

June 28, 2023

Agenda

Lord's Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 a.m. New Philadelphia Police Officers Recognition – Sgt Goble, Officer Lambert and Officer Boyd

Approve Minutes

Approve Before/After Expenditures

Approve Supplemental Appropriation (3)

Approve Transfer of Funds (1)

Approve Withdrawal Agreement and Mutual Release – MCJAS

Approve Bond – Juvenile Probation Officer Riker

Pay Bills

Other Business

Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF JUNE, 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 (537-2023) APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting as written.

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

RESOLUTION (538-2023) BEFORE/AFTER EXPENDITURES

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

VENDOR	OFFICE	AMOUNT
Lighthouse Family Center, Ltd	Prosecutor	\$1,862.50

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

RESOLUTION (539-2023) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Park Department	E-1770-T030-T20	E-1770-T030-T03	\$2,000.00	Appropriation of donation received for butterfly Exhibit expenses at NJC
Clerk of Courts	E-0440-A018-A00	E-0150-A002-E10	\$53,192.00	Provide for payment of employee medical insurance for new employees
Probate Court	E-1470-S057-S10	E-1470-S057-S06	\$12,000.00	Microfilm/Microfiche Scanner purchase with Supreme Court Grant Money

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

RESOLUTION (540-2023) TRANSFER OF FUNDS

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the following transfer of funds:

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Sheriff's Office	E-1986-U049-U026	E-1986-U049-U21	\$8,000.00	Handouts for drug Education for children

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

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION (541-2023) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE

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

Section 1: That the Board hereby approves Withdrawal Agreement and Mutual Release (Agreement) between the Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners (County) and the Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS) for the withdrawal of the County from the MCJAS and the mutual release of claims

Section 2: That the Board members are authorized to execute the Agreement.

Section 3: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Abbuhl

Commissioner Abbuhl

Kristin Zemis
 Commissioner Zemis

Greg Ress
 Commissioner Ress

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, this 28th day of June, 2023.

Attest:
Rachonda Jordan
 Clerk

DISCUSSION: MCJAS – Commissioner Zemis stated she attended the mediation between the Commissioners and the Multi-County Juvenile Attention System (MCJAS) a couple of weeks ago. The results of the mediation are this resolution. There were tense discussions on both sides which could have ended up in a protracted and expensive legal battle over the next couple of years.

The Juvenile Court encouraged the Commissioners to withdraw from MCJAS effective January 1, 2023. This prompted concern from MCJAS. There was a lot of Lawyering and letter writing back and forth. The mediator came up with a resolution and both parties are withdrawing with no funds due to either party and no further actions from either party.

Commissioner Abbuhl thanked Commissioner Zemis for representing the Board of Commissioners. The work done on this is appreciated because it certainly could have gone in a different direction. This worked out to the best possible release from MCJAS.

RESOLUTION (542-2023) APPROVE BOND – WESTFIELD INSURANCE COMPANY – RIKER - PROBATION

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the bond for David Clay Riker as Juvenile Probation Officer effective June 15, 2023 until June 15, 2024 as reviewed and certified by Ryan Styer, Prosecutor.

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

RESOLUTION (543-2023) PAY BILLS

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

Meeting Date - June 28, 2023

911

OH State Highway Patrol	LEADS	\$600.00	
			\$600.00

Child Support

CBTS	Service	\$669.97	
First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co	Copier Lease	\$359.88	
Go Shred Secure Doc Destruction	Service	\$50.53	
			\$1,080.38

Clerk of Courts

AT&T	Service	\$88.24	
Blooms Printing & Design	Supplies	\$802.50	
Blooms Printing & Design	Supplies	\$267.50	
Xerox	Service	\$59.28	
			\$1,217.52

Commissioners

Frontier	Service	\$224.76	
Frontier	Service	\$121.28	
ManCan	Service	\$999.20	
Stutzman Lawn & Landscape	Supplies	\$391.86	
VEIT	Copies	\$23.85	
WM Commercial Roofing	Roof Replacement/Dog Pound	\$14,987.00	
			\$16,747.95

Common Pleas

Elizabeth W Stephenson	Travel Reimbursement	\$36.00	
			\$36.00

Community & Economic Development

KSU Tuscarawas SBDC	2023 Small Business Grant	\$5,000.00	
Staples	Supplies	\$273.65	
			\$5,273.65

Community Corrections		
Steve Pompey	Travel Reimbursement	\$180.08
		\$180.08
Coroner		
Occupational Medicine Center	Services	\$45.00
		\$45.00
Engineer		
Asphalt Materials Inc	Material	\$128,256.61
John Deere	Supplies	\$93.97
Pleasant Valley Ready Mix	Material	\$3,775.00
Sidwell Materials	Material	\$4,988.59
		\$137,114.17
JFS		
Nicole Kadri	Daycare	\$390.00
		\$390.00
Juvenile/Probate		
Staples	Supplies	\$182.69
Staples	Supplies	\$131.62
		\$314.31
Park		
AEP	Electric Utility	\$42.87
AEP	Electric Utility	\$26.48
CLP Services	Services	\$110.00
Helbling Supply Inc	Supplies	\$5.40
Holmes Rental Station Inc	Repair	\$125.45
Menards - NP	Equipment	\$198.54
Menard's - NP	Supplies	\$14.66
Menard's - NP	Supplies	\$23.34
Menard's - NP	Supplies	\$53.82
Menard's - NP	Supplies	\$25.12
Piedmont Gas Co	Gas Utility	\$10.41
United Rentals (North America) Inc	Services	\$90.00
Yoder's Small Engines LLC	Repair	\$25.75
		\$751.84
Prosecutor		
Douglas Jackson	Travel Reimbursement	\$461.91
Matrix Pointe Software LLC	Mthly Fee	\$3,000.00
MNJ Technologies	Equipment	\$892.00
Tusc Co Treasurer	2021 Audit Fee	\$54.95
		\$4,408.86
Recorder		
GovOS	Mthly Subscription Fee	\$4,125.00
Office Experts	Copier Contract	\$26.25
		\$4,151.25
Sheriff		
AEP	Electric Utility	\$12,212.22
AEP	Electric Utility	\$32.82
Chase Newell	Travel Reimbursement	\$170.60
G & L Supply	Supplies	\$1,282.25
Lincoln Troyer	Travel Reimbursement	\$162.51
Mastercard	Travel Reimbursement	\$140.28
United Site Services	Services	\$30.00
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$240.74
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$1,401.02
		\$15,672.44

Southern District

AEP	Electric Utility	\$656.41	
Navitas Credit Corp	Service	\$412.20	
Twin City Water	Services	\$66.50	
			\$1,135.11

Treasurer

Daniel Loibl	Supplies	\$156.72	
Harris Computer Systems	Subscription Fee	\$667.47	
Independence Business Supply	Supplies	\$13.50	
			\$837.69

Veterans

Pitt's Fire Extinguisher Inc	Services	\$145.00	
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies	\$1,853.70	
			\$1,998.70

Water & Sewer

AEP	Electric Utility	\$1,490.62	
AEP	Electric Utility	\$176.05	
American Highway Products Ltd	Supplies	\$107.00	
Charltron Systems Inc	Services	\$3,200.00	
Charltron Systems Inc	Services	\$3,200.00	
Hawkins Water Treatment Group	Services	\$40.00	
Hawkins Water Treatment Group	Services	\$20.00	
Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp	Gas Utility	\$67.16	
Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp	Gas Utility	\$57.76	
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$423.91	
			\$8,782.50

**GRAND
TOTAL \$200,737.45**

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

OTHER BUSINESS: *Commissioner Ress stated Sunday Creek could be a viable source for us to possibly use going forward in a number of areas. There are some projects that I think we could use that lending hand that has a lot of experience. I think there is a lot of positives with Sunday Creek.*

DISCUSSION: NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPT – Commissioner Abbuhl asked the police officers to tell of their experience on this day. **Sgt. Goble**y started off by stating the officers had just started their shift when they received a call from a neighbor that lives by the apartment complex and heard someone yelling for help. When the police arrived, people were standing outside and pointing to an apartment, but there was no smoke, no signs of anything else going on. Sgt. Goble approached the stairwell and shined his flashlight up the stairs and realized the upstairs hallway was filled with smoke. The officers heard a lady yelling for help. The smoke was very dense and you could not see in front of you. The Officers yelled for the lady to follow their voices and come out to them. The lady was not advancing.

The officers took a few steps back down the steps to get fresh air and then advanced into the apartment to find the patient. The rest of the officers started to clear the building and Sgt. Goble got the patient downstairs to safety.

Officer Boyd stated what shocked him was that when they got the call, there was no indication this was a fire call. The nature of what the officers do is the unexpected. As soon as Officer Boyd started up the stairs, he knew something was not right because he could not see. The not being able to see was the worst. The flashlights did not help because the smoke was so thick.

Commissioners Ress asked how long it took the fire department to arrive and what kind of damage was done? **Officer Boyd** said the fire department was there within a couple of minutes. One of the officers called in the fire to dispatch.

Sgt. Gobley said he was not sure about the damages, they never really heard. They just know that it was some kind of fire with the stove. The smoke was overwhelming. It was one of those experiences that gives you a new respect for fire.

Officer Boyd stated that with that much smoke, there should have been alarms going off, but there was nothing. The apartment that Officer Lambert went to clear, the resident had no idea anything was even going on outside. There was no warning system to let people know that something was going on.

Officer Lambert stated he was third on the scene and observed Sgt. Goble bringing the patient down the stairs. **Officer Lambert** stated there was no smoke coming out of any windows or even the open door to the apartment. It was so thick and just staying in the upstairs hallway. **Officer Lambert** heard **Officer Boyd** yelling that there was a fire and everyone needed to get out, so **Officer Lambert** ran up the stairs to assist the other officer. To piggyback off of what **Officer Boyd** said, he was very shocked that when he entered his first apartment, the resident was sitting in a chair watching TV and had no idea anything was wrong.

Commissioner Abbuhl stated that in this case, timing was of the essence. When you go to an apartment trying to get people out, do you just pound on the door and then break it open? **Officer Lambert** stated he did forcefully open this door.

Chief Goodwin stated he is very proud of his officers. **Chief Goodwin** appreciated the Commissioners taking the time to commend the police officers. We truly are the first responders. The police are almost always first on scene and in the houses performing CPR or de-escalating a situation before the fire department and paramedics arrive.

Commissioner Abbuhl thanked all of the officers in the room for their service. Police officers get called out to the unknown everyday and we appreciate what you do and you do make a difference in our community by keeping residents safe.

Commissioner Ress thanked the men in blue and supports the police 100%. To be willing to still do what you do after everything going on in the news says volumes about our police force. Seeing the young guys come in is nice to see. Thank you for being in our community and keeping it as safe as you possibly can.

Commissioner Zemis closed by saying the Commissioners said it all, but now that she is a grandma, the little ones get scared when they hear the sirens because they think something bad is happening. One thing that I do when I am with them and they hear a siren is to tell them not be scared because the siren means the helpers are coming. Please just respect what you do and keep the rest of the noise out because it is not important. What you officers do everyday is important.

RESOLUTION (544-2023) RECOGNITION – NEW PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT – OFFICER LAMBERT, SGT. GOBLEY & OFFICER BOYD


It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress to approve the following recognitions for the New Philadelphia Police Department, Officer Lambert, Sargeant Goble and Officer Boyd.

In Recognition of
Officer Tristen Lambert

We, the Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners, wish to honor you for your selfless act of bravery. Heroism is defined as conduct exhibiting courage, daring, skill and self-sacrifice.

Going into a burning building demonstrated resourcefulness in saving a life with considerable risk to self. This unselfish act also validates the dedication, honor, and integrity you have for the badge that you wear.

We wish you all the success in your future endeavors and assignments with the New Philadelphia Police Department.



Thank you for your service! Tuscarawas County Commissioners,

Chris Abbuhl
Chris Abbuhl

Kristin Zemis
Kristin Zemis

Greg Ress
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In Recognition of

Sargeant Mitchell Gobley

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County Commissioners,


Chris Abbuhl


Kristin Zemis


Greg Röss

In Recognition of

Officer Andrew Boyd

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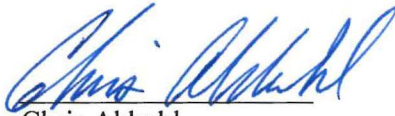
VOTE: Chris Abbuhl, yes;
Kristin Zemis, yes;
Greg Ress, yes;

RESOLUTION (545-2023) ADJOURN

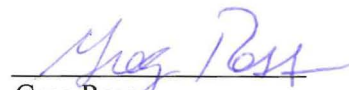
It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to adjourn at 9:23 a.m. to meet in Regular session Monday, the 3rd day of July, 2023.

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