

REGULAR SESSION MAY 13, 2024

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. Mason and Mr. Siegfried

Absent: Mr. Abraham

County Staff: Jamie Brucker, Director of Operations

Public in attendance: Brandon Newsome (Sheriff), Tom Cronenwett (MG Police), Adam Lakey (MG Police),

The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag, and then called to order by Mr. Mason 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 MAY 8, 2024: 24-R-353**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of May 8, 2024, as recorded in the Commissioners Journal # 51.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: 24-R-354**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 98 submitted by the Morrow County Auditor's office.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
PAY-INS: 24-R-355**

The following pay-ins were made to Conni McChesney, Morrow County Auditor:

Receipt Batch #4317 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$120.00
 Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$262.50
 Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$120.00

Receipt Batch #4319 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$240.00
 Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$687.50
 Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$61.00
 Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$327.66

Receipt# 241475 Payment from State of Ohio for Airport grant 2058-1050-450521 \$3,124.56

Receipt Batch #4322 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$122.00
 Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$75.00

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – ENGINEER OFFICE
SUPPLY FEE: 24-A-063**

Mr. Mason made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account as short on appropriations to pay invoice from the Engineer's office for office supplies per ORC 315.12:

1000-0134-540410	Engineer Office Suply Fee	\$59.97
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Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

IN THE MATTER OF

APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – AUDITOR’S REA FUND: 24-A-064

At the request of Conni McChesney, Morrow County Auditor, a motion was made by Mr. Siegfried to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account to cover the shortage to pay cost allocation invoice:

2706-7006-530313	Cost Allocation	\$4,129.00
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Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – STATE ADMIN FEES: 24-A-065**

At the request of Conni McChesney, Morrow County Auditor, a motion was made by Mr. Mason to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following accounts to cover State admin fees from the 1st half REA Rollback:

1000-7001-530377	State Admin Fees (General Fund)	\$578.48
2222-7001-530377	State Admin Fees (Engineer)	\$30.08
2010-7001-530377	State Admin Fees (DD)	\$40.63
8550-7001-530377	State Admin Fees (Health)	\$6.77

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – MCAT FUND 2061: 24-A-066

At the request of Katelin Baughman, MCAT Fiscal Supervisor, a motion was made by Mr. Siegfried to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account for the roof replacement at the Service Shop:

2061-0166-530323	MCAT Non-Vehicle Maint. Facility Repairs and Maint	\$29,150.00
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Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – TREASURER’S FUND 2320 TAX LIEN SALES: 24-T-041**

At the request of Jim Jahn, Treasurer, a motion was made by Mr. Mason to approve the following transfer of funds:

**Reason – Jeremy’s payroll though the end of 2024.

From 2320-3329-530310 Professional Services to 2320-3329-510213 Medicare Employers Share in the amount of \$500.00

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 12 – MAY 18, 2024 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK: 24-R-356**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION
TO RECOGNIZE MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2024 AS
NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

WHEREAS, National Police Week in America was created to honor and recognize the sacrifice and contributions made by police officers in communities both large and small; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week, held every year in May, was created in 1962 through a proclamation issued by then-President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, our community will always appreciate and commend the risks police officers take every day to ensure our community's laws are properly enforced and that public safety is ensured; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, the community also appreciates and encourages the community involvement facilitated by our police officers to both better serve and instill mutual trust, camaraderie, and positive relationships among our increasingly diverse population in Morrow County; and

WHEREAS, police engage with and serve the public in the most varied and wide-ranging manner, and their efforts do not go unnoticed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the Board of County Commissioners of Morrow County, Ohio do hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week in Morrow County, and encourages all residents to join in the recognition of the services, sacrifices, and efforts the Police Departments within Morrow County make to best serve their communities.

Signed this 13th day of May, 2024

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIGHLAND
LOCAL SCHOOLS AND MORROW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: 24-R-357**

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Morrow County School Districts are committed to ensuring the safety of our young people; and

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer program will be based on input from the Sheriff's Office, the school administration, teachers, faculty and students. The program will be fashioned for an experience unformed deputy who is specifically training to:

- Relate positively to children and young persons;
- Use a variety of teaching methods and resources;
- Support schools in consulting with parents and the community;
- Work with teachers to plan, implement and evaluate classroom lessons;
- Establish a positive liaison between the school and the Sheriff's Office.

WHEREAS, the school resource office is supervised by the Chief Deputy and will be assigned to the Highland Local Schools during the 2024/2025 school year. The deputy would be heavily involved in educating our youth and other crime prevention and community relations activities. We believe this structure would provide our community the most effective response to the needs of juveniles and offer us the opportunity to expand our services in crime prevention and community education.

WHEREAS, the school agrees to pay the Morrow County Sheriff 100% of the salary and benefits of the SRO officer covered under this agreement.

THEREFORE, Mr. Mason made a motion to approve the agreement between Highland Local Schools and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office for a School Resource Officer.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHMOR
LOCAL SCHOOLS AND MORROW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: 24-R-358**

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office and the Morrow County School Districts are committed to ensuring the safety of our young people; and

WHEREAS, the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officer program will be based on input from the Sheriff’s Office, the school administration, teachers, faculty and students. The program will be fashioned for an experience unformed deputy who is specifically training to:

- Relate positively to children and young persons;
- Use a variety of teaching methods and resources;
- Support schools in consulting with parents and the community;
- Work with teachers to plan, implement and evaluate classroom lessons;
- Establish a positive liaison between the school and the Sheriff’s Office.

WHEREAS, the school resource office is supervised by the Chief Deputy and will be assigned to the Northmor Local Schools during the 2024/2025 school year. The deputy would be heavily involved in educating our youth and other crime prevention and community relations activities. We believe this structure would provide our community the most effective response to the needs of juveniles and offer us the opportunity to expand our services in crime prevention and community education.

WHEREAS, the school agrees to pay the Morrow County Sheriff 100% of the salary and benefits of the SRO officer covered under this agreement.

THEREFORE, Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the agreement between Northmor Local Schools and the Morrow County Sheriff’s Office for a School Resource Officer.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
JOURNAL ENTRY ON APPOINTMENT OF
LISA HULL AS MORROW COUNTY PARK COMMISSIONER: 24-R-359**

WHEREAS, the term of Park Commissioner Steve Fuller expired, and whereas, Lisa Hull has expressed an interest to serve as a Park Commissioner, for a three year term;

IT IS THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 1545.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, that Lisa Hull is hereby appointed by this Court to serve the balance of a three (3) year term on the Morrow County Park District Board of Commissioners, upon taking the appropriate oath and being properly bonded. Said term shall commence May 9, 2024, and shall conclude on January 1, 2027.

s/Robert C. Hickson, Jr., Probate Judge
May 9, 2024

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR MORROW COUNTY 2024 PAVING BID
PACKAGE: 24-R-360**

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., the Morrow County Commissioners received and opened bids for Morrow County 2024 Paving Bid Package; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Kokosing Construction Company	\$1,037,052.25
Mid-Ohio Paving, Inc.	\$1,144,791.89
Shelly & Sands Inc.	\$1,164,041.10

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Morrow County Engineer that the bid be awarded to Kokosing Construction Company as the lowest and best bid.

THEREFORE, Mr. Siegfried made a motion, upon the recommendation of the Morrow County Engineer, to award the Morrow County 2024 Paving Bid to Kokosing Construction Company in the amount of \$1,037,052.25.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR MORROW COUNTY 2024 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM: 24-R-360**

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2024 at 9:45 a.m., the Morrow County Commissioners received and opened bids for Morrow County 2024 Chip Seal Program; and

WHEREAS, the following bid were received:

20/20 Enterprises, Inc.	\$229,867.89
Melway Paving Co., Inc.	\$263,128.50
Mid-Ohio Paving	\$316,345.50
Small's Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$398,796.26

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Morrow County Engineer that the bid be awarded to 20/20 Enterprises, Inc. as the lowest and best bid.

THEREFORE, Mr. Siegfried made a motion, upon the recommendation of the Morrow County Engineer, to award the Morrow County 2024 Chip Seal Program to 20/20 Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$229,867.89.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 24-R-362**

Mr. Mason made a motion to recess session at 9:09 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 24-R-363**

Mr. Mason made a motion to return to regular session at 2:03 p.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #5, BCU ELECTRIC INC., GENERATOR PROJECT: 24-R-364**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve Pay Application #5, BCU Electric Inc.

**APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT
APPLICATION #5**

To (Owner): Morrow Co Commissioners	Project: Morrow Co Generator Projects
Period to: 12/31/2023	
From (Contractor): BCU Electric Inc.	
1019 US Highway 250 N	
Ashland, OH 44805	

Original Contract Sum:	\$332,734.00
Change orders	\$ 8,212.60
Contract Sum to date	\$340,946.60
Total completed and Stored to Date	\$171,975.30
Total retainage	\$ 13,758.02
Total Earned less retainage	\$158,217.28
Less previous certificates for payment	\$148,223.32
Current payment due	\$ 9,993.96

s/Contractor – Ben Uselton/President 12/27/2023

s/Engineer – Al Berger

5/10/2024

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #6, BCU ELECTRIC INC., GENERATOR PROJECT:
24-R-365**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve Pay Application #6, BCU Electric Inc.

**APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT
APPLICATION #6**

To (Owner): Morrow Co Commissioners Project: Morrow Co Generator Projects
Period to: 2/29/2024
From (Contractor): BCU Electric Inc.
1019 US Highway 250 N
Ashland, OH 44805

Original Contract Sum:	\$332,734.00
Change orders	\$ 8,212.60
Contract Sum to date	\$340,946.60
Total completed and Stored to Date	\$284,297.30
Total retainage	\$ 22,743.78
Total Earned less retainage	\$261,553.52
Less previous certificates for payment	\$158,217.28
Current payment due	\$103,336.24

s/Contractor – Ben Uselton/President 2/14/2024
s/Engineer – Al Berger 3/20/2024

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #7, BCU ELECTRIC INC., GENERATOR PROJECT:
24-R-366**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve Pay Application #7, BCU Electric Inc.

**APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT
APPLICATION #7**

To (Owner): Morrow Co Commissioners Project: Morrow Co Generator Projects
Period to: 3/31/2024
From (Contractor): BCU Electric Inc.
1019 US Highway 250 N
Ashland, OH 44805

Original Contract Sum:	\$332,734.00
Change orders	\$ 8,212.60
Contract Sum to date	\$340,946.60
Total completed and Stored to Date	\$304,561.27
Total retainage	\$ 24,364.90
Total Earned less retainage	\$280,196.37
Less previous certificates for payment	\$261,553.52
Current payment due	\$ 18,642.85

s/Contractor – Ben Uselton/President 3/31/2024
s/Engineer – Al Berger 5/10/2024

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION #8, BCU ELECTRIC INC., GENERATOR PROJECT:
24-R-367**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve Pay Application #8, BCU Electric Inc.

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT
APPLICATION #8

To (Owner): Morrow Co Commissioners	Project: Morrow Co Generator Projects
Period to: 4/30/2024	
From (Contractor): BCU Electric Inc.	
1019 US Highway 250 N	
Ashland, OH 44805	

Original Contract Sum:	\$332,734.00
Change orders	\$ 8,212.60
Contract Sum to date	\$340,946.60
Total completed and Stored to Date	\$316,269.91
Total retainage	\$ 25,301.59
Total Earned less retainage	\$290,968.32
Less previous certificates for payment	\$280,196.37
Current payment due	\$ 10,771.95

s/Contractor – Ben Uselton/President	4/29/2024
s/Engineer – Al Berger	5/6/2024

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

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

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

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

ASSISTANT CLERK

MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS