennington with Courtney Wade on the Morrow County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Wade will complete the remainder of this term, through March 25th, 2023, for John Pennington; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Wade will the start the new term of March 26th 2023 through March 25th 2025

THEREFORE, Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the appointment of Courtney Wade effective February 15, 2023 through March 25, 2025.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF MORROW COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY: 23-R-136**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the Morrow County Investment Policy as presented:

Morrow County Investment Policy

Approved February 15, 2023 Effective February 15, 2023

- I. Introduction

The purpose of this investment policy is to establish priorities and guidelines regarding the investment management of the County’s operating funds (hereinafter referred to as the “Portfolio”). Such priorities and guidelines are based upon Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 135 and prudent money management. The effective date of this policy is February 15, 2023. This policy includes (totally or partially) sections of the statute in order to describe eligible investments. In some sections, the policy places further limits upon eligible investments or investment transactions. The Morrow County Treasurer is referred to as the “Investing Authority”.

Approved by: Morrow County Investment Advisory Committee

s/Tim Abraham, Morrow County Commissioner
 s/Tim Siegfried, Morrow County Commissioner
 s/Jon Mason, Morrow County Commissioner
 s/Jim Jahn, Morrow County Treasurer
 s/Morrow County Clerk of Courts

Approved and Drafted
 s/James B. Reese, Morrow County Assistant Prosecutor

The following institution acknowledges having read and understood the investment policy of Morrow County and agrees to abide by its contents.

s/Bank

**A complete copy of this Investment Policy will be on file with the Morrow County Commissioners’ office

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
 APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT FOR EXHIBIT B. ELECTRICITY PURCHASING
 PROGRAM AND APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN: 23-R-137**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the First Amendment for Exhibit B. Electricity Purchasing Program as approved and voted on at the October CCAOSC energy meeting:

First Amendment for Exhibit B. Electricity Purchasing Program

This is First Amendment to Exhibit B to the Participation Agreement regarding the various Energy Purchasing Programs of the CCAO Service Corporation (the “Agreement”) is entered into as of February 15, 2023, among the **CCAO Service Corporation** (“CCAOSC”), an Ohio for-profit corporation, the **County of Morrow**, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio (“Morrow County”), **CCAOSC Energy Solutions**, a subsidiary of Palmer Energy Company, Inc. (the “Manager”), collectively called “Parties”.

Section 1. Program. Morrow County has evaluated its interests and decided to join the CCAOSC Electricity Purchasing program which is detailed in this Exhibit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives of CCAO Service Corporation, Morrow County, and CCAOSC Energy Solutions pursuant to the duly adopted authorizing resolutions of their governing boards, have signed this Agreement.

s/CCAO Service Corporation
 s/Tim Abraham, Chairman, County of Morrow
 s/Prosecuting Attorney, Approved As To Form
 s/CCAOSC Energy Solutions

Fiscal Officer Certificate
 s/Fiscal Officer

**A complete copy of this first amendment will be on file with the Morrow County Commissioners’ office.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND AGREEMENT CCAOSC ELECTRICITY
PURCHASING PROGRAM ONLY: 23-R-138**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the Power of Attorney and Agreement CCAOSC Electricity Purchasing Program only as presented:

Know all men by these presents that the undersigned (hereinafter called “Morrow County”) hereby appoints(s) CCAOSC Energy Solutions (CCAOSCES), a subsidiary of Palmer Energy Company located at 5577 Airport Highway, Suite 101, Toledo, Ohio 43615, as Attorney in fact to act in Morrow County’s capacity to do every act that Morrow County may legally do through an Attorney in fact, so it may join a CCAOSC electricity purchasing program designed to purchase electricity for Morrow County’s various facilities accepting electric distribution service from an EDU. Morrow County acknowledges that this program will benefit the CCAOSC.

**A complete copy of this Power of Attorney and agreement will be on file with the Morrow County Commissioners’ office.

s/Tim Abraham, Commissioner
s/Tim Siegfried, Commissioner
s/Jon Mason, Commissioner

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 23-R-139**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to recess session at 9:08 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 23-R-140**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to return to regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

Bid Opening 9:30 a.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BID OPENING – LEASE OF COUNTY HOME FARMLAND: 23-R-141**

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2023, the Morrow County Commissioners approved advertising for bids for proposed lease of County Home Farmland; and

WHEREAS, this day a bid opening was held at 9:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Beech Hollow Grain Farms	\$14,280.00
Garret Nigh	\$12,062.01
Robert Sherman	\$10,200.00
Kyle Wert	\$11,985.00

THEREFORE, Mr. Abraham made a motion to hold the bids for review.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 23-R-142**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to recess session at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 23-R-143**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to return to regular session at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

Bid Opening 1:00 p.m.

**IN THE MATTER OF
BID OPENING – ISSUE 1 PROJECT, MRW-CAR01-CR28, DQZ05 BRIDGE
PROJECT: 23-R-144**

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023, the Morrow County Commissioners approved the Morrow County Engineer to advertise for bids for Issue 1 Project, MRW-CAR01-CR28, DQZ05 Bridge Project; and

WHEREAS, this day a bid opening was held at 1:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

The Crawford Construction Company	\$558,686.70
R&I Construction	\$633,400.00

THEREFORE, Mr. Abraham made a motion to hold the bids for review by the Morrow County Engineer’s office.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham..., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACCEPTANCE OF THE MORROW
COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN AS A ROADMAP FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: 23-R-145**

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Commissioners, Consolidated Cooperative, and Del-Co Water Company sought the technical assistance of the Montrose Group LLC to complete a strategic plan for the county; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory team for the report included: Dan Boysel and Brad Ebersole from Consolidated Cooperative, Brent Russell and Andy Ware from Morrow County, Rick Dunlop from Del-Co Water Company, and Brandon Hayes from Park National Bank; and

WHEREAS, the study included great support from the public in a series of break-out sessions; and

WHEREAS, the study includes recommendations and strategies to promote future economic development for the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Mr. Abraham made a motion that the Morrow County Commissioners: Tim Abraham, Jon Mason, and Tim Siegfried formally accept the Montrose Group’s Strategic Plan as a Roadmap for future Economic Development and will be available for downloading via www.morrowcountyohio.gov.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 23-R-146**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to recess session at 1:05 p.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 23-R-147**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to return to regular session at 2:02 p.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: 23-R-148**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the following resolution to establish the Morrow County Investment Advisory Committee:

**RESOLUTION
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §135.341 requires every county to have an investment advisory committee and;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §135.341 provides the Investment Advisory Committee may consist of the County Commissioners, the County Treasurer, and the County Clerk for the Court of Common Pleas and;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §135.341 requires the Investment Advisory Committee to establish written county investment policies to govern the proper handling of county investment instruments and;

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §135.341 requires the County Investment Advisory Committee to meet at least once every three months to review or revise its policies and to advise the investing authority on the county investments in order to ensure the best and safest return of funds available to the county for deposit or investment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- I.** The Morrow County Investment Advisory Committee is established and shall henceforth assist with the compliance, safety of principle, liquidity and yield of county investments.
- II.** The Morrow County Investment Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the Morrow County Commissioners, the Morrow County Treasurer, and the Morrow County Clerk for the Court of Common Pleas.
- III.** The Morrow County Investment Advisory Committee shall meet once every three months to review or revise its policies and to advise the investing authority on Morrow County investments.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Morrow County Board of Commissioners concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted at an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code §121.22.

Date of Passage: February 15, 2023

s/Tim Abraham, Morrow County Commissioners
s/Tim Siegfried, Morrow County Commissioners
s/Jon Mason, Morrow County Commissioners

Attest: s/Cheryl Heacock, Clerk

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMIE BRUCKER, DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WPCLF AGREEMENT
FOR SOMOCO SEWER DISTRICT: 23-R-149**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JAMIE BRUCKER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF)** AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF MORROW COUNTY FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF **WASTEWATER or WATER** FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN:

Whereas, *Morrow County* seek to upgrade its existing *wastewater* facilities; and

Whereas, Morrow County intends to apply for *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)* for the planning, design and or construction of the *wastewater* facilities; and

Whereas, the Ohio *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)* requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of an agreement as well as designating a dedicated repayment source; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Morrow County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Jamie Brucker be and is hereby authorized to apply for a *WPCLF* loan, sign all documents for and enter into a *Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)* with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for planning, design and/or construction of *wastewater* facilities on behalf of Morrow County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the dedicated source of repayment will be SOMOCO Revenue Fund.

SECTION 3. That is resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., “yea” ..,Mr. Mason..., “yea” .., Mr. Abraham.., “yea”

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT #2: 23-R-150**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 13 submitted by the Morrow County Auditor’s office.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., "yea" ..,Mr. Mason..., "yea" .., Mr. Abraham.., "yea"

There being no further matters to bring before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Abraham and duly seconded by Mr. Siegfried.

Roll Call Vote: ..,Mr. Siegfried..., "yea" ..,Mr. Mason..., "yea" .., Mr. Abraham.., "yea"

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

ASSISTANT CLERK

MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS