

**REGULAR SESSION APRIL 26, 2021**

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. Siegfried and Mr. Whiston

Public in attendance: Andy Ware (Development)

The meeting was opened with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag, and then called to order by Mr. Whiston, 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 APRIL 21, 2021: 21-R-289**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of April 21, 2021, as recorded in the Commissioners Journal # 49.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT: 21-R-290**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 45 submitted by the Morrow County Auditor's office.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
PAY-INS: 21-R-291**

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

- Receipt Batch #1722 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$1,290.67
- Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$601.80
- Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$153.31
- Receipt Batch #1725 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$611.74
- Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$279.00
- Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$173.10
- Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$57.47
- Receipt Batch #1727 Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$467.50
- Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$236.00
- Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$55.84
- Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$3,558.80

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROPRIATIONS OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – MCAT FUND 2061:  
21-A-051**

At the request of Jaime Zeger, Fiscal Supervisor, a motion was made by Mr. Abraham to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following accounts:

2061-0163-540422	MCAT Uniforms	\$2,000.00
2061-0163-530385	MCAT Automobile/Fleet Insurance	\$4,000.00
2061-0163-530310	MCAT Professional Services	\$3,000.00
2061-0163-530321	MCAT Leases and Rents	\$8,000.00
2061-0160-540420	MCAT Operating Supplies	\$2,000.00

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL TO HIRE MARLEE STOLLAR AS MORPC GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERN IN  
THE MORROW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE: 21-R-292**

**WHEREAS**, the Morrow County Development office has an opportunity to have an intern for the summer partially funded by MORPC (Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission); and

**WHEREAS**, MORPC has waived their standard \$500 administrative cost for participating MORPC members; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be paid from the Morrow County Development Office’s Special Project Fund (Fund 2043) with a final reimbursement from MORPC in August for half of the salary;

**THEREFORE**, Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the hiring of Marlee Stollar as MORPC Graduate School Intern in the Morrow County Development Office, effective May 10, 2021 – August 13, 2021, 16 hours per week, part time, temporary employee at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, with half of those costs paid by MORPC resulting in a \$7.00 per hour cost to the County.

Mr. Whiston duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION,  
SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT FOR MORROW COUNTY – ADULT PROBATION  
DEPARTMENT, MORROW COUNTY COMMON PLEAS: 21-R-293**

Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Subsidy Grant Agreement for Morrow County Adult Probation Department as presented:

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION  
SUBSIDY GRANT AGREEMENT for MORROW COUNTY  
Adult Probation Department**

**THIS SUBSIDY PROBATION FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT** (hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”), pursuant to authority in Section 2301.32 of the Ohio Revised Code (hereinafter referred to as “RC”), is made and entered into by and between the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services (hereinafter referred to as “Grantor”), located at 4545 Fisher Road, Suite D, Columbus, Ohio and Morrow County (hereinafter referred to as “Grantee”), located at 48 East High Street, Mount Gilead, Ohio. The Grantor and the Grantee are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” and separately known as the “Party”.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RC 2301.32, as amended by H.B. 166, 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the Grantor is authorized to offer a county funding for probation services in lieu of an agreement for the Grantor to provide community control services, provided that the general assembly has appropriated sufficient funds for that purpose;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this grant is to provide funds to Grantee to enable it to establish and operate full supervision for offenders under community control within its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, Grantee herein accepts funds in lieu of the Grantor providing community control services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants, and agreements set forth herein, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Funds:** The Grantor awards to the Grantee a maximum amount of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)** (hereinafter referred to as “Funds”), to be paid in up to eight equal installments of **\$18,750.00**. The Grantor will make payments of Funds by electronic fund transfer to the Grantee’s designee. Such payments will be made during the first month of each quarter of the Grantor’s fiscal year until the Funds have been expended.

**The program’s tax identification number is 31-6400079.**

2. **Term:** This Agreement is effective as of the signature date of this document and shall terminate on June 30, 2023. The Parties agree that upon the Grantee’s previous acceptance of Funds, the Grantor discontinued all supervision duties for offenders under community control within its jurisdiction, to include but not limited to treatment in lieu, judicial release, diversion programs, or other probation supervision. The Parties further agree that Grantee has no obligation to provide community control services for the Grantor unless the Parties enter into a new agreement for Grantor to provide such services to Grantee.

\*\*A complete copy of this grant agreement will be on file with the Morrow County Commissioner’s Office.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers, as of the day and year first written above.

**FOR THE GRANTOR:**

s/Christopher Galli, Chief  
Bureau of Community Sanctions, DPCS

s/Cynthia Mausser, Deputy Director of DPCS

**FOR THE GRANTEE:**

s/Tim Abraham, Commissioner

s/Timothy Siegfried, Commissioner

s/Tom Whiston, Commissioner

**FOR THE GRANTEE:**

s/Robert C. Hickson Jr, Administrative Judge

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL TO APPOINT ROBERT BRANDUM TO MORROW COUNTY  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: 21-R-294**

**WHEREAS**, the term for Bob Goheen on the Morrow County Regional Planning Commission expired on March 25, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Township Trustees have recommended the appointment of Robert Brandum, 2757 County Road 165, Cardington, Ohio 43315, as their representative on the Morrow County Regional Planning Commission;

**THEREFORE**, Mr. Abraham made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Brandum effective March 26, 2021 through March 25, 2023.

Mr. Whiston duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: 21-R-295**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the following National Day of Prayer Proclamation:

**National Day of Prayer Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, a National Day of Prayer has always been at the forefront of our nation as a tradition when first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation asking “clemency and forgiveness.” The U.S. Congress instituted a day in 1952, signed by President Harry S. Truman, providing for a National Day of Prayer, “on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation.” Such a day has been observed

annually. In 1988, legislation was unanimously ratified by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan stating that the National Day of Prayer is to be observed on the first Thursday of every May; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio is home to brothers and sisters who share many faiths under God Almighty, and prayer has long been a key to unite our citizens and is a source of inspiration and hope to countless individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the declaration of Congress and affirmed by each succeeding President, this year the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021. The 2021 National Day of Prayer theme prays, “LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY. “This theme is based on 2 Corinthians 3:17, “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”

**WHEREAS**, we encourage individuals, families, churches, and communities in Morrow County to pray that the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will spread across our nation and the entire earth as we seek His Kingdom and righteousness, and as we walk in obedience to Him. That we would love God and each other and will agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next great spiritual awakening in America; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to the Lord by observing this day in Morrow County when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for repentance and return to biblical values in our state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Morrow County Commissioners do hereby designate May 6, 2021, as a Day of Prayer throughout Morrow County, Ohio.

Signed and sealed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

s/Tom Whiston

s/Tim Abraham

s/Timothy Siegfried

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
 APPROVAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE TO ADVERTISE NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
 OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (FONSI) AND  
 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF) REGARDING  
 PROJECT: VILLAGE OF MT. GILEAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS: 21-R-296**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to approve the Development Office to advertise the following public notice in regards to the Project: Village of Mt. Gilead – Lincoln Avenue Repaving & Drainage / Street Improvements:

04/28/2021

3Morrow County Board of Commissioners  
 Morrow County Development Office  
 80 N. Walnut Street, Suite B  
 Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners proposes to request that the State of Ohio release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

**Village of Mt. Gilead – Lincoln Avenue Repaving & Drainage / Street Improvements**

Federal Funds Source: PY 2020 CDBG Allocation/Community Development Program

Morrow County will use its PY 2020 Community Development Program funding to complete one project. The County will resurface approximately 7,100 SY of Lincoln Avenue from Town Street to HPM Street, replace 8 existing drainage inlets and add 4 drainage inlets with new storm sewers between Delaware Street and HPM Street, replace 1,170 LF of storm sewer and 1,300 LF of curbs. Project location: Village of Mt. Gilead

Total project costs: \$172,000

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners has determined that the project(s) will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended is not required.

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each of the project(s) listed above. The ERR(s) documents the environmental review of the project(s). The ERR(s) is (are) on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the above address.

No further environmental review of the project(s) will be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners plan to undertake the project(s) described above with the federal funds cited above. Any interested person, agency, or group wishing to comment on the project or disagreeing with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision may submit written comments for consideration to the Morrow County Board of Commissioners at the above listed address by 4:00 p. m. on May 14, 2021, which is at least 16 days after the publication of this combined notice. A notice regarding the responsible entity's intent to request the release of funds is listed immediately below.

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)**

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

On or about, but not before, May 17, 2021 the Morrow County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the project(s) listed above.

The Morrow County Board of Commissioners certified to the State of Ohio that Thomas Whiston, in his capacity as Chairman of the Morrow County Board of Commissioners, consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners may use the Federal funds, and the State of Ohio will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

The State of Ohio will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following grounds: (a) the certification was not, in fact, executed by the responsible entity's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to Section 58.40 or to make the written determination required by section 58.35, 58.47, or 58.53 for the project, as applicable; c) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 for the preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Assessment; d) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subparts F and G of 24 CFR Part 58 for the conduct, preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Impact Statement; e) the recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by the State; or f) another federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Written objections must meet the conditions and procedures set forth in subpart H of 24 CFR Part 58, and be addressed to: State of Ohio Development Services Agency; Office of Community Development; Environmental Officer; P.O. Box 1001; Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001.

Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Ohio. No objections received after May 29, 2021 (which is 15 days after it is anticipated that the State will receive a request for release of funds) will be considered by the State of Ohio. The address of the certifying officer is:

Thomas Whiston, Chairman  
Morrow County Board of Commissioners  
80 N. Walnut Street, Suite A  
Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL TO RECESS SESSION: 21-R-297**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to recess session at 9:14 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 21-R-298**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to return to regular session at 1:58 p.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

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CHAIRMAN

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CLERK

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ASSISTANT CLERK

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