

**REGULAR SESSION NOVEMBER 6, 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 and Brent Russell, Planning/Zoning

Public in attendance:

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 NOVEMBER 1, 2023: 23-R-838**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of November 1, 2023, as recorded in the Commissioners Journal # 50.

Mr. Mason 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-839**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 127 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"

**IN THE MATTER OF  
PAY-INS: 23-R-840**

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

Receipt Batch #3869 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$740.45  
Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$344.00  
Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$240.30

Receipt #233077 Payment from JFS for November rent 2072-1070-470802 \$22,643.42

Receipt \$233078 Payment from Sims Bros. for maintenance scrap recycling 1000-1070-480830 \$25.53

Receipt Batch #3873 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$370.00  
Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$306.00

Receipt #233094 Payment from the Morrow County Land Bank for wage reimbursement 1000-1020-420250 \$1,475.00

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – SOCIAL SERVICES  
FUND 2072: 23-A-166**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account to order the remainder of the chairs for the Community Service building conference room:

2072-0172-550740 Equipment/computers/furniture \$3,930.30

Mr. Mason 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 2101 CSEA: 23-T-158**

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

\*\*Reason – appropriation needed for additional staff cell phone & hot spot expenses through year end  
From 2101-1010-520350 CSEA Professional Organization Dues & Fees to 2101-1010-530341 CSEA Telephone/Cell Phones in the amount of \$400.00

Mr. Abraham 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, PROSECUTOR: 23-T-159**

At the request of Thomas Smith, Prosecutor, a motion was made by Mr. Mason to approve the following transfer of funds:

\*\*Reason – to balance out the medicare account

From 1000-4447-510120 Employee Wages to 1000-4447-510213 Medicare in the amount of \$4.42

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS – ENGINEER’S FUND 2202: 23-T-160**

At the request of Bart Dennison, Morrow County Engineer, a motion was made by Mr. Siegfried to approve the following transfer of funds:

\*\*Reason – additional funds are needed

From 2202-2202-540441 Asphalt Paving to 2202-2202-540443 Culverts in the amount of \$2,000.00

From 2202-2243-540440 Materials – Bridge to 2202-2202-540443 Culverts in the amount of \$10,000.00

From 2202-2202-540441 Asphalt Paving to 2202-2002-550750 Motor Vehicles in the amount of \$55,000.00

From 2202-2202-540441 Asphalt Paving to 2202-2202-540442 Stone in the amount of \$10,000.00

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #7 FOR PROJECT MRW-CR23-1.12, PID 117458 AND  
APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN: 23-R-841**

Mr. Mason made a motion to approve Pay Request#7 for the project MRW-CR23-1.12, PID 117458 for structure replacement of CR 23 (Cardington-Chesterville Rd) over Big Walnut Creek and approval for Chairman Tim D. Abraham to sign:

Pay Request

Estimate No. 7  
Date: 10/23/2023  
Invoice No. 241158

Project: MRW-CR23-1.12, PID 117458

Owner Address: Morrow County Commissioner’s  
80 North Walnut Street  
Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338

Consultant Address: E.L. Robinson Engineering of Ohio Co.  
950 Goodale Boulevard, Ste 180  
Columbus, Ohio 43212

Engineers Address: Morrow County Engineer

50 East High Street  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

Original Contract:	\$176,292.00
Change Order To Date	\$ 0.00
Total Contract Amount	\$176,292.00
Amount completed to-date	\$146,730.92
Less Previous Payments	\$128,914.91
Total Amount Due This Request	\$ 17,816.01

s/Consultant	
s/Bart Dennison	10/24/2023
s/Tim D. Abraham	11/6/2023

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF PAY REQUEST #1 FOR PROJECT MRW-CAR01-CR28 AND APPROVAL  
FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN: 23-R-842**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve Pay Request#1 for the project MRW-CAR01-CR28and approval for Chairman Tim D. Abraham to sign:

Pay Request

Estimate No. 1  
Date: 11/1/2023  
Invoice No. NA

Project: MRW-CAR01-CR28

Owner Address: Morrow County Commissioner’s  
80 North Walnut Street  
Mt. Gilead, Ohio 43338

Consultant Address: Crawford Construction Co., Inc.  
782 Charles Street, P.O. Box 148  
Galion, Ohio 44833

Engineers Address: Morrow County Engineer  
50 East High Street  
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

Original Contract:	\$558,686.70
Change Order To Date	\$ 0.00
Total Contract Amount	\$558,686.70
Amount completed to-date	\$273,831.30
Less Previous Payments	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due This Request	\$273,831.30

s/Contractor	10/31/2023
s/Bart Dennison	11/1/2023
s/Tim D. Abraham	11/6/2023

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL TO SET TIME AND DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED  
FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS: 23-R-843**

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2023 correspondence was received from Brent Russell, Director of Planning & Zoning indicating that they have been requested to update our Floodplain Regulations from the Floodplain Management Program at ODNR; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Russell has provided the amended Floodplain Regulations and amendment process for updating the flood plain regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the first step is to set the time and date for 2 public hearings and advertise as per Ohio Revised Code Section 307.37 (C)(1);

**THEREFORE**, Mr. Abraham made a motion to set the date of November 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., Morrow County Hearing Room for the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing, advertise on November 15, 2023 in the Morrow County Sentinel and Morrow County website with the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing being held on December 11, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Morrow County Hearing Room, advertise on November 29, 2023 in the Morrow County Sentinel and Morrow County website regarding the amendment to the Floodplain Regulations.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
PROCLAMATION FOR ADOPTION RECOGNITION & RECRUITMENT  
MONTH: 23-R-844**

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

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the theme for November 2023 is “National Adoption Month – Empowering Youth: Finding Points of Connections;”and

**WHEREAS**, 31 Morrow County children are currently residing in foster homes or other out-of-placement settings; and

**WHEREAS**, 7 of the children in foster care are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, 5 child(ren) have been adopted in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, those waiting children have been in foster care for an average of 1167 days; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a child with a loving family and a safe place to grow is one of life’s greatest and most generous gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, children can succeed and reach their full potential when they have positive relationships with caring adults and are placed in permanent homes; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption offers a unique experience that positively impacts a child’s life and permanently enriches the lives of the adoptive families who welcome them; and

**WHEREAS**, Morrow County Job and Family Services and other public and private child caring agencies throughout the state work diligently in search of safe, stable and permanent homes for Morrow County’s children in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, We The Board of Commissioners of the County of Morrow**, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as

**Adoption Recognition & Recruitment Month**

THROUGHOUT Morrow County and urge all citizens to open their hearts and homes to our children in foster care who are waiting to be adopted.

**Signed on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023**

s/Jon Mason

s/Tim D. Abraham

s/Timothy R. Siegfried

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-845**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to recess session at 9:10 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-846**

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

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**9:30 BID OPENING**

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING – 4 ACRES – JOHNSVILLE SEWER PLANT: 23-R-847**

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2023, the Morrow County Commissioners approved advertising for bids to authorize the sale of property no longer necessary for County use at 7697 County Road 242, Bellville, OH 44813; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the following bids were received:

Jerry & Karen Webb	\$2,000 per acre = \$8,000.00
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**THEREFORE**, Mr. Abraham made a motion to hold the bids for review.

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-848**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to recess session at 9:32 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-849**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to return to regular session at 2:01 p.m.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF ODOT SUBAWARD GRANT AGREEMENT, BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM FOR MCAT AND APPROVAL FOR TIMOTHY SIEGFRIED TO SIGN: 23-R-850**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the ODOT Subaward Grant agreement, Buses and Bus Facilities Program for MCAT in the amount of \$175,932 and approval for Timothy Siegfried to sign.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL FOR THE MORROW COUNTY AUDITOR TO SET UP A NEW  
FUND FOR MORROW COUNTY COMMON PLEAS MOU WITH MUNICIPAL  
COURT: 23-R-851**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the Morrow County Auditor to set up a new fund – Fund 2632 Probation Services Court Collaboration.

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DEBBIE WESTBROOK: 23-R-852**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to accept the resignation of Debbie Westbrook effective October 30, 2023.

Mr. Siegfried 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.

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CHAIRMAN

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