

Agenda

Lord's Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance

2:15 p.m. Dan Warther Recognition – Big Brother of the Year  
2:30 p.m. Dennis Ross Recognition – American Legion Veteran of the Year

- Approve Minutes
- Approve Before/After Expenditures
- Approve Supplemental Appropriation (2)
- Approver Inter-Fund Transfer/Advance
- Approve Proposal – Security Equipment - BOE
- Pay Bills
- Other Business
- Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY, THE 17th DAY OF APRIL, 2023 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Abbuhl  
Kristin Zemis  
Greg Ress

Commissioner Chris Abbuhl presiding.

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

**RESOLUTION (329-2023) APPROVE MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting as written.

**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

**RESOLUTION (330-2023) BEFORE/AFTER EXPENDITURES**

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

VENDOR	OFFICE	AMOUNT
Society for Equal Access	JFS	\$50,291.56

**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

**RESOLUTION (331-2023) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the following supplemental appropriations:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Targeted Comm Alt to Prison	E-1755- T028-T99	E-1757- T028-T36	\$17,770.56	Needed to cover insurance costs for 2023
Commissioners	E-1940- U040-U10	E-1940- U040-U02	\$3,067.00	Replacement of four camera at the Board of Elections that are in compliance with the SOS requirements

**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

**RESOLUTION (332-2023) INTER-FUND TRANSFER/ADVANCE**

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

From: Co. General to Child Service Fund	\$73,461.25
Children Services Agency to Public Assistance	\$100,000.00

**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

**RESOLUTION (333-2023) APPROVE PROPOSAL – SECURITY EQUIPMENT – BOARD OF ELECTIONS – STALEY TECHNOLOGIES**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the proposal submitted by Staley technologies in the amount of \$3,067.00 to install security equipment for Board of Elections to bring them into compliance.

**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

**RESOLUTION (334-2023) PAY BILLS**

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to approve payment for the following bills:

**Meeting Date - April 17, 2023**

**911**

Mastercard	Travel Expenses	\$258.16	
Mastercard	Digital Certificate	\$30.00	
			\$288.16

**American Rescue Plan Act**

United Way of Tuscarawas County	Proj #6 Tuff Bags	\$10,630.52	
			\$10,630.52

**Commissioners**

GovDeals	Fees	\$10.00	
Go Shred	Services	\$165.00	
Kristin Zemis	Supply Reimbursement	\$59.95	
Heritage Cooperative	Supplies	\$304.52	
Tusc County Soil & Water	Flood Plain Services	\$15,000.00	
Frontier	Services	\$50.03	
Lehigh-Endsley Insurance	Deputy Clerk Bond	\$100.00	
			\$15,689.50

<b>Common Fees</b>		
Verizon	Service	\$60.18
		\$60.18
<b>Community &amp; Economic Development</b>		
Ohio Regional Dev Corp 'ORDC'	CHIP CDBG Admin	\$1,000.00
Ohio Regional Dev Corp 'ORDC'	CHIP HOME Admin	\$6,666.00
Tusc Co OCED	Enterprise Zone Admin	\$1,900.00
		\$9,566.00
<b>Dog &amp; Kennel</b>		
Humble Creatures Vet Clinic	Services	\$280.00
Humble Creatures Vet Clinic	Services	\$138.00
		\$418.00
<b>EMA</b>		
Noah Porter	Travel Reimbursement	\$273.26
		\$273.26
<b>Engineer</b>		
Advance Auto Parts	Supplies	\$118.98
Voto Mfg Sales Co	Supplies	\$160.22
Milarcik Structures LLC	Repair	\$1,500.00
Kyle Weygandt	Training	\$500.00
		\$2,279.20
<b>JFS</b>		
Ashley & Robert Bunton Jr	FC Reimbursement	\$300.00
The Julia Paige Family	FC Reimbursement	\$215.27
Kathy Rentsch	Rent	\$389.00
Michael Jones	PRC Assistance	\$664.00
Rushmore Loan Mgmt	PRC Assistance	\$455.74
Postmaster - NP	Postage	\$1,000.00
Mohican Young Star Academy	January 2023 BD Home	\$4,680.00
Monique Bailey - Et/Al	Owned BD Home Payroll	\$31,858.00
Kalib & Emalee Winters	FC Reimbursement	\$10.80
Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	FP Trans	\$19.08
Ashley & Robert Bunton Jr	FP Trans	\$102.00
Northeast Ohio Gas Corp	PRC Assistance	\$102.41
Nicole Kadri	Incidentals & Cothing	\$501.90
Melymbrosia Associates Inc	Court Appearance	\$300.00
The Village Network	Evaluations	\$1,500.00
Paul & Desiree Runyon	FC Trans	\$48.00
Kimble Recycling & Disposal	FACES	\$75.00
Derek & Savannah McCune	FP Trans Reimb	\$163.20
Plus LTD, Inc	FACES-Daycare	\$230.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Fingerprinting	\$519.75
Amazon Capital Services	Kinship	\$630.98
Alexiou Dental Arts	Services	\$93.00
Joshua Cottrell	FC Daycare	\$1,247.10
Verizon Wireless	Services	\$1,424.23
Tusc Co Commissioners	Cost Allocation	\$7,995.70
Tusc Co Commissioners	Cost Allocation	\$3,093.00
Tusc Co Commissioners	Rent & Utilities	\$4,122.41
Kalib & Emalee Winters	FC Reimbursement	\$152.02
Ashley & Robert Bunton Jr	FC Reimbursement	\$116.92
Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	FP Trans Reimb	\$29.40
Ashley & Robert Bunton Jr	FP Reimbursement	\$122.40
Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	FC Reimbursement	\$390.00
		\$62,551.31

**Law Library**

Tusc Co Treasurer	Fees	\$30.00	
			\$30.00

**Park**

Miller engine Shop	Equipment	\$409.00	
Troyer Engine LTD	Parts/Labor	\$47.50	
NAPA Auto Parts (Harrison)	Supplies	\$54.88	
Owens Implement	Parts	\$22.50	
Ohio Light Truck Parts Co	Parts	\$33.00	
Staples	Supplies	\$41.42	
John Deere Financial (Rural King)	Equipment	\$3,099.99	
Menards - New Philadelphia	Supplies	\$36.90	
Kimble Recysling & Disposal Inc	Service	\$20.00	
			\$3,765.19

**Recorder**

Office Experts	Copy Charges	\$18.62	
			\$18.62

**Sheriff**

Mastercard	Supplies	\$48.00	
Mastercard	Supplies	\$137.39	
Mastercard	Transportation Expense	\$534.57	
Mastercard	Supplies	\$443.50	
Mastercard	Transportation Expense	\$2,643.74	
WebstaurantStore	Equipment	\$6,258.39	
			\$10,065.59

**Southern District**

Best Copier	Service	\$34.29	
Quill	Supplies	\$482.21	
Quill	Supplies	\$122.95	
Dominion Energy	Gas Utility	\$172.00	
			\$811.45

**Treasurer**

Tusc Co Recorder	Services	\$114.00	
			\$114.00

**Veterans**

Phillip H Whitten	Travel Reimbursement	\$100.08	
MNJ Technologies Direct Inc	Equipment	\$1,526.00	
David E Renner III	Travel Reimbursement	\$112.16	
AloNovus Corp	Services	\$5,136.00	
Lowes Business Account	Supplies	\$40.66	
			\$6,914.90

**Water & Sewer**

Procore Power Equipment LLC	Equipment	\$1,149.00	
WE Quicksall & Assoc	Services	\$7,125.53	
Holdsworth Welding Service	Materials	\$30.00	
Lawrence Township	Supplies	\$344.04	
Cintas LOC 316	Services	\$1,073.54	
Kimble Company	Services	\$2,311.25	
Water Environement Federation	Membership Dues	\$170.00	
Kinsey Excavating	Services	\$1,750.00	
Kimble Company	Services	\$62.25	
Ream & Haager Lab	Services	\$1,222.00	
Smartbill	Services	\$2,278.06	
Staples	Supplies	\$74.56	
US Bank Equipment Finance	Copier Lease	\$166.64	
John Deere Financial	Materials	\$283.84	

Smartbill	Services	\$37.13
American Message Centers	Services	\$412.50
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John Deere Financial	Equipment	\$49.99
Ream & Haager Lab	Services	\$3,258.50
AEP	Electric Utilities	\$15,349.24
AEP	Electric Utilities	\$2,547.13
TNT First Aid	Supplies	\$142.35
		\$40,310.07
	<b>GRAND</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$163,785.95</b>

**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
 Kristin Zemis, yes;  
 Greg Ress, yes;

**BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:** *Dan Warther, Big Brother of the Year, Cooper, BBBS Little, Mandy Thomas BBBS Program Manager, Beverly Pearch, BBBS CEO, Jessica, Cooper's Mother, were present for the recognition of Dan Warther by the Commissioners.*

*Commissioner Abbuhl stated Cooper said some very nice things about Mr. Warther in the paper. Mr. Abbuhl asked Cooper if Mr. Warther had good jokes and Cooper replied "sometimes!" Mr. Abbuhl stated it is important to recognize people who are making a difference. We know it is not the reason Mr. Warther got into the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Program, but you have made quite an impression on Cooper and his family. We would like for you to talk about the Program and how you got into it.*

*Dan Warther stated about ten years ago I started making name tags and ornaments for the BBBS Organization, but at that time I was not ready to be a Big. Six and a half years ago, I decided it was time for me, so I committed to it and a match was made with Cooper and I got a good match. We love car shows, woodworking and other things. We made a lock & key out of wood. We made small ones. Then we decided to make a larger one together and donate it to the Fall Fundraiser as a thank you to them for bringing us together. The auction brought \$3,000 for the lock & key. It now sits in Jessica's dad's office.*

*Cooper remembers making small wooden things and working their way up to bigger things. Cooper was 6 1/2 when he got matched with Mr. Warther. Mr. Warther has taught me a lot about wood working. Jessica stated they have made a lot of unique projects. Cooper's favorite was a propeller on a stick and when you stuck it out the car window, the propeller would spin. Jessica said she drove around for over two years with Cooper putting it out the window! Cooper takes drum lessons on Wednesdays and one day Jessica came to pick him up and she saw the drum teacher and Cooper pulling into the lot in a car. She asked if they had a drum lesson and the instructor said no, we drove around for the whole half hour with the propeller out the window! Jessica also said they made a baseball bat.*

*Commissioner Abbuhl asked if Cooper was giving Mr. Warther swimming lessons in return and Cooper said no. Cooper has been playing drums since he was three. Commissioner Abbuhl asked Jessica how they got involved in BBBS. Jessica stated her husband passed away unexpectedly and she wanted a male role model in her boys' lives. She heard about BBBS and signed them up and eventually they were both matched with a Big.*

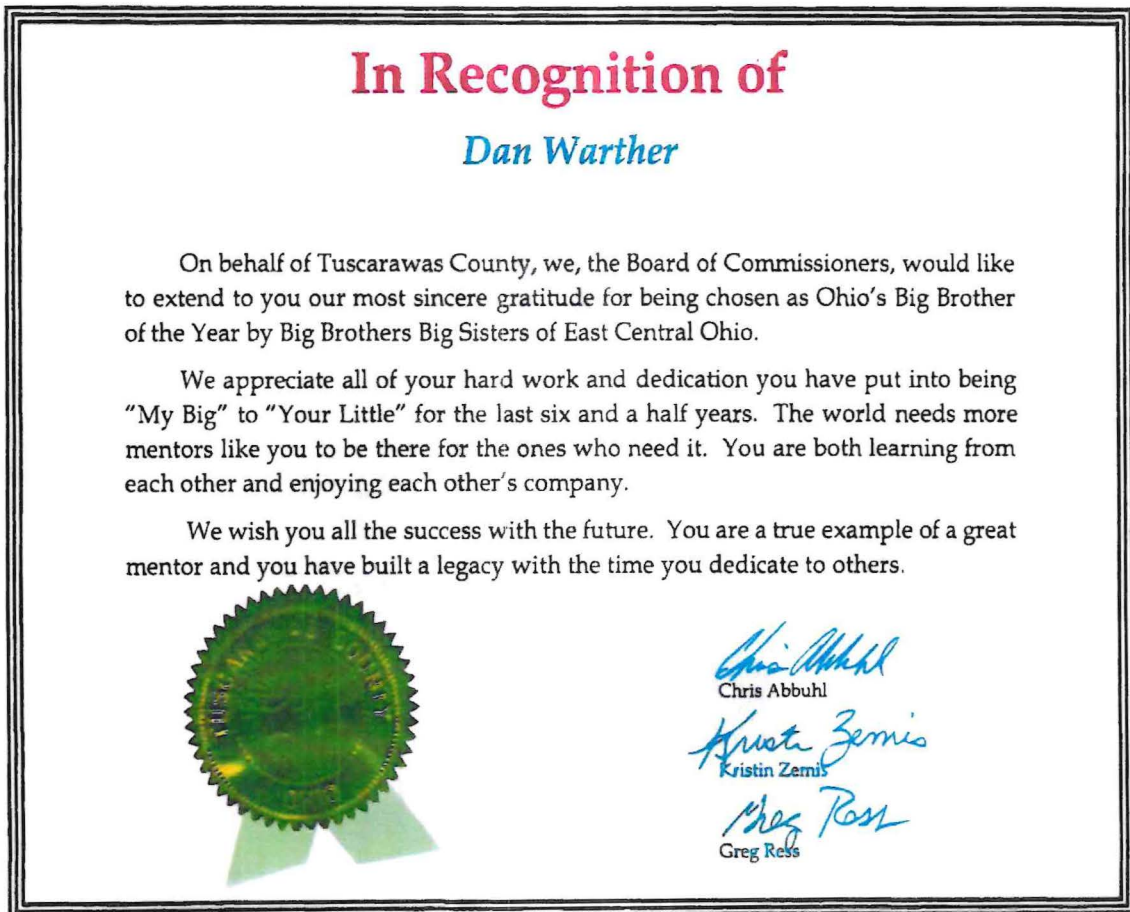
*Beverly stated they are extremely proud of Dan Warther for getting this award. Anytime the agency needs anything, they know they can call on Dan. When trying to recruit additional mentors, they call Dan and he goes and presents with the BBBS and encourages other people to get involved. If we could clone him, we would. Dan is now in the running for the National Big Brother of the Year Award. Dan, Cooper and Jessica had to write essays and submit them to the state.*

*Dan stated he is actively involved in several organizations, but no one usually asks him about them, everyone asks how his little is doing. Dan has gone to his drum lessons, baseballs games, swim meets and football games. Everyone thanked Mr. Warther for his commitment to BBBS and to Cooper.*

The Clerk read the recognition onto the record.

**RESOLUTION (335-2023) RECOGNITION – OHIO'S BIG BROTHER OF THE YEAR – DAN WARTHER**

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress to approve the following resolution of recognition for the Ohio's Big Brother of the Year.



**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

AMERICAN LEGION VETERAN OF THE YEAR. Dennis Ross, his wife Marlene Ross and son Brooks Ross were present for the recognition of Dennis Ross for getting the Tuscarawas County American Legion Veteran of the Year Award.

**Commissioner Abbuhl** stated today is one of the good days because these recognitions are the fun things you get to do. We are now going to recognize the American Legion Veteran of the Year which is Denny Ross. Thank you for being here and bringing your family. Mr. Ross served in the Army as a Combat Engineer in Vietnam. Mr. Ross has held many position affiliated with Veterans Services. Mr. Ross goes way beyond the service he has done for this Country and community from serving on boards, raising money, updating logos on various military remembrances and you have more than one talent. Mr. Ross does a lot with the theatre in Newcomerstown and built about ninety percent of it! This is quite an honor and we wanted to recognize you and we have a recognition for you.

**Dennis Ross** stated one of the nicest accomplishments I was awarded was the Ohio Veteran of the Year about six years ago. I also received the Vietnam Veteran of the Year for Ohio several years ago. My biggest accomplishment is being on the Honor Guard for 25 years and I have done pretty close to a thousand funerals. I have been Commander or Assistant Commander for twenty years. I have gotten several other awards, but the Honor Guard is probably my best accomplishment and what I am most proud of. **Mr. Abbuhl** asked how the Honor Guard is going to handle people getting older and not doing it as much when we don't have as many young people involved? **Mr. Ross** stated the "young guys" in the Guard are in their 60's! We try to get younger guys, but they all say they work and things like that, but so did we. You have to be committed to do it. It takes about four hours every funeral. It is getting tougher and tougher to get the younger people to commit. **Commissioner Röss** asked how far the Guard travels for a funeral? **Mr. Ross** stated they have traveled to Massillon, Canton, Zanesville, Cadiz, I don't think we have ever turned anyone down, and sometimes it may just be a day's notice because they could not find anyone else to do it. **Commissioner Zemis** noted Mr. Ross served in the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart. I just wanted to thank you for your service and welcome home. **Mr. Ross** got to go on the first Purple Heart Honor Flight to Washington D.C. about five years ago. Everyone on the plane was a Purple Heart Recipient. There was ninety-eight of us. There were 2.9 million soldiers that served in Country and there is only about 800,000 soldiers left.

The Clerk read the recognition onto the record.

#### RESOLUTION (336-2023) RECOGNITION – AMERICAN LEGION VETERAN OF THE YEAR – DENNIS ROSS

It was moved by Commissioner Röss, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the following resolution of recognition for the American Legion of Tuscarawas County Veteran of the Year.



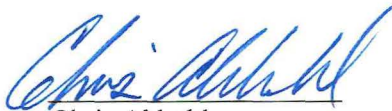
**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

**RESOLUTION (337-2023) ADJOURN**

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to adjourn at 2:44 p.m. to meet in Regular session Wednesday, the 19th day of April, 2023.

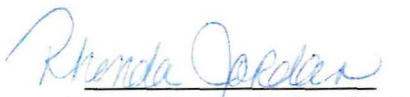
**VOTE:** Chris Abbuhl, yes;  
Kristin Zemis, yes;  
Greg Ress, yes;

*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

  
Kristin Zemis

  
Greg Ress

  
Attest: Rhonda Jordan, Clerk