

REGULAR SESSION OCTOBER 16, 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

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 OCTOBER 11, 2023: 23-R-781**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of October 11, 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-782**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 106 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-783**

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

- Receipt Batch #3814 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$180.00
 - Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$117.00
 - Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$115.96
- Receipt Batch #3817 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$240.11
- Receipt Batch #3819 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$60.00
 - Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$195.00

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – JOB AND FAMILY
SERVICES FUND 2111 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 23-A-148**

At the request of Sundie Brown, Director, a motion was made by Mr. Mason to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account:

2111-1046-530310 PA-Social Services Professional & Technical Services \$5,000.00

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – GENERAL FUND,
COMMISSIONERS: 23-A-149**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following account for x-ray machine inspection:

1000-0118-530310

Professional Services

\$102.00

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, PROSECUTOR: 23-T-137**

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

**Reason – to completely use the money appropriated

From 1000-4447-510211 OPERS to 1000-4447-510120 Employee Wages in the amount of \$310.00
From 1000-4447-510211 OPERS to 1000-4447-510213 Medicare in the amount of \$38.00

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 – ENGINEER’S FUND 2202: 23-T-138**

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

**Reason – additional funds are needed

From 2202-2202-530360 Contracted Services to 2202-2002-530365 Fuel in the amount of \$5,000.00
From 2202-2202-530360 Contracted Services to 2202-2002-530325 Vehicle Repair and Maintenance in the amount of \$10,000.00

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT THE ELECTRIC POWER AGGREGATION PLAN OF
OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CANAAN MORROW
COUNTY, OHIO: 23-R-784**

WHEREAS, on 5/4/2010 a majority of voters in Canaan Township approved a referendum that authorized the formation of an “opt-out” governmental aggregation in compliance with Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding the governmental aggregation of electric service consumers; and

WHEREAS, this community decided to utilize their aggregation authority jointly through Morrow County as permitted under Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Morrow County anticipates that utilizing its aggregation authority will provide individual residential and small commercial consumers benefits such as price reductions that these consumers are typically unable to obtain since they lack the bargaining power, expertise and the economies of scale enjoyed by larger consumers; and

WHEREAS, under an opt-out aggregation program, all eligible residential and small business customers in the authorized areas of Morrow County are automatically included as participants in the Aggregation Program unless they opt-out of the program by providing written notice of their intention not to participate. As required by Ohio Law, the various communities jointly participating in the Morrow County governmental aggregation shall pass a resolution/ordinance, which authorizes submitting the selection of opt-out aggregation to the community’s voters; and

WHEREAS, in addition to obtaining the necessary voter approvals, Morrow County, Ohio is also required to comply with various PUCO regulations. As required by PUCO regulations, the County will file an application with the PUCO for certification as a Governmental Aggregator upon approval of the Aggregation Plan of Operations and Governance; and

WHEREAS, as required by regulations, the County shall advertise and conduct two (2) public hearings to discuss the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County anticipates selection of a Provider prior to or shortly after receiving approval from the PUCO as a governmental aggregator. Upon Provider selection, an Opt-out notice for the County’s Program will be sent to all eligible electric customers setting forth the rates, terms and conditions of the program. This notice will provide potential aggregation participants at least 21 days to return an opt-out card or similar notice; and

WHEREAS, the supply contract negotiated between the Governmental Aggregator and the selected Provider shall be for firm full requirements power supply. Each aggregation participants shall be individually bound by the terms and conditions found in the opt-out notice and the Contract and shall be solely responsible for payment and performance. The power supply charges for Aggregation participants shall be negotiated and included in the contract; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Retail Electric Generation Provider shall meet requirements as set forth in the Morrow County Electric Government Aggregation Plan of Operations and Governance, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, Government aggregation provides a means for residential consumers and small commercial consumers in the County to obtain economic benefits from Ohio’s competitive retail electric market. The County Aggregation Program combines the electric loads of residential customers and small commercial consumers into a buying group, in which the County will act as purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Morrow County Commissioners are aware that it is necessary to conduct public hearings for electrical aggregation prior to adoption of the Morrow County Electric Government Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Morrow County Commissioners held their two (2) public hearings on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Mr. Siegfried made a motion that the Board of County Commissioners of Morrow County, Ohio adopts the Morrow County Electric Governmental Aggregation Plan of Operations and Governance, which is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

Adopted the 16th day of October, 2023
COMMISSIONERS

BOARD OF COUNTY

MORROW COUNTY, OHIO

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

s/Cheryl Heacock, Clerk of Board

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 APPLICATION #4, SIMONSON CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.,
SOMOCO WWTP & OUTFALL SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND APPROVAL
FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN: 23-R-785**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve Pay Application #4, Simonson Construction Services, Inc. and approval for Chairman Tim Abraham to sign:

CONTRACTOR’S ESTIMATE

APPLICATION #4

To (Owner): Morrow Co Commissioners

Period to: 9/30/2023

From (Contractor): Simonson Construction Services, Inc.

2112 Troy Road
 Ashland, Ohio 44805

Original Contract Sum:	\$3,839,000.00
Change orders	\$ 0.00
Current Contract Price	\$3,839,000.00
Total completed and Stored to Date	\$ 824,681.20
Total retainage	\$ 28,804.12
Total Earned less retainage	\$ 795,877.08
Less previous payments	\$ 595,757.49
Current payment due	\$ 200,119.59

s/Contractor – Simonson Construction 10/4/2023
 s/Engineer – Steven Wonderly, Kleinfelder 10/11/2023
 s/Commissioner – Tim Abraham 10/16/2023

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-786**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to recess session at 9:06 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-787**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to return to regular session at 2:24 p.m.

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 – RECYCLING FUND 2006: 23-T-139**

At the request of Kristin Ruth, Recycling & Litter Prevention, a motion was made by Mr. Siegfried to approve the following transfer of funds:

**Reason – need to replace computer monitor

From 2006-2006-510220 Health Insurance to 2006-2006-550740 Equipment/Computers/Furniture in the amount of \$220.00

Mr. Mason duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE MORROW METROPOLITAN HOUSING
 AUTHORITY BOARD: 23-R-788**

WHEREAS, Morrow Metropolitan Housing Authority has recommended the appointment of Emily Shaffer as the Commissioner’s appointment to the Board.

THEREFORE, Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the appointment of Emily Shaffer to the Morrow Metropolitan Housing Authority board for a term effective October 16, 2023 – October 15, 2028.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR PAVING AT THE MORROW COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS AND APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN: 23-R-789**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the following quote for paving of approximately 2006 sq yards at the Morrow County Fairgrounds to be paid from Fund 4123 Local Assist & Tribal Consistency and approval for Chairman Tim Abraham to sign acceptance of the quote:

Mid Ohio Paving, Inc. \$64,810.00

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. Mason.

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