

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
MINUTES SUMMARY  
THURSDAY MARCH 19, 2020  
11:00 A. M.**

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John F. Evans, President, Present  
Ted S. Mercer, Vice President, Present  
Gregory A. Simmons, Member, Present

Appointments

11:00 a.m. Elected Officials Meeting  
1:30 p.m. General Business  
1:35 p.m. Zoning Hearings (2) – Department of Development

General Business

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16 & 17, 2020 meeting and dispense with the oral reading. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-356**

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize and sign bills for all funds as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-357

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize and sign the attached *Amendment to the Agreement by and between the Board of Miami County Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Office of Information Technology, Multi-Agency Radio Communications System Program Office (“MARCS”), Columbus, Ohio*, as requested by the Miami County Communication Center. Said amendment will allow for an additional radio simulcast site at 10315 W. US Highway 36 in Covington, Ohio. For many years, there have been radio coverage issues in the Northwest area of the County for first responders. When the radio system was upgraded to a digital Motorola’s 5-site simulcast site and the County partnered with Ohio MARCS, the problem became more pronounced as the improved technology in the new mobile and portable radios that the County purchased for first responders notifies the users when they have low and lost system connection. Studies were completed by MARCS, Motorola, SSC Consulting and P&R Communications to try to determine the best method to address the issue. After the exhaustive studies, it was determined that the best solution was to add a 6<sup>th</sup> simulcast site in the Northwest area of the County. The studies determined there was an existing tower at J-Crane, 10315 W. US Highway 36 in Covington, Ohio was the most logical location as it saves the cost of installing a tower and the owner was willing to lease space on the tower to MARCS. The cost of the site in the proposal from Motorola is \$770,240.00 and MARCS has agreed to pay \$270,240.00 of the cost and cover all of the on-going costs for tower rental, electrical power and system maintenance. The County would fund \$500,000.00 of the site development cost from the Motorola proposal and will receive credits toward user fees equal to 50% of that investment. All of the Motorola equipment is on Ohio State Term Schedule 573077-0. The project will be paid from Fund 309-002, Project C0023 - Fund 309 will be reimbursed by Fund 109. The Board of Directors for the Miami County Communication Center approved this request on December 10, 2019. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-358

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to hereby declare that a State of Emergency (as defined by R.C. 5502.21(F)) exists in Miami County, Ohio related to COVID-19, necessitating the Board to undertake all actions authorized by Ohio Revised Code sections 5502.21 through 5502.51 as well as other provisions of law, required to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Miami County, Ohio. This DECLARATION of a State of Emergency shall activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans that apply to Miami County, Ohio and shall initiate the rendering of aid an assistance as necessary under those plans. Reference is hereby made to the Miami County Emergency Operations Plan and all appropriate laws, statues, ordinances and resolutions. Be it further resolved by the Board of Miami County Commissioners that:

1. Any rights or powers lawfully exercised, or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law; and
2. The Board shall utilize all necessary resources and personnel of the Board of Commissioners to respond to this emergency pursuant to this Resolution endorsing the participation of county employees in assisting with responding and recovering during a declared emergency and/or points of dispensing.

Due to the existence of a real and present emergency as described above, the Board of Miami County Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted by R.C. 307.86(A), hereby exempts from the competitive bidding process purchases related to the emergency that are greater than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, so long as no fewer than three informal estimates are obtained prior to undertaking such purchase. Further be it resolved that commencing at the end of business today, March 19, 2020, all County buildings are hereby closed to the members of the public except:

1. Such persons that have business with the county and whom have made a prior appointment with a County Office; or
2. Such persons whom, pursuant to the particular officeholder's policies and procedures, have business with the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, the Miami County Municipal Court, the Miami County Clerk of Courts, the Miami County Sheriff's Office and such other County offices that have authorized access without a prior appointment to their respective offices.

This resolution shall become effective immediately and shall terminate, as well as the State of Emergency declared herein, in thirty days unless renewed by a majority vote of this Board. The Clerk of the Board shall certify copies of this resolution to Miami County Public Health Commissioner, Dennis Propes and Miami County Emergency Management Director, Joel Smith. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-359

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize paid administrative leave for employees under the Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Section 124.388 O.R.C., as department heads are authorized to implement modifications to operations and alternate work schedules, such as rotating schedules or shifts during the workday. This action is effective March 23, 2020 for a period of thirty days, unless renewed by a majority of this Board. All employees on paid administrative leave may be recalled to work at any time and are required to be available by phone during the regular work hours. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-360 Travel Training

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the travel training as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-361 Then and Now Certificates

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the then and now certificates as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-362 through 20-03-365 Transfers

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the transfers as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-366 Additional Appropriations

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the additional appropriations as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-367 Signatures Only:

Payroll Change(s)

Voluntary Disability Separation – Sanitary

Projected Expenditures Form – Family- Centered Services and supports Funds (SFY20) – FCFC

STOP Loss Insurance Application – HCC Life Insurance Company – Commissioners

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the signatures only as submitted. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-368 Zoning Hearing – Jack Spitler

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve Zoning Amendment #1799-1-20 filed by Jack Spitler, requesting permission to rezone 1.57 acres from A-2, General Agriculture to R-1AAA, Single Family Residential for the following tract of land: 10.0 acre tract located at 7665 Rangeline Road, Englewood, Ohio, Section 31, Town 6 Range 5 of Union Township. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-369 Zoning Hearing – Donn Rardin

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve Zoning Amendment #1800-1-20 filed by Donn Rardin, requesting permission to rezone 5.467 acres from A-2, General Agriculture to A-1, Domestic Agriculture for the following tract of land: 5.467 acre tract located at 9609 Fenner Road, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, Section 25, Town 8, Range 4 of Newton Township. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Evans, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Board of Miami County Commissioners adjourned from the General Session at 1:53 p.m. on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

Respectfully submitted:  
Leigh M. Williams, Clerk

*Full minutes of the proceedings from this meeting have been digitally recorded.*