

REGULAR SESSION JUNE 28, 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. Whiston and Mr. Siegfried.

Public in attendance: Andy Ware (Economic Development), Mike Goff (Treasurer), Dixie Shinaberry (Recorder), Joe Carroll (Airport Authority), William Loebick (Park Board), Steve Fuller (Park Board), Jim Overmoyer (Park Board) and Alberta Stojkovic (Morrow County Sentinel)

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 JUNE 23, 2021: 21-R-455**

Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the minutes of regular session of June 23, 2021, as recorded in the Commissioners Journal # 49.

Mr. Abraham 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-456**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to approve payment of bills numbered 1 through 87 submitted by the Morrow County Auditor’s office.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
PAY-INS: 21-R-457**

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

- Pay-in# 211708 Payment from Delaware County Health Department for July 2021 WIC rent 2072-1070-470802 in the amount of \$650.00
- Pay-in# 211709 Payment from Sims Bros for Scrap Metal – Engineer 2202-1080-480830 in the amount of \$460.72
- Pay-in# 211710 Payment from Knox County for DKMM 3rd quarter education in the amount of \$19,961.25
- Receipt Batch #1863
 - Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$886.87
 - Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$521.10
 - Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$173.10
- Receipt Batch #1866
 - Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$190.00
 - Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$586.90
 - Payments received from Ketterman customers for sewer fund 5121 \$167.52
 - Payments received from Somoco customers for sewer fund 5110 \$2,606.20
- Pay-in #211715 Payment received from Morrow Co Svcs for Older Citizens for Jun 2021 insurance premiums 7222-7777-740100 in the amount of \$890.43
- Receipt Batch #1868
 - Payments received from Chesterville customers for sewer fund 5159 \$180.00
 - Payments received from Johnsville customers for sewer fund 5100 \$170.00

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES –
MCAT FUND 2061: 21-A-80**

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 account:

2061-0162-510120	MCAT Dispatcher Wages	\$10,000.00
2061-0163-530346	MCAT Administration Copier Lease/Payments	\$1,500.00
2061-0163-530351	MCAT Administration Electricity	\$1,500.00
2061-0163-530356	MCAT Administration Phones/Phone System	\$4,000.00
2061-0164-510211	MCAT Vehicle Maintenance OPERS	\$11,100.00
2061-0166-550740	MCAT Non-Vehicle Maint Equip/Computers	\$20,000.00
2061-0160-530365	MCAT Vehicle Operations MCAT Fuel	\$20,000.00

Mr. Whiston duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RESCIND APPROPRIATION – MCAT FUND 2062: 21-A-81**

WHEREAS, an appropriation for Fund 2062 was completed in error, therefore Mr. Abraham made a motion to rescind the following appropriation:

2062-0036-540420	MCAT Fuel	\$20,000.00
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Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH CARROLL TO THE MORROW COUNTY
AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD: 21-R-458**

WHEREAS, the term of Joseph Carroll on the Morrow County Airport Authority Board will expire on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, correspondence has been received from Elwain Dreyer, MCAA, Chairman that the Board requests the reappointment of Joseph L. Carroll, 165 Fairway Lane, Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338 to an additional term on the Board.

THEREFORE, Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve the reappointment of Joseph L. Carroll for a term date of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025 on the Morrow County Airport Authority Board.

Mr. Whiston duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO REMOVE ERIN HUGHES, CUSTODIAN FROM TEMPORARY
MEDICAL LEAVE: 21-R-459**

WHEREAS, Erin Hughes, custodian has been on temporary unpaid medical leave since May 3, 2021; and

THEREFORE, Mr. Siegfried made a motion to approve removing Erin Hughes from Temporary Medical Leave effective today, June 28, 2021 with a doctor’s certification.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
ACCEPTING THE MORROW COUNTY HEALTH INITIATIVE CITIZENS ADVISORY
GROUP MAJORITY OPINION RECOMMENDATIONS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSES: 21-
R-460**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Whiston made a motion to accept the staff report including the following:

That the Morrow County Commissioners accept the package of recommendations presented to them by majority vote of the **Morrow County Health Initiative Citizens Advisory Group. While some of**

these recommendations are specific to the Morrow County Hospital Board, others require action by the Morrow County Commissioners, and some recommendations require joint action and collaboration which the Commissioners embrace.

The Commissioners thank everyone involved in the Morrow County Health Initiative Citizens Advisory Group for intensively dedicating six months towards making recommendations to both the Morrow County Hospital Board and to the Morrow County Commissioners. We believe that the sincerest thanks for your efforts is to not just acknowledge your recommendations, but to take action towards them with the goal of improving wellness in our County and in expanding available healthcare services.

With that:

The Morrow County Commissioners create by resolution a seven-member Morrow County Wellness Committee with representatives to include:

1. A doctor or nurse working in some capacity within Morrow County
2. A representative from Morrow County EMS
3. A representative from the Morrow County Health Department
4. A representative from the Morrow County Park Board
5. A representative from the Morrow County Development Office
6. A representative from a Morrow County fitness organization
7. A representative from the senior community.

The wellness committee appointees will be considered public officials, falling under Ohio Ethics Law requirements, and will serve a two-year term. The committee will be tasked with self-organization by Roberts Rules and must fully comply with the Ohio Public Records Law and the Open Meetings Act with all meetings being recorded through a publicly-owned system. All members will be required to obtain an Ohio Attorney General's certificate of Ohio Sunshine Training completion and Ohio Ethics Commission certificate. The Committee will "sunset" on July 1, 2023 unless renewed by resolution.

The Committee will be tasked with:

- Encouraging residents to take responsibility for improving and sustaining their own health
- Identifying and promoting available opportunities for recreation and fitness activities
- Informing county residents of available health and wellness services, support programs, and educational opportunities
- Collaborating with already existing social and health networks
- Integrating available transportation and Internet services to meet healthcare access needs.

The Commissioners will accept applications for this Morrow County Wellness Committee through July 31 at their office on 80 N Walnut St., Suite A, Mount Gilead, with a target date of announcing those volunteer appointments by September 1.

The Morrow County Commissioners dedicate \$25,000 to the Morrow County Park District for construction of high-quality trails at the new, Flying Squirrel Preserve in Chester and Franklin Townships. The Commissioners further support the expansion of this beautiful and biologically-diverse property.

The Commissioners not only agree with twice-a-year meetings with the Hospital Board, they **further recommend resuming quarterly meetings** in July 2021 between the Commissioners and the Hospital Board, that those **meetings resume as public meetings, and that they are video recorded and accessible by the County website.** They also encourage that all meeting of both boards be publicly recorded and available on County-owned websites.

The Commissioners recognize and support adherence to Ohio Revised Code 339, and pledge to support Hospital Board members as they work to faithfully follow those laws and all obligations as public officials.

The Commissioners pledge to continue efforts to increase public transportation and improve broadband access. This continues with ongoing efforts that include: support and renewal of the County's road levy that has paved 182 miles of road over the past four years; support of the Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Study currently underway for the State Routes 61 and 229 intersection; support of the Access23 project; and support of the Central Ohio Rural Planning

Organization's State Route 61, State Route 95, and State Route 229 planning study for improving conditions at those intersections and improved access to Knox County. The Commissioners continue to review **opportunities through the American Rescue Plan for leveraging those funds, and in collaborating with** other government entities and private partners as possible for **expanding broadband access in Morrow County**.

Efforts will continue to build on the success of the recent Dollar Tree Distribution Center attraction project that **created 400-plus jobs that offer health insurance**. This is **one of the top-touted job creation efforts as viewed by the Columbus Region** and creates the opportunity for future, similar investments.

Finally, the Commissioners accept the recommendation from the majority opinion of MCHICAG members **that a new Request for Proposal (RFP) should be issued for the Morrow County Hospital**.

The Commissioners want **to expand available healthcare services in Morrow County** and to **increase competition** for County residents' \$100 million-plus per year hospitalization needs. Fulfilling those needs here, in Morrow County, **better serves our community and greatly supports the creation of good paying jobs and further economic development**.

The Commissioners believe that any successful RFP process for sale/lease/long term operation of the Morrow County Hospital requires accounting for the full legal authority of **both** the Morrow County Hospital Board and the Morrow County Commissioners.

The Commissioners' goal continues to be in **expanding healthcare services** for all Morrow Countians, **keeping an Emergency Room in Morrow County**, as well as **increasing the number of good-paying health service jobs** — the highest demand occupations expected over the next decade by any sector of the economy.

The **Commissioners pledge their commitment to the importance of protecting the healthcare employment of individuals currently working** at the Morrow County Hospital.

Finally, **the best outcomes** for all Morrow Countians will come from an open, transparent, and **competitive process**, jointly managed by both boards and **equally accessible to any and all interested parties committed to expanding healthcare services** in Morrow County.

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-461**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to recess session at 9:37 a.m.

Mr. Abraham 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-462**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to return to regular session at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
BID OPENING – 2021 FAA AIRFIELD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND
PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT: 21-R-463**

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2021, the Morrow County Commissioners authorized Morrow County Development Director, Andy Ware, to advertise the Airfield Pavement Rehabilitation and Pavement Marking project for sealed bids to be publicly opened and read on this day, June 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

JJ Cunningham General Contracting	\$112,908.25
Axtell's Inc.	\$213,556.25
American Pavements, Inc.	\$104,358.95

THEREFORE, Mr. Whiston made a motion to hold the bids for review and recommendation by the Morrow County Development Director.

Mr. Abraham 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-464**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to recess session at 10:08 a.m.

Mr. Siegfried duly seconded this motion.

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

Mr. Siegfried left the office for the day.

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: 21-R-465**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to return to regular session at 2:53 p.m.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KIMMEL TO PROVIDE RUG RENTAL AT WALNUT PLACE AND THE COURTHOUSE: 21-R-466**

WHEREAS, it is deemed a cost and time saving manner to enter in an agreement for rug rental at the Walnut Place and Courthouse facilities; and

WHEREAS, the following inventory will be provided:

ITEM UNIT PRICE	TYPE/SIZE/CL	ITEM INVENTORY	WEEKLY USAGE	
Mats	3x5 Slate mats	30	15 bi-weekly	\$3.50
Mats	3x10 Slate mats	20	10 bi-weekly	\$6.40
Mats	4x6 Slate mats	30	15 bi-weekly	\$5.40
Mats	4x8 Slate mats	20	10 bi-weekly	\$6.40
Mats	3x4 Slate mats	2	1 bi-weekly	\$3.50

THEREFORE, Mr. Whiston made a motion to enter into a service agreement with Kimmel to provide the above listed inventory to Walnut Place and the Courthouse with an estimated install date of July 12, 2021.

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED CERTIFIED MONIES – GENERAL FUND,
MAINTENANCE: 21-A-82**

Mr. Whiston made a motion to appropriate from the unappropriated certified monies to the following accounts for rug rental at Walnut Place and Courthouse buildings:

1000-0117-530300	Purchased Services – Walnut	\$1,100.00
1000-0118-530300	Purchased Services – Courthouse	\$2,200.00

Mr. Abraham duly seconded this motion.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF TWO BUILDINGS AT
THE MORROW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS: 21-R-467**

WHEREAS, the following quotes have been received for the demolition and removal of two outbuildings plus finish grading of the sites located at the Morrow County fairgrounds;

Bucher Excavating & Demolition, LLC	\$11,975.00
Matt Crum Excavating	\$12,000.00

THEREFORE, after review, Mr. Abraham made a motion to accept the quote from Bucher Excavating & Demolition, LLC, of Cardington, Ohio, in the amount of \$11,975.00, with cost to be covered by funds allocated to the Morrow County Engineer.

Mr. Whiston seconded this motion.

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

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

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

We hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK

ASSISTANT CLERK

MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONERS