

June 15, 2021

Call to Order

Roll Call: Mr. Hensler, Present

Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Willis, Absent

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Willis to approve the minutes of June 8, 2021.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

Tammy Osborne Smith, Director of Job & Family Services, stressed that it is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and she thanked the Commissioners for wearing purple, and encouraged others to in recognition of this ongoing issue with elder abuse. Also, Director Smith voiced her concerns over provisions incorporated into Senate Bill 17's actual budget, referred to the "Anti-Snap Fraud Bill". Many of those provisions will cause significant cost and a profound increase worker's time/hours. Director Smith says they tried the Asset tests years ago, and they actually deter work. Feels they are going backwards in this regard.

They are identifying solutions but no adverse action has been taken. Those receiving SNAP benefits are the disabled, aging and under employed. Advocates for Ohio are trying to get the awareness out across the state regarding these concerns. Director Smith said she would update the Commissioners when the budget is available.

Director Smith also mentioned some of the things that surrounding counties are planning on using the American Rescue Plan money for, credit/i.d. theft for employees, improving UV systems, health related insurance expenses, telecommuting upgrades, long-term strategic planning, etc... Commissioner Hensler stated they are waiting on final guidance, and still unsure as the flexibility of the funds.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller to go into Executive session as requested by Director Tammy Osborne Smith at 8:45 a.m. regarding personnel.

Commissioners are back in session at 8:54 a.m.

The following action was taken:

Resolution 124-21

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller, upon recommendation from Director Smith, to extend and approve, with a specific position of Social Worker Level 2, a leave of absence from JFS through July 17, 2021.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

Health Commissioner Kevin Aston stated he was trying to come up with ideas to encourage people in the County to get immunized, and he is open to suggestions. He suggested some type of incentive, possibly using public officials to get the message out there. The vaccination rate in the county is approximately 35-36%, and Commissioner Haller stressed his concerns that we are falling behind in the state of Ohio. Commissioner Hensler stated that the reality is there are those people that are just not going to get the vaccine, no matter what the incentive may be, but that is one of the great privileges of living in this country, which is our freedom of choice, whether we are all agree or not. Health Commissioner Aston said they would be doing additional clinics for the schools. Also, they are doing a walk-in clinic at the Health Dept. this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., as well as extended hours on Thursday evenings to accommodate people interested. Health Commissioner Aston stated that if you have concerns, you should consult your doctor with questions regarding the vaccine. If you don't have a regular healthcare provider, the Grace Clinic in Wellston offers walk-ins every Tuesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Haller stated they have had the discussion before that employers could legally require that employees get the vaccine.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller to enter into Executive session at 9:12 a.m. with Prosecutor Justin Lovett, Auditor Tiffany Ridgeway and JCEDP Director Sam Brady.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Absent

Commissioners are back in session at 10:03 a.m.

No Action taken.

Commissioner Haller read the following statement from Engineer Miller: Limerick Road (County Rd 25) in Liberty Township will be closed starting Monday, June 21, 2021, for a bridge project. The closing is approximately two miles north of Valley Chapel Road and will last approximately two weeks.

Certificate of Appropriation

Account #	Description	Amount
274-8000-5305.00	Other Expense	\$1414.50
Roll Call: Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes	Willis, Absent

Fund Reimbursement

From	Description	Amount
710-2100-5946.00	Reimb. Indigent App.	\$579.08
To		
101-0007-4959.00	Indigent App. Reimb.	\$579.08
Roll Call: Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes	Willis, Absent

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
101-0400-5102.00	Employee Salaries	\$41,730.52
Roll Call: Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes	Willis, Absent

Additional Appropriation

To	Description	Amount
247-1000-5316.01	Security Equipment (Grant)	\$29,960.00
Roll Call: Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes	Willis, Absent

Commissioner Hensler wished to thank Judge Regan regarding the above mentioned grant money. He stated that the Supreme Court of Ohio offers this grant opportunity, but the County Commission could not apply for it. Judge Regan made it possible.

Resolution 125-21

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller to approve, at the request of Robert Czechlewski, the EMA Director, the Local Emergency Planning Committee Application of LEPC member appointments for multiple members.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes	Willis, Absent
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Dog Warden Weekly Report June 5th – June 11th

Rescued	6
Owner Surrender	1
Weekly Total	22
Calls Received	62

Motion by Mr. Hensler second by Mr. Haller to approve the vouchers.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes	Willis, Absent
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Commissioner Hensler also wanted to make note of a correction regarding last week's meeting. In Resolution 119-21 regarding Ms. Brooks, the date was entered incorrectly, and has been amended to June 7, 2021. This was just a scrivener error, and no other action is necessary.

Media Representation

The Courier/Jeremiah Shaver, Absent

The Telegram/Phillip Buffington

ADJOURNMENT

MR. HALLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

Paul Haller, President

Jon Hensler, Vice President

Donnie Willis, Commissioner

Carla Marcum, Administrator