



services. There are 2800 veterans living in Jackson County. Mr. King is excited about his new position and the possibilities that lay ahead. There will be an Armed Forces event @ Manpower Park on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**April** is National Association of Counties month and there were several county officials/officers present for the presentation of the proclamation: Auditor Tiffany Ridgeway, Recorder Krista Brown, JFS Director Tammy Osborne-Smith, Board of Elections Director Margaret Casey, EMS Director Chris Johnson, Health Commissioner Kevin Aston, JFS Jenny Swisher, as well as those from the previous meeting regarding the Veterans office. The Commissioners appreciate the dedication and hard work of the county workforce, who deliver critical services to the people of Jackson County.

#### **Resolution 69-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis to recognize the month of April as National Association of Counties, which serves more than 330 million Americans providing essential services to create healthy, safe & vibrant communities.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

There was also a photo taken including the same group of people with the pinwheel, which is the national symbol for child abuse prevention month. The cyclical nature of the pinwheel calls to mind the positive cycles of love and support we want to help families create.

#### **Resolution 70-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, and after Board of Elections Director Margaret Casey confirmed that funds had already been set aside and will be reimbursed (85%) by the State, approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ohio Secretary, the Jackson County Board of Elections and the Jackson County Commissioners regarding the electronic pollbook and upgrading technology.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

**Palmer Energy Consultant (CCAO) Phillip Dysard** presented Amendment #1 to Exhibit A. Natural Gas Purchasing Program, which is a pool program. The previous Agreement was for 5 years and that period is up, and Mr. Dysard stated that the only change in the agreement this year was they are going to a 10-year term. They look for the best prices for the county.

#### **Resolution 71-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, and upon the recommendation of the CCAO Energy Committee and Phil Dysard, who is representing them, the Amendment #1 to the Natural Gas Purchasing Program.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

Mr. Dysard also stated that he would like to meet with all the township trustees and fiscal officers individually to discuss this program that was offered to the county last fall per ballot vote, but did not pass. He feels that they did not have enough time last year to get the word out and to explain how the program works, and that it does not cost the voter anything.

Mr. Kevin Lewis and Mr. Jim McGraw with Ohio Laborers- Employers Corporation Education Trust (LECIT), were present to discuss the importance of safe driving in construction zones: Drive at the work zone specific speed, do not text and drive and do not operate a vehicle under the influence. Labor and management are working together to promote policies to ensure our infrastructure is built safely and cost effectively across Ohio through outreach and advocacy for worker safety and fair contracting.

#### **Resolution 72-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, proclaim the week of April 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as National Work Zone Awareness Week, and urge all citizens to pay attention, slow down and thank all Road Workers in Jackson County for their service.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

**Resolution 73-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, to approve, at the request of the Airport authority, the recommendation of Mr. Joe Finch to be appointed to the Airport Authority Board open seat.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

**JCEDP Development Specialist and Jackson County Grant Writer/Program Administrator Phillip Buffington** were present to review the Scope regarding the General Tibbets project, and make sure no additional information is needed. JCEDP and the Commissioner’s office are the lead on this project, with John Stabler and Phillip Buffington heading the project. This is being done through a reimbursable grant, which will be handled by the Commissioner’s office. Mr. Stabler presented the revised RFP (Request for Proposals) for qualifying engineering firms for this project. Sections were added regarding flood plains and wetlands.

**Resolution 74-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, to approve the Child Placement agreement between Jackson County Job & Family Services and the following: Life Start, Inc., 1 Trust Group Home, LLC., Buckeye Rance, Inc., Lighthouse Services, Inc. and NECCO, Inc.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

**Resolution 75-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, to approve the CHIP Mortgage release for a Ms. Bentley, which has met the requirements for release.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

**Resolution 76-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, to approve the CHIP Release of Mortgage for a Ms. Gray, which has met the requirements for release.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

**Resolution 77-24**

Motion by Hensler second by Willis, to request a Scope of Services and contract proposal from CDC to administer Jackson County’s PY 2024 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant.

Roll Call: Willis, Yes Hensler, Yes Haller, Yes

After reviewing the information from the Sheriff’s office regarding an additional vehicle and equipment, the Commissioners, who had previously approved the purchase of one vehicle by the Sheriff’s office, has committed to adhering to the original timeline regarding budget and any purchase of future vehicles.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MR. HALLER ADJOURNED THE MEETING

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Paul Haller, President

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Jon Hensler, Vice President

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Donnie Willis, Commissioner

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Carla Marcum, Administrator