

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES SUMMARY
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023
1:30 P. M.**

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Wade H. Westfall, President, Present
Gregory A. Simmons, Vice President, Present
Ted S. Mercer, Member, Present

Appointments

9:00 a.m. Rob Craft – Animal Shelter
9:10 a.m. Paul Huelskamp – Sanitary Engineering
9:20 a.m. Matt Gearhardt and Adam Emswiler – Auditor/IT Department
9:30 a.m. Angela Lewis – Human Resources Department
9:40 a.m. Michelle Green – Miami County Ag Society/Fairgrounds
10:00 a.m. Laura Bruns and Ian Ridgeway – Board of Elections
1:30 p.m. General Session

General Business

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of Resolution No. 23-07-801 and as presented. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting and dispense with the oral reading. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-793

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-794

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize proceeding with a Natural Gas Generation Supply Agreement with IGS Energy, Dublin, OH for the provision of natural gas aggregation program supply, for a term of 24-months at a fixed rate of \$5.89 per MFC, as recommended by Palmer Energy. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-795

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to acknowledge the FY 2023 Special Election Fund Grant (*S.B. 33 of the General Assembly following directives from the Ohio Secretary of State*) in the amount of \$134,517.00, on behalf of Miami County Board of Elections. These funds are being distributed to board of election agencies to help cover the expenses associated with the August 8, 2023 special election based on the costs incurred with the prior August election and current voter registration counts. These funds can be used to pay administrative costs such as staff overtime, hiring and training of temporary staff; election official recruitment; security-related expenses necessary for the administration of the August 8, 2023 special election and other related costs. Any unused portion by October 27, 2023 must be returned to the Ohio Secretary of State. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-796

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to authorize and sign the following attached Employment Verification(s):

EMPLOYEE NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	START DATE	PAY RATE
Elainah D. Skaroupka	FT Animal Control Officer 1	Animal Shelter	07/17/2023	\$19.00

The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-797

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to select and endorse the following named candidates to SERC for appointment/re-appointment to the Miami County LEPC for a two (2) year term beginning August 11, 2023 through August 10, 2025:

Miami County EMA	Joel Smith
Miami County EMA/LEPC (Retired Chairperson)	Charles Drake
Miami County EMA/LEPC (Info. Coordinator)	Jeffrey Lewis
Miami County Operations Center Mgr	Jim Howell
Media/Freelance Writer	Nancy Bowman
Miami County Communication Center	Jeffrey Busch
Miami County Sheriff's Dept.	David Duchak
Retired OEPA	James Crawford
Spinnaker Coating, LLC	Ronald Dye
American Red Cross	Mark Eberhardt
Miami County Commissioners	Ted S. Mercer
Village of Covington Police Dept.	Lee Harmon
Miami County Prosecutor	Tony Kendell
Abbott Nutrition (EHSS Specialist)	Abigail Richards
City of Pleasant Hill Hazmat Team Leader	David Stockler
City of Piqua Fire Dept.	Brent Pohlschneider
City of Troy Fire Dept.	Wade Dexter
City of Troy Emergency Mgr	Stan Kegley
Upper Valley Medical Center	Kurt Poppelman
Kettering Health Network	Jim Garrett
Miami County Public Health	Conner Super
Miami County Hazmat Team	Bill Frey
Miami County Solid Waste	Scott Pence
Community Group/Member at Large	Steve Pfister
Clopay Building Products	Mark Helke

The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-798

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to adopt the Miami County EMA Mitigation Plan – 5 Year Update, dated July 2023, prepared by Burton Planning Services, Westerville, Ohio, as requested by the Emergency Management Agency Director, Joel Smith. The plan has been reviewed by the Ohio EMA's Mitigation Branch (see attached letter), as well as by FEMA. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-799

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to authorize and sign the attached Memorandum of Agreement for Jail Services with the Adams County Sheriff's Office, the Adams County Commissioners, and the Miami County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of providing and receiving jail services from Miami County. The Adams County Sheriff's Office agrees to provide Miami County with compensation for receiving, supervising, confining and boarding prisoners at a rate of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) per day per bed. This Agreement shall be for a term of one year effective July 6, 2023. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-800

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Auditor's Summary Revenue Reports and Summary Expenditure Reports (electronically) for the month ending June 30, 2023. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-801 (DELETED)

Mr. moved and Mr. seconded the motion to confirm the final principal amount and interest rate for Building Improvement Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-802

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to approve the 2024 Tax Budget for Miami County and the Troy-Miami County Public Library, pursuant to Section 5705.30 ORC, and order the Clerk of the Board to file a copy of this resolution with the County Auditor, as further required by law. A hearing was held on July 6, 2023 (Resolution No. 23-07-777), pursuant to Section 5705.30 O.R.C. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-803

Mr. Simmons moved and Mr. Mercer seconded the motion to approve a petition submitted by the Village of Fletcher, Ohio, pursuant to R.C. 503.07, to remove the Village of Fletcher, Miami County, Ohio from the territory of Brown Township, and thereby make the boundaries of Brown Township identical with the corporate limits of the Village of Fletcher. The petition is by a majority of the Commission of the Village of Fletcher, Miami County, Ohio (pursuant to Village of Fletcher's Resolution. No. 2023-35 passed June 13, 2023) and is authenticated. On July 5, 2023 the Village of Fletcher, Ohio and the Brown Township Board of Trustees (herein "Parties") have entered into an Agreement setting forth their mutual terms. Documentation received from the Village of Fletcher, Ohio shows that all proceedings have followed Ohio Revised Code Chapter 503. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-804

Mr. Mercer moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion to award the contract for the *2023 Internet Service Provider* for the Miami County One Stop Center aka Commerce Center with Frontier Communications, Rochester, NY. The services will include a dedicated Ethernet internet access bandwidth (1000 MbpsMbps) and equipment. The Board of Miami County Commissioners authorized contract negotiations with said company on June 8, 2023 by Resolution No. 23-06-643. The cost for said services is \$790.00 per month. The contract cost will be paid from Fund 01011. Further sign the attached Contract this date. The Board voted as follows upon roll call: Mr. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Mercer, Yea.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-805 Then and Now Certificates

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-806 through 23-07-809 Transfers

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-810 Additional Appropriations

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-811 Additional Certifications of Estimated Revenue and Additional Appropriations.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-07-812 Signatures Only:

Termination(s)

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. Westfall, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea.

There being no further business to be transacted, the Board of Miami County Commissioners adjourned from the General Session at 2:12 p.m. on this 13th day of July, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:
Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

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