

**Agenda**

*Lord's Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance*

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2:15 p.m. Larry Lindberg, Auditor – Recognition – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

2:30 p.m. Joe Sokol, Palmer Conservation Consultants – Owner Advocacy Services – CCAO Services Corp

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Approve Minutes 5-17-23

Approve Before/After Expenditures

Approve Supplemental Appropriation (2)

Approve Inter-Fund Transfer/Advance

Approve Out of County Travel – EMA

Authorize Satisfaction & Release of Mortgage – Kochte

Agreement - Multi-County Advanced Manufacturing Corridor Funding

Pay Bills

Other Business

Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, THE 22nd DAY OF MAY, 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 (418-2023) APPROVE MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2023 meeting as written.

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

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

VENDOR	OFFICE	AMOUNT
Diamond Drugs, Inc	Sheriff's Office	\$10,323.59

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

**RESOLUTION (420-2023) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

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

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Commissioners	E-1940-U040-U10	E-1940-U040-U02	\$265,000.00	Body Worn Cameras (Sheriff's Office)
Road & Bridge	E-1200-K000-K40	E-1190-K000-K15	\$20,000.00	Contract services

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

**RESOLUTION (421-2023) INTER-FUND TRANSFER/ADVANCE**

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

From: Co. General to Child Service Fund \$150,000.00

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

**RESOLUTION (422-2023) OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL – EMA**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the following travel request as submitted by Noah Porter, EMA Director:

**DATE:** May 18, 2023  
**LOCATION:** Akron, OH  
**ATTENDEES:** Noah Porter  
**USING COUNTY VEHICLE:** No  
**EXPENSE:** \$35.00 for Meal

**REASON:** Sheriff Campbell invited me to go with him to a 4hr PIO Course being held in Bath Township. There was no cost to attend and we will carpool.

*Discussion:* Commissioner Zemis stated this has already occurred since this is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Commissioner Abbuhl stated this course costs a lot of money, but a spot came open and Noah was able to attend for no cost. This is a great opportunity for Noah.

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

**RESOLUTION (423-2023) SATISFACTION & RELEASE OF MORTGAGE - KOCHTE**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to authorize a member of the board of Tuscarawas County Commissioners to sign the Satisfaction and Release of Mortgage for the Natalie R. Kochte Property in relation to the FY2006 CHIP Program. The current remaining Mortgage in the amount of **15% balance (\$2,128.95)** is to be released. This motion was based upon the recommendation of Scott S. Reynolds, Director of the Tuscarawas County Office of Community & Economic Development.

## SATISFACTION AND RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

FOR One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, The Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners hereby releases a certain Mortgage, executed by **Natalie R. Kochte**, single, the Mortgagor(s), in favor of the Tuscarawas County Commissioners, and recorded in **Volume 1308, Page(s) 2623-2628**, of the Tuscarawas County Mortgage/Official Records, being the **Final Direct Loan Portion** of the Mortgage Loan Obligation as to the following real property:

**(1741 Myers Hollow Rd SE, Gnadenhutten, Ohio 44629)**

Situated in the Township of Warwick, County of Tuscarawas, and the State of Ohio.

Being a part of Lot 3 in the Fourth Quarter of Township 7, Range 2 and being all of 1.00-acre tract (Parcel No. 63-00025.000) as conveyed to Elizabeth Ault by a deed recorded in Volume 485 at Page 103 and all of a 0.201-acre tract (Parcel No. 63-00025.000) as conveyed to Charles and Elizabeth Ault by a deed recorded in Volume 482 at Page 666 of the Tuscarawas County Deed Records and being more fully described as follows:

Commencing at a point at the northeast corner of Lot 3 and at the northeast corner of a 10.039 acre tract (Volume 707 at Page 437); thence with the north line of said 10.039 acre tract, N. 88 deg. 00' 00" W. 509.24 feet to a point on the north line of said lot, at the northwest corner of and 10.039 acre tract and at the northeast corner of a 5.10 acre tract (Volume 656 at Page 941); thence with the west line of said 10.039 acre tract and the east line of said 5.10 acre tract, S. 25 deg 25' 00" W. 529.36 feet into an axle (found) at the southwest corner of said 10.039 acre tract, at the east line of said 5.10 acre tract, S. 25 deg 25' 00" W. 529.36 feet to an axle (found) at the southwest corner of said 10.039 acre tract, at the southeast corner of said 5.10 acre tract, at the northwest corner of a 0.485 acre tract (Volume 433 at Page 682), at the northeast corner of the aforementioned 1.00 acre tract and at the easterly corner of the aforementioned 0.201 acre tract and being the True Place of Beginning of the tract herein to be described; thence from said beginning and with the west line of said 0.485 acre tract and the east line of said 1.00 acre tract S. 14 deg 00' 09" W. 193.98 to a point in the center of Myers Hollow Road (TR 270), at the southwest corner of said 0.485 acre tract and at the southeast corner of said 1.00 acre tract and passing on line an iron pin (set) at 180.17 feet; thence with the center of said road and the south line of said 1.00 acre tract, N. 72 deg 05' 00" W. 225.06 feet to a point in the center of said road, at the southwest corner of said 1.00 acre tract and at the southeast corner of 2.039 acre tract (Volume 458 at Page 158); thence with the west line of said 1.00 acre tract, with the east line of said 2.039 acre tract and the west line of the said 0.201 acre tract, N. 14 deg. 00' 00" E. 272.15 feet to an iron pin (found) at the northwest corner of said 0.201 acre tract, at the northeast corner of said 2.039 acre tract and on the south line of said 5.10 acre tract and passing on line an iron pin (found) at 13.81 feet; thence with the north line of said 0.201 acre tract, S. 53 deg 23' 00" E. 243.25 feet to the True Place of Beginning, containing 1.201 acres, of which .0201 of an acre is all of a 0.201 acre tract and 1.000 acres is all of a 1.00 acre tract, more or less, but subject to all legal highways, easements, reservations and restrictions of record.

Bearings are oriented to the north line of a 10.039 acre tract as recorded in Volume 707 at Page 437 of the Tuscarawas County Deed Records.

All iron pins set are 30" x 3/4" round steel bars with plastic caps stamped "D A Bower 5753".

Description prepared from a field survey by D.A. Bower, Registered Surveyor No. 5753 in March 1999.

**Permanent Parcel No. 63-00025.000**

This instrument was prepared by: Brooke A. Yates, Administrative Coordinator, Tuscarawas County Office of Community & Economic Development and approved by the County Prosecutor's Office

Pursuant to the terms of the FY 2006 CHIP Mortgage and Promissory Note signed by the Mortgagor(s), the *Direct Loan Obligation* of \$2,128.95 (\$14,193.00 minus the declining portion of \$12,064.05) is hereby released. The deferred portion of the mortgage was previously release and recorded in Volume 1401, Page(s) 693 - 694.

Signed this 22 day of May 2023.

IN PRESENCE OF:

ON BEHALF OF THE  
TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: Chris Abbuhl  
Chris Abbuhl, President of the Board  
Tuscarawas County Commissioners

STATE OF OHIO

COUNTY OF TUSCARAWAS

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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above-named members of the Board of Tuscarawas County Commissioners who acknowledge of said board.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at New Philadelphia, Ohio this 22 day of May 2023.

SEAL



Brooke A. Yates  
Notary Public Signature  
May 23, 2027  
My Commission Expires

This instrument was prepared by: Brooke A. Yates, Administrative Coordinator, Tuscarawas County Office of Community & Economic Development and approved by the County Prosecutor's Office

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

**RESOLUTION (424-2023) MULTI-COUNTY ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CORRIDOR FUNDING**

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to approve a \$25,000.00 contribution to the Multi-County Advanced Manufacturing Corridor from the Economic Growth Fund for the purpose of equipment, acquisition to be used for educational opportunities for high school, college and incumbent worker training in robotics, CNC, welding and advanced manufacturing. This program allows students to enter a manufacturing certificate program, a competency and skill-based certificate and college credit. Kent State Tuscarawas will be the financial agent for this project.

*Discussion:* Commissioner Ress stated the Multi-County Advanced Manufacturing Corridor is a great group of people who head up this whole program. Mr. Ress is very impressed. Commissioner Zemis stated we are very lucky to have this program. Commissioner Abbuhl added this is a program we started supporting a number of years ago. This is a very good program that helps prepare our young people or our more advanced people to go from a certification all the way to a bachelor's degree. This is a great partnership between Buckeye Career Center (BCC) and Kent State University (KSU). This is money well spent.

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



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

**Meeting Date - May 22, 2023**

**American Rescue Plan Act**

NL Construction Corp Inc	Maint Bldg/Pymnt #7	\$73,380.87	
			\$73,380.87

**Auditor**

TASC-Client Invoices	Admin Fees	\$1,094.58	
			\$1,094.58

**Child Support**

AEP	Electric Utility	\$1,182.84	
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$80.22	
			\$1,263.06

**Clerk of Courts**

Jeanne Stephen	Travel Reimbursement	\$117.60	
Twin City Chamber	Lease Payment	\$175.00	
			\$292.60

**Commissioners**

AEP	Electric Utility	\$5,199.60	
Copley Ohio Newspapers	Legal Ad	\$208.22	
Copley Ohio Newspapers	Legal Ad	\$120.33	
Copley Ohio Newspapers	Legal Ad	\$167.08	
Copley Ohio Newspapers	Legal Ad	\$16.22	
Copley Ohio Newspapers	Legal Ad	\$24.92	
Dawson Security & Home Auto. LLC	Parts/Service	\$225.00	
Frontier	Service	\$598.00	
Holland & Muirden	Services	\$61.00	
Kristen Zemis	Travel Reimbursement	\$40.80	
Pitney Bowes	Supplies	\$697.16	
Staples	Supplies	\$42.28	
WM Commercial Roofing	Repair	\$4,160.00	
			\$11,560.61

**Common Pleas**

OH Common Pleas Judges Association	Registration Fee	\$350.00	
VEIT	Copier Contract	\$711.37	
			\$1,061.37

**Community & Economic Development**

Buckeye Career Ctr Mfg Camp	2023 Sponsorship	\$250.00	
Copley Ohio Newspapers Inc	Legal Ad	\$240.01	
Nicholas Construction & Remodeling	CHIP Home/Proj#102	\$22,200.00	
Ohio Regional Dev Corp	CHIP Home/Proj #102	\$550.00	
Ohio Regional Dev Corp	CHIP Home/Proj #102	\$11,512.00	
Tusc Co OCED	Admin PY2021 CHIP	\$2,575.24	
Tusc Co OCED	Admin PY2021 Fair Housing	\$1,865.51	
Tusc Co Treasurer	Dome Bond Principal Pymnt	\$10,117.59	
Tusc Co Treasurer	Dome Bond Interest Pymnt	\$22,270.44	
			\$71,580.79

**Coroner**

Axis Forensic Toxicology	Services	\$392.00	
Cuyahoga Co Medical Examiner	Services	\$2,000.00	
Smith Livery Service	Services	\$1,300.00	
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$123.35	
			\$3,815.35

**Dog & Kennel**

Action NOW Pest Control	Services	\$90.00	
			\$90.00

**EMA**

Verizon Wireless	Service	\$202.77	
			\$202.77

**Human Resources**

SHRM V#28548	Supplies	\$643.86	
			\$643.86

**Information Technology**

Pioneer 360	Service	\$75.00	
Zoho Corporation	Licensing Fee	\$575.00	
			\$650.00

**JFS**

Amazon Capital Services	Kinship/Individual Living Relaxation Room & WF	\$532.67	
Amazon Capital Services	Grant	\$421.63	
Amazon Capital Services	FACES	\$150.98	
Anthony Harbold	FACES	\$1,250.00	
Anthony Hicks	Individual Living/Incentive	\$100.00	
Arianna Dotson	Ind Lvg	\$1,000.00	
Benjamin & Emily Lippert	Foster Parent Training	\$60.00	
Dale & Amanda Poletti	FC Reimb Foster Parent	\$388.45	
David & Erma Miller	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$57.75	
David & Marybeth Miller	Reimbursement	\$45.86	
Derek & Savannah McCune	Foster Parent Training	\$105.00	
Forensic Fluids Laboratories	Lab Testing	\$5,200.00	
Goodwill Ind of Greater Cleveland	FACES Foster Parent	\$759.00	
Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$32.70	
Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	Reimbursement	\$23.52	
Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	Foster Parent Training	\$90.00	
Joshua Cottrell	Foster Parent Training Foster Parent	\$1,254.60	
Luke & Megan Kneuss	Reimbursement	\$237.76	
Malissa Cantarero	Travel Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$182.37	
Melvin & Verna Yoder	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$183.60	
Michael & April McKelvey	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$224.27	
Michael & April McKelvey	Reimbursement	\$22.80	
M-n-M Visitation Services LLC	Services	\$385.00	
Mohican Young Star Academy	Boarding Home Foster Parent	\$10,800.00	
Monique Bailey	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$10.44	
Monique Bailey	Reimbursement	\$131.98	
Monique Bailey/Et-Al	Boarding Home Foster Parent	\$35,684.00	
Nicole Kadri	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$48.48	
Paul & Desiree Runyon	Reimbursement	\$81.60	
Plus Ltd Inc	FACES Foster Parent	\$115.00	
Raymond & Laura Miller	Reimbursement	\$61.80	
Sonny & Jessica Garretson	Foster Parent Training	\$660.00	

Sonny & Jessica Garretson	Reimbursement Foster Parent	\$45.00	
Timothy & Jacquelyn McDonnell	Reimbursement	\$77.83	
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Services	\$519.75	
Tusc Co Health Dept	Birth Certificate	\$25.00	
Tusc Co Health Dept	Birth Certificate	\$25.00	
			\$60,993.84
<b>Juvenile/Probate</b>			
Adam W Wilgus	Travel Reimbursement	\$1,866.08	
Adam W Wilgus	Travel Reimbursement	\$568.90	
Anthony Flex	Travel Reimbursement	\$2,025.01	
Anthony Flex	Travel Reimbursement	\$184.41	
Bloom's Printing & Design	Supplies	\$235.00	
Leadership Tuscarawas	Training Fee	\$334.49	
Leadership Tuscarawas	Training Fee	\$1,665.51	
			\$6,879.40
<b>Park</b>			
Discount School Supply	Supplies	\$82.57	
First Stop Signs & Apparel	Supplies	\$320.00	
Holmes Rental Station Inc	Supplies	\$49.47	
MB Structures	Services	\$500.00	
NAPA Auto Parts (Harrison)	Supplies	\$10.21	
Piedmont Gas Company	Gas Utilities	\$19.12	
Tusc Co Sheriff's Office	Fuel	\$201.20	
			\$1,182.57
<b>Public Defender</b>			
AEP	Electric Utility	\$448.49	
Charter Communication	Services	\$307.44	
City of New Philadelphia Water Dept	Services	\$55.45	
CSEA	CAC Utilities	\$109.41	
Starlight Enterprises Inc	Services	\$100.00	
TIAA Commercial Finance Inc	Copier Contract	\$255.63	
			\$1,276.42
<b>Recorder</b>			
Office eXperts	Mthly Maint Fee	\$5.00	
			\$5.00
<b>Sheriff</b>			
MNJ Technologies	Supplies	\$266.00	
			\$266.00
<b>Southern District</b>			
AEP	Electric Utility	\$583.98	
Best Copier	Service	\$38.97	
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$109.94	
			\$732.89
<b>Treasurer</b>			
Copley Ohio Newspapers	Notice of Publication	\$363.43	
			\$363.43
<b>Veterans</b>			
Circuit Electric	Services	\$94.00	
Tyler Technologies Inc	Services	\$6,614.40	
			\$6,708.40
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>			
Diversified Fall Protection Ltd	Services	\$3,800.00	
Diversified Fall Protection Ltd	Training Fees	\$1,800.00	

Excellent Invest LLC DBA Tri-State-Tree	Services	\$1,650.00	
Frontier	Services	\$44.50	
Mike Jones	Supply Reimbursement	\$130.21	
National Lime & Stone	Material	\$200.52	
Ohio Treasurer	Principal Loan Payments	\$59,388.48	
Ohio Treasurer	Principal Loan Payments	\$27,604.48	
Ohio Water Development Authority	Principal Loan Payments	\$105,120.38	
Ohio Water Development Authority	Interest Loan Payments	\$44,422.97	
Ohio Water Development Authority	Interest Loan Payments	\$30,995.09	
Ohio Water Development Authority	Principal Loan Payments	\$121,816.55	
RJ Wright & Sons	Fuel	\$1,723.30	
RJ Wright & Sons	Fuel	\$2,543.97	
Smart Bill	Services	\$2,375.18	
Southern State Community College	License Renewal	\$500.00	
			\$404,115.63
			<b>GRAND TOTAL \$648,159.44</b>

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

**RESOLUTION (426-2023) RECESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to recess at 2:07 p.m., for the purpose of the Auditor's Recognition.

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

*Commissioner Abbuhl called the meeting out of recess at 2:14 p.m. and back into Regular Session for the purpose of the Auditor's Recognition.*

**DISCUSSION: AUDITOR'S RECOGNITION:** *Larry Lindberg, County Auditor, Joan Gladman and Jackie Marinelli from Auditor's Office were present for the Recognition given to the Auditor's Office for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for Tuscarawas County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021.*

*Commissioner Abbuhl started off by stating how impressive this is to be given this award for 36 years in a row! We appreciate everything the Auditor's Office does.*

*Larry stated this is a prestigious award. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada presents this award. Only one County in Ohio has received this award more years than us, and that is Medina. The award has been around since the 1940's. Tuscarawas County started it in 1986. We want to thank the Commissioners for their ongoing support because we could not do it without the financial assistance that we receive from them. It is really all departments, not just the Auditor's Office. Joan and Jackie do a tremendous amount of work to get the report in to the state on time. It is truly a group effort and the County as a whole. The Governmental Accounting & Standards Board is up to 97 items we are going to be reporting on. When I left the State Auditor's Office in 1999, we reported on 6 items. There are 19 categories that are looked at on the Financial Report. We are hoping to make it 37 years for 2022.*

*Commissioner Zemis & Ress both said Congratulations. Joan added that Larry is a wonderful leader and anytime we go into his office to ask all of our questions, he always takes the time to answer the question, or find the answer. He never puts any of us off.*

The Clerk read the Recognition onto the record.



It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress to approve the following resolution of recognition for the Auditor's Office in receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.



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

**DISCUSSION:** *JOE SOKOL, PALMER CONSERVATION CONSULTANTS, CCAO SERVICES CORP* was present to talk about the services the Palmer Conservation Consultants provide. The Palmer Group is one group, but different entities. Palmer Energy was formed with the idea of helping clients get the best rates they can get for gas and electric. Palmer Conservation Consultants (PCC) formed about 15 years ago with the idea that they could help you after the utility meters were put in your facilities with your electric and gas costs. Fifteen years later, PCC is helping you after the utility meter, with a full spectrum of not just energy efficiency, but procuring, putting out bid packages, commissioning and being Owner Advocate and putting knowledge into the County's hands is a big piece of what we are doing now. We are not contractors, we do not install equipment, but we have a lot of people with different experiences in that facility space. Joe looks over the contracts to make sure they are sound and, in the County's, best interest. We have done projects in Marion, Licking, Athens, Lucas and Hancock Counties in Ohio.  
No action taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** *Commissioner Abbuhl stated he had the opportunity to tour an Encino Oil Rig in Carroll County on Friday. It was pretty impressive and the County is sitting in a position to get more oil and gas activity. The oil rig is fascinating. If you ever get the chance to go see one, take the opportunity. They can have a whole rig disassembled in two days and it is massive.*

*Commissioner Zemis stated on Friday she attended the Access Tusc. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at their new office and it was very nice.*

*Commissioner Abbuhl will be attending the Memorial Day Service in the Courtyard on Monday. Commissioner Zemis is planning on attending.*

**RESOLUTION (428-2023) ADJOURN**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to adjourn at 2:48 p.m. to meet in Regular session Wednesday, the 24th day of May, 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