

January 31, 2022

Agenda

Lord's Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 a.m. Dr. Harte & Darrin Lautenschleger from Union Hospital

- Suspend the Reading of the Minutes
- Approve Before/After Expenditures
- Approve Supplemental Appropriation (4)
- Approve Inter-Fund Transfer
- Approve Obsolete Property – Clerk of Courts
- Approve Proposal – Clock Repair
- Approve Grant Transfer – Norma Johnson Center
- Approve Out of County Travel – EMA
- Approve Out of County Travel - EMA
- Pay Bills
- Other Business
- Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Abbuhl
Kerry Metzger
Al Landis

Commissioner Chris Abbuhl Presiding.

The Lord's Prayer was said.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

RESOLUTION (84-2022) SUSPEND THE READING OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, seconded by Commissioner Landis, to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;
Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (86-2022) BEFORE/AFTER EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, seconded by Commissioner Landis, to approve the following before/after expenditures:

VENDOR	OFFICE	AMOUNT
Kenworth of Canton	Engineer	\$111.33
Will Love	Sheriff's Office	\$106.68
Will Love	Sheriff's Office	\$250.00
Fitzpatrick, Zimmerman, Rose	Water & Sewer Department	\$334.39

Erwin Septic Service, LLC	Water & Sewer Department	\$640.00
NENA	Sheriff's Office	\$1,995.00
Sysco Food Services, Cleveland	Sheriff's Office	\$6,277.34
FACES/Home-Based Parenting/Dietrick	Job & Family Services	\$344.00
Fingerprints	Job & Family Services	\$189.00
Southeastern Equipment Company	Engineer	\$4,325.47
Capital One	Job & Family Services	\$165.10
Insight Vision Care, Inc	Job & Family Services	\$1,188.00
AEP	Water & Sewer Department	\$1,631.37
AEP	Water & Sewer Department	\$226.35
Matthew Bender & Co, Inc	Law Library	\$2,326.46
Christian Children's Home of Ohio	Job & Family Services	\$79,795.93

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
 Kerry Metzger, yes;
 Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (87-2022) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Landis, seconded by Commissioner Metzger, to approve the following supplemental appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Water & Sewer Department	P300-P16	P00-P08	\$62,710.36	Diversified Engineering Project ID#MC-20-01, United Survey Project ID#WH-19-03
Water & Sewer Department	P00-P34	P000-P24	\$8,132.00	Bridges Hydrant Replacement – Installation Project ID#WT-MISC
Commissioners	U040-U10	U040-U03	\$32,000.00	To make historically accurate repairs to the courthouse clock
Road & Bridge	K000-K40	K000-K29	\$800,000.00	Contract services for the engineering, environmental and design of the CR 62 bridge

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
 Kerry Metzger, yes;
 Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (88-2022) INTER-FUND TRANSFER/ADVANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, seconded by Commissioner Landis, to approve the following inter-fund transfer/advance as per State Auditor's recommendation:

Tusc. Co. Treasurer	
From Co. General to Community Corrections – 1 st quarter 2022	\$135,099.50
From Co. General to Jail Operations – 1 st quarter 2022	\$985,415.25
From Co. General to Regional Planning - 1 st quarter 2022	\$15,250.00
From Co. General to Park Department - 1 st quarter 2022	\$50,000.00
From Co. General to Sales Tax Transfer – 911 – 1 st quarter 2022	\$403,286.00
From Co. General to Capital Projects – Sales Tax Transfer - 1 st quarter 2022	\$50,000.00
From Title Administration to Co. General	\$400,000.00

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;
Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (89-2022) OBSOLETE PROPERTY – CLERK OF COURTS

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, seconded by Commissioner Landis, to declare, as obsolete for the use for which it was acquired in accordance to Ohio Revised Code 307.12 (B).

- HP Office Jet 3830 - broken
- HP Office Jet Pro 8100 - broken

The items will be disposed of in accordance to ORC.

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;
Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (90-2022) APPROVE PROPOSAL – CLOCK REPAIR

It was moved by Commissioner Landis, seconded by Commissioner Metzger, to approve the Proposal #2 – Option #2 submitted by the Tower Clock Company to make historically accurate repairs/updates to the winding mechanism of the clock located in the court house.

The Tower Clock Company is intimately familiar with the Clock in the Tuscarawas County Courthouse as they have helped to maintain it for many years. Due to the rarity of the Clock and their familiarity with it, the Tower Clock Company is considered to be a sole-source provider for this undertaking, justifying the making of an exception to the county procurement policy.

This will include fabrication of 2 Auto Wind Systems to Replicate the Seth Thomas design originally used to replace weight cable systems.

1. All cast iron parts will be cast from patterns made to match the Seth Thomas original winders.
2. All parts, motors, gear boxes, pulleys, chain and switches will be of the finest quality and manufactured – made in America.
3. The original weights and pulleys will be removed from the weight shoots.
4. The time side winder will be installed next to the right side of clock.
5. The strike side winder will need to be installed on the floor below clock.
6. The square arbors on the front of your clock will be fitted with custom made bushings and sprockets.
7. All wiring used to power the winders will be coated cable.
8. The old pulleys will be cleaned and put on display.
5-year guarantee on all parts and labor

Total Cost: \$32,000.00 (\$16,000 per winder x 2)

Approved as to form by Robert Stephenson II, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Discussion: *Commissioner Landis thanked Sky Abbuhl, Maintenance Supervisor and Phil Wright, Owner of Tower Clock Company, for the time dedicated to getting the best company to keep the integrity and preservation of the historic clock. Tuscarawas County will now have a clock that is historically correct and working and also safer to work around. There are very few people left who work on these historic clocks.*

Commissioner Metzger stated the effort was to make sure we maintained the historic nature of the courthouse, and the clock is part of that. Like Mr. Landis stated, the clock will be in a much safer position, with no worries about the weights going down through the floors. It is a very old mechanism, it has been there for decades. It is time to upgrade the clock winders, but still keep the historical nature of the clock.

Commissioner Abbuhl agreed with both of his colleagues on this resolution. The weights that are currently on the clock are about 800 pounds and run through several floors of the building. There are different things that run through the walls of the building like pipes and wires. If the pullies were to come crashing down, they would cause more damage than we want to deal with. We are keeping everything historically accurate, but it is something that will take us well into the future. Commissioner Landis stated the new pullies will be about 300 pounds and will wind automatically.

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;
Al Landis, yes;

Discussion: *Jesse Rothacher, Park Manager, stated the Norma Johnson Conservation Foundation Board with a resolution of approval applied for a grant to do improvements along the Johnson Loop at the Norma Johnson Center. They received the money in 2021, but due to the loss of the Soil & Water Conservation District Maintenance employee and the transfer of property between the County Commissioners and Soil & Water, progress was not able to be made on this grant before it expired. The Norma Johnson Conservation Foundation Board and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio both agreed if the Foundation was able to transfer the grant money to the county, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio would issue a grant extension for the project. This project will then be able to be started along with the parking lot improvements from the NatureWorks grant. These projects should be completed in Spring of 2022. Commissioner Metzger wanted to know how long the extension on the grant was good for? Mr. Rothacher stated it was good through the summer. Mr. Rothacher will get an exact date for the commissioners.*

RESOLUTION (91-2022) FFAO GRANT TRANSFER FROM THE NORMA JOHNSON CONSERVATION FOUNDATION BOARD

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, and seconded by Commissioner Landis, to accept the transfer of a \$6,387.35 grant originally awarded to the Norma Johnson Conservation Center Foundation Board by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio towards Johnson Loop Trail Improvements at the Norma Johnson Center. The Tuscarawas County Park Department will be responsible for implementing the trail improvements and project reporting.

The Norma Johnson Conservation Foundation Board received prior approval from the Tuscarawas County Commissioners to apply for this grant. Due to the transition between the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and the Tuscarawas County Soil & Water Conservation District regarding land and staff at the Norma Johnson Center, this project was not able to be completed within its original time frame. The Norma Johnson Conservation Foundation Board and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio both approve of this transfer of funds.

The Tuscarawas County Park Department was recently awarded a NatureWorks grant for \$4,125 to perform improvements to the Johnson Loop parking area. These projects will be completed in tandem.

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;
Al Landis, yes;

Discussion: *Dr. Brian Harte, Interim Acting President of Union Hospital appeared via electronic GoTo Meeting and Darrin Lautenschleger, Director of Community Relations of Union Hospital appeared in person. Dr. Harte is the current President of Cleveland Clinic Akron. Dr. Harte is the former President of Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland and is a physician of General Internal Medicine and still practicing in Akron. There is an active search for the new president of Union Hospital. Dr. Harte's nursing colleague, Sheila Miller, Chief Nursing Officer, Akron is also the interim Chief Nursing Officer at Union Hospital. Dr. Harte is also a Board Member of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition. Dr. Harte's principle priorities have been working with the local medical team to establish and support their priorities and at the same time managing and re-cultivating the size of this latest trend of COVID 19. Tuscarawas County has 13 COVID 19 patients in the hospital right now. There has been 125 COVID 19 deaths since March of 2020. The vaccine mandate for all hospital employees has expired and the hospital lost 10 employees due to this. That is a very small percentage.*

Another priority has been maintaining community outreach, supporting the hospital staff and the emergency department (ED) which is the meat of the hospital with the pandemic still ongoing. They have met all challenges head-on and need to be thanked for their good work. The hospital had an accreditation survey which was successfully passed. Every three years every hospital has to demonstrate that it meets all conditions of the CMS program. Union Hospital passed all inspections.

Commissioner Abbuhl introduced everyone to Dr. Harte. Commissioner Abbuhl advised the commissioners contribute financially to the survey to help the hospitals and health departments to complete this survey. Mr. Abbuhl asked how Dr. Harte sees COVID 19 moving forward in the future? Dr. Harte said his crystal ball has been wrong before in predicting the future! The optimism is that COVID 19 may be around for a while with another mutation. This should be the last surge we expect to see for quite some time. The reason for that is because our region is mostly vaccinated or have an immunity. We are somewhat confident that the numbers will stay manageable for quite some time. There is not one community that is going to have baseline number of 0%. We will just have to continue to test the ones that are ill. The virus is going to be something that stays around. As far as masks are concerned, we do not know the answers to that yet. It will most likely be a community by community decision. The medical field is still seeing sick people, but not as much with the COVID 19 as with other

illnesses from the isolation and people not going to the doctor. An example would be a diabetic that has not taken the best care of themselves while being isolated. They are coming to doctor and hospital much sicker than they should be. The medical field is also bracing for the mental health issues that will arise from COVID 19. The mental health issues will affect young and old alike. Commissioner Abbuhl has had his vaccines and his booster and wanted to know if this is going to be an annual vaccination like the flu shot? Dr. Harte did not think this information is known yet.

Commissioner Metzger asked what is the long-term viability of Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital? Dr. Harte stated the hospital is long term. There should be no questions about this what so ever. We are committed all the way. The goal is to bring more and more medical care to Northeast and Eastern Ohio. We made that commitment 4 years ago when Union Hospital joined Cleveland Clinic. That commitment has not waivered. As of January 31, 2022, Union Hospital Cleveland Clinic has accrued about \$10 million in capital investments for things like new MRI machines, Endoscopy equipment, and new facilities for the lab department. These are the kinds of investments we envision for the long term.

Commissioner Landis asked about the aggressive campaign to recruit new doctors to the Cleveland Clinic System at Union Hospital. Are we achieving the goal that was set? Dr. Harte replied his goal is to make sure that Union Hospital has a terrific compliment of generalist and specialty services that serve the needs of the community. We have grown our cardiology, primary care, and specialty presence. There are still some areas like orthopedics, neurologists and electronic medical records to be updated. Mr. Landis stated a couple of weeks ago, a family member of his was at the Union Hospital ED on a Saturday evening and was prepared to be there for the duration. Mr. Landis stated the family member was in and out of there in 2 1/2 hours. The effectiveness and the efficiency of the staff was overwhelming. It was not COVID 19 related but to be in and out was phenomenal under the circumstances the teams are operating. The electronic medical records issue did come up because the medical staff could not compare records with the doctor. Congratulations to Dr. Harte and all of the medical staff at Union hospital. Mr. Landis also wanted to commend Darrin Lautenschleger, Director of Community Relations of Union Hospital, because he does such a great job of communicating and staying in contact with all of the commissioners. He is certainly is asset to the Cleveland Clinic Organization and the community. Thank you.

RESOLUTION (92-2022) OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL – EMA

It was moved by Commissioner Landis, seconded by Commissioner Metzger, to approve the following out of county travel request for The Emergency Management Agency as recommended by Alex McCarthy, Director.

DATE: February 17-18, 2022
 LOCATION: Franklin County EMA
 ATTEND: Noah Porter & Hope Bonos
 REASON: This travel is for the FEMA Community Recovery Planning training that is required for Noah and Hope towards their FEMA Advanced Professional Series Certification. Due to Hope's college classes, they will be driving down separately with Noah taking the county vehicle.

EXPENSE:	NOAH	HOPE
	Hotel - \$250.00	Hotel - \$250.00
	Meals - \$60.00	Meals - \$60.00
	Use of county vehicle	Mileage – (250 miles) - \$137.50
TOTAL:	\$310.00	\$447.50

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
 Kerry Metzger, yes;
 Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (93-2022) OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL – EMA

It was moved by Commissioner Landis, seconded by Commissioner Metzger, to approve the following out of county travel request for The Emergency Management Agency as recommended by Alex McCarthy, Director:

DATE: March 11, 2022
 LOCATION: Ohio State University
 ATTEND: Alex McCarthy
 REASON: This travel is for the annual severe Weather Symposium put on by the Meteorology Program at the Ohio State University. It includes speakers from the National Weather Service and Emergency Management Professionals to talk about new topics in weather preparedness and forecasting.

EXPENSE: Meal \$15, not utilizing county vehicle

VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kerry Metzger, yes;
Al Landis, yes;

RESOLUTION (94-2022)

PAY BILLS

It was moved by Commissioner Metzger, seconded by Commissioner Landis, to approve payment for the following bills:

Meeting Date 01/31/2022

911

Frontier	Service	\$197.08	
Frontier	Service	\$45.80	
Frontier	Wireless Tariff	\$221.13	
			\$464.01

Auditor

Harris Computer Systems	Support Services	\$2,646.82	
			\$2,646.82

Child Support

Dominion Energy	Service	\$903.93	
Frontier	Service	\$54.45	
Treasurer Tusc Co	Assessment Fee	\$6.00	
Go Shred	Shredding Services	\$45.00	
OH CSEA Director's Association	CLEAR Fee	\$129.64	
Treasurer Tusc Co	IV-D Contract/Juvenile Court	\$8,637.33	
Treasurer Tusc Co	IV-D Contract/Juvenile Court	\$7,857.67	
Quadient Leasing USA	Postage Machine Lease	\$457.39	
Verizon Wireless	Broadband Wireless Service	\$80.22	
Best Copier Technologies	Copy Charges	\$440.99	
First Communications	Long Distance	\$14.67	
USPS POC	Replenish Postage Meter	\$8,000.00	
Treasurer Tusc Co	IV-D Contract/Common Pleas Magistrate	\$1,061.27	
Tusc Co Clerk of Courts	IV-D Contract	\$149.69	
Tusc Co Clerk of Courts	IV-D Contract	\$136.01	
American Electric Power	Service	\$1,262.35	
			\$29,236.61

Clerk of Courts

Frontier	Service	\$53.98	
Office Depot	Supplies	\$143.98	
Independence Business Supply	Supplies	\$36.50	
AT & T	Service	\$77.44	
			\$311.90

Commissioners

Lehigh Endsley Insurance	Bond	\$100.00	
Hillyard OH	Supplies	\$400.92	
American Electric Power	Service	\$389.87	
Frontier	Service	\$222.42	
Twin City Chamber of Commerce	Membership	\$45.00	
Treasurer Tusc Co	Assessment Fees	\$2,413.27	
Treasurer Tusc Co	Internet Auction Distribution	\$322.00	
GovDeals	Auction Sale Fees	\$45.00	
Koorsen	Annual Inspection	\$441.00	
Hillyard OH	Supplies	\$182.04	
Treasurer Tusc Co	RE Taxes & Assessment Fees/203 Fair	\$4,139.74	
			\$8,701.26

Common Pleas

Elizabeth Stephenson	Reimb Supplies	\$92.85	
Elizabeth Stephenson	Reimb Supplies	\$35.64	
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	\$203.25	

Monica Benavides	Interpreter	\$859.40	
Bloom's Printing	Jury Handbooks	\$1,995.00	
Copeco	Contract Base Rate Charges	\$395.14	
Staley Technologies	Annual Service/Lifesize	\$3,893.00	
			\$7,474.28
Community & Economic Development			
Nicholas Construction & Remodel	CHIP Home Repair	\$25,300.00	
			\$25,300.00
Coroner			
Ohio State Coroner's Association	Membership	\$3,081.00	
			\$3,081.00
Dog Pound			
AloNovus Corp	Dog License Ad	\$360.00	
American Electric Power	Service	\$490.82	
			\$850.82
Engineer			
John W Cookson Co	Repairs/Parts	\$4,040.04	
Ace Truck Equipment	Repairs & Parts	\$3,063.76	
Walton Auto Parts	Repairs/Parts	\$407.03	
Independence Business Supply	Supplies	\$21.87	
GVM Inc	Repairs/Parts	\$42.16	
Gemstone Gas & Welding	Bridge & Culvert Supplies	\$83.70	
Clark Co/Clark Clay	Mat'l per bid	\$94.50	
Dominion Energy	Service	\$2,361.39	
RJ Wright & Sons	Parts/Supplies	\$341.13	
Galicks	Bridge & Culvert Supplies	\$20.00	
Terminal Supply	Repairs/Parts	\$335.64	
			\$10,811.22
Job & Family Services			
Action Now Services	Pest Control	\$55.00	
Telelanguage	Interpreter	\$508.52	
Cincinnati Bell Technologies	Phone Bill	\$1,637.13	
Verizon Wireless	Surface Pro Data	\$435.17	
Charter Communications	Wireless Internet	\$134.99	
Leon & Clarie Miller	Transportation	\$7.70	
Enterprise FM Trust	Fleet Payment	\$3,232.15	
David & Tiffany Ryan	Fingerprints	\$120.00	
Adoption & Attachment Therapy	PASSS	\$2,601.50	
Leon & Clarie Miller	Transportation	\$26.40	
Akron Children's Hospital	FC Medical Expenses	\$3,608.41	
Dr Nicholas Varrati MD	Drug Screens	\$98.00	
			\$12,464.97
Recorder			
Xerox	Base Fee & Copy Charges	\$191.06	
			\$191.06
Sheriff			
Rosenberry Towing	Impound Tow	\$156.00	
Model Uniforms	Uniform Cleaning	\$100.00	
Frontier	Service	\$2,317.79	
MPH Industries	Radar	\$1,014.98	
Jones Family Dentistry	Inmate Dental Treatment	\$1,075.00	
Union Hospital	Inmate Medical Treatment	\$131.49	
Oak Pointe Veterinary Care	K9 Medical Treatment	\$158.02	
Will Love	Reimb/K9 Dog Food	\$119.25	
			\$5,072.53
Treasurer			
Tusc Co Recorder	Tax Lien Release Fees	\$570.00	

SmartBill	Service Fee/First Half RE Taxes	\$5,415.15	
Harris Computer Systems	Support	\$580.28	
			\$6,565.43
Veterans			
Action Now Pest Control	Service	\$45.00	
Staples Credit Plan	Van Step	\$51.00	
			\$96.00
Water & Sewer			
Treasurer Tusc Co	Assessment Fees	\$336.00	
Go Shred	Shredding Services	\$70.00	
Vac 2 Go	Maint/Repairs	\$790.00	
Trojan Technologies	Materials	\$827.50	
JA's Auto Service	Maint/Repairs	\$55.12	
Treasurer Tusc Co	Assessment Fees	\$861.22	
Tuscarawas Utilities	Water Purchased for Resale	\$1,469.65	
Tuscarawas Utilities	Water Purchased for Resale	\$1,688.27	
American Electric Power	Service	\$880.06	
Frontier	Service	\$54.58	
Time Warner Cable	Internet	\$99.99	
Frontier	Service	\$66.44	
JAM Industrial Supply	Materials	\$84.00	
			\$7,282.83
	GRAND TOTAL		\$120,550.74


VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
 Kerry Metzger, yes;
 Al Landis, yes;

NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

RESOLUTION (95-2022) ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Landis, seconded by Commissioner Metzger, to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. to meet in Regular session Wednesday, the 2nd day of February, 2022

We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct account of the proceedings as had by and before us on the day and year first written above.


 Chris Abbuhl


 Kerry Metzger


 Al Landis

Attest: 
 Clerk