January 10, 2024

Agenda

Lord's Prayer Pledge of Allegiance

9:15 a.m. Bob Baker, HARCATUS Update 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Fairfield Township – Prohibiting Solar & Wind Farms in Township 9:45 a.m. Big Brothers & Big Sisters National Mentoring Proclamation

Approve Minutes

Approve Before/After Expenditure

Approve Supplemental Appropriation

Approve Inter-Fund Transfer/Advance

Approve Court Ordered Inter-Fund Transfer

Enact Frost Law – Perry Township

Approve Treasurer's Investments – December 2023

Approve Dog & Kennel Report – December 2023

Approve Annual dog & Kennel Report – January 2023 – December 2023

Approve 2023 County Highway system Mileage Certification - Engineer

Pay Bills

Other Business

Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY, THE 10th DAY JANUARY, 2024 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristin Zemis Greg Ress

Commissioner Kristin Zemis presiding.

NOTE: Commissioner Abbuhl was not present.

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

RESOLUTION (41-2024) APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting as written.

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

RESOLUTION (42-2024) BEFORE/AFTER EXPENDITURES

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

VENDOR	OFFICE	AMOUNT
Dover Brake	Engineer	\$1,152.30

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

RESOLUTION (43-2024) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT	FROM	то	AMOUNT	REASON
Sheriff's Office	E-1660-	E-1660-	\$20,000.00	Needed for complete background
	T007-T25	T007-T10		checks on applicants
Sheriff's Office	E-1660-	E-1660-	\$1,000.00	Needed for various maintenance
	T007-T25	T007-T23		contracts
Sheriff's Office	E-2050-	E-2050-	\$500.00	Needed for CIT supplies that will
	X032-X20	X032-X03		be reimbursed by a grant
Sheriff's Office	E-1606E	E-1606-	\$7,000.00	Needed for various contract
	S081-S99	S081-S06		services
Sheriff's Office	E-1606-	E-1606-	\$11,000.00	Needed for various maintenance
	S081-S99	S081S23		contracts

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

RESOLUTION (44-2024) 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 Public Assistance	\$100,000.00
Co. General to Community Corrections Grant (1st Qtr 2024)	\$159,520.50
Co. General to Child Support Grant (1 st Qtr 2024)	\$30,000.00
Co. General to Jail Operations Grant (1st Qtr 2024)	\$1,134,561.25
Co. General to Park Department Grant (1st Qtr 2024)	\$77,500.00
Co. General to Regional Planning Grant (1st Qtr 2024)	\$15,250.00
Co. General to Soil Conservation Grant (1 st Qtr 2024)	\$49,936.00
Co. General to Distribution Sales Tax Trnsfr (1st Qtr 2024)	\$495,484-30

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

RESOLUTION (45-2024) COURT ORDERED INTER-FUND TRANSFER – JUVENILE DIVISION

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the following Court Ordered, Juvenile Division inter-fund transfer as ordered by Judge Adam W. Wilgus.

From: Probate Court Mediation Fund (S74) to Court Mediation Program Fund (T33) \$3,000.00

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

RESOLUTION (46-2024) FROST LAW – PERRY TOWNSHIP

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to enact "Frost Law" (50% load limit reduction) on ALL Perry Township roads from December 1, 2023, to May 15, 2024. This is contingent on any road agreement with Perry Township signed with any company. This action is taken upon the request and approval of the Perry Township Trustees.

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

RESOLUTION (47-2024) APPROVE TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS (December 2023)

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the Treasurer's Investments for December 2023:

Jeffery S. Mamarella

Tuscarawas County Treasurer P.O. Box 250 New Philadelphia, OH 44663 Phone (330) 365-3254 • Fax (330) 365-3259

January 5, 2024

Tuscarawas County Commissioners 125 East High Avenue New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Commissioners:

As provided by Section 135.35(L)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, please be advised of the investments made by the Tuscarawas County Treasurer's Office during the month of **December**, 2023.

December Depository and Investment income received is: <u>\$298211.25</u>. This brings the cumulative interest total as of December 31st to \$3,904,460.29. The updated estimated investment income for 2023 is \$3,400,000.

Monthly Investment Total = \$78,526,527.73

Balance in Checking Acct. – JPMorgan Chase \$5,185,011.18 Huntington \$1,172,763.29

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cc: Tuscarawas County Auditor, Prosecutor, Clerk of Courts, Recorder

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

RESOLUTION (48-2024) DOG & KENNEL REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the Dog & Kennel Report for December, 2023 as submitted by Elizabeth Lewis, Facility & Adoption Specialist:

		RECEIVED
	DOG & KENNEL MONT	HLY REPORT
1)	Total dogs picked up by Wardens (a+b) a. Owner requested pick up b. Strays picked up by Wardens	25 0 25
2)	Strays brought in by public	7
3)	Dogs brought to pound by owners	33
4)	Total dogs to Pound (1+2+3)	65
5)	Dogs adopted	16
6)	Dogs redeemed by owners	14
7)	Number of dogs euthanized	13 (PD=7, OR=6)
8)	Released to rescues a. Pull fees	19 _\$20
9)	Pound fees	_\$2574
10)	Pick up fees	_\$360
11)	License fees	_\$416
12)	Licenses sold on the road by Wardens	0
13)	Licenses sold at the Pound	28
14)	Complaints handled	60
15)	Citations issued	6
16)	Animal claims	0
17) Subr	Mileage on trucks F150 2022 F150 2021 F150 2021 F150 2017 F150 2017	Truck #11839.8 Truck #22973.5 Truck #3 Total4813.3
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VOTE:

Kristin Zemis, yes; Greg Ress, yes; Chris Abbuhl, absent;

RESOLUTION (49-2024) ANNUAL DOG & KENNEL REPORT – JANUARY 2023 **THROUGH DECEMBER 2023**

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the Annual Dog & Kennel Report for January, 2023 through December 2023 as submitted by Elizabeth Lewis, Facility & Adoption Specialist:

	DOG & KENNEL A JANUARY 2023 throu	
1)	Total dogs picked up by Wardens (a+b) a. Owner requested pick up b. Strays picked up by Wardens	
2)	Strays brought in by public	93
3)	Dogs brought to pound by owners	235
4)	Total dogs to Pound (1+2+3)	701
5)	Dogs adopted	163
6)	Dogs redeemed by owners	231
7)	Number of dogs euthanized	114. (PD=55, OR=53, Q=4, CO=2)
8)	Released to rescues a. Pull fees	
9)	Pound fees	_\$23,670
10)	Surrender fees	_\$3100
11)	Pick up fees	_\$7440
12)	License fees	_\$7536
13)	Licenses sold on the road by Wardens	o
14)	Licenses sold at the Pound	335
15)	Complaints handled	750
16)	Citations issued	46
17)	Animal claims	o
18)	Mileage on trucks	Truck 202225,343.4 Truck 202119,993.5 Truck 20170
	\bigcirc 1	Total45,336.9

Submitted by: We

 Euthanasia Key
 PD= Pound Dog

 Q= Quarantine
 PD= Pound Dog

 OR= Owner Surrender (either for health or aggression)
 CO= Court Ordered

VOTE:

Kristin Zemis, yes; Greg Ress, yes; Chris Abbuhl, absent;

RESOLUTION (50-2024) APPROVE 2023 COUNTY HIGHWAY SYSTEM MILEAGE CERTIFICATION

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, and seconded by Commissioner Zemis, to approve the attached 2023 County Highway System Mileage Certification:

Ohio Department of Office of Technica		
2023 County Highway System	n Mileage Certification	
Note: This form must be submitted to ODOT or county mileage will be certified by default base	no later than March 1, 2024	ilable.
The total length of county maintained public roads in	TUSCARAWAS Con	inty
was <u>460.885</u> miles as of	December 31, 2022	
As certified by the Board of County Commissioners and/or r in accordance with the provisions specified in Section		rtation
Consider all mileage changes that occurred in CY 2023 and det Add the net change to the 2022 certified mileage abo	ermine the net increase or decrease in ve and fill in the new total below.	mileage.
We the undersigned, hereby certify that as	of December 31,2023	
the county was responsible for maintaining46(.414 miles of public ro	ads.
Signature of President of Board of County Commissioners		4
Commissioner Signature	1/10/24/ Date	
Chris Abbuhl - Absent	1-10-2024	
Commissioner Signature	Date 1/8/2024 Date	
Comments:		
Please return a completed, signed copy of this form along with pro Ohio Department of Transp Office of Technical Serv Mail Stop #3210 1980 West Broad St. 2nd Columbus, Ohio 4322 Attn: Aaron Shvach (614) 466-5135 or aard	ortation ices Floor 23	nade to:

Township 00 , COUNTY Certified Mileage for 2022 : 460.885 Mi	es
Certified Mileage for 2022 : 460.885 Mi	es

Change: -0.47 ANNEXATION TO SUGARCREEK OR.D# 23-2355 EFF. DATE 3/6/23 83.466 ACRES+/-C-139 OLD ROUTE 39 IS NOW ANNEXED FROM 0.446 TO 0.558, SPLIT FROM 0.558 TO 0.564, ANNEXED FROM 0.564 TO 0.873 AND SPLIT FROM 0.873 TO 0.967. DEDUCT -0.471 Reason For Change -0.471

Total Changes: Certified Mileage For: 2023 460.414 Miles :

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

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-0.471

RESOLUTION (51-2024) PAY BILLS

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

911			
Agile Networks	Service-Dec 2023	\$1,240.00	
			\$1,240.00
Auditor			
Fairfield Computer Services LLC	Licensing Fee-Jan 2024	\$200.00	
			\$200.00
Child Support			
City of New Phila Water Office	Services	\$88.00	
Go Shred Secure Doc Dest	Services	\$50.53	
Language Line Services	Interpretation Services	\$87.50	
Lisa Contini	Supply Reimbursement	\$56.98	
Quill Corporation	Supplies	\$162.51	
Tusc Co Sheriff's Office	2023 IV-D Contract	\$7,511.63	
Tusc Co Treasurer	2023 IV-D Contract	\$14,000.34	
			\$21,957.49
Commissioners		¢42 220 00	
Benchmark Construction	Security Station/App #2	\$12,330.00	
City of New Phila Water Office	Services	\$63.75	
City of New Phila Water Office	Services	\$345.30	
City of New Phila Water Office	Services	\$271.30	
City of New Phila Water Office	Services	\$205.70	
Co Commissioners Assoc of OH 'CCAO'	2024 Membership Dues	\$9,766.00	
Cymax Stores USA	Office Furniture/Coroner	\$1,482.40	
Fenton Bros Electric Inc	Supplies	\$94.08	
Frontier	Service	\$50.71 \$60.70	
Frontier	Service	\$69.70	
National Assoc of Counties 'NACo' ODP Business Solutions LLC	2024 Membership Dues	\$1,852.00	
	Supplies	\$64.58	
OH Mid-Eastern Govt Assoc 'OMEGA'	2024 Membership Dues	\$8,600.00	
Tusc Co Chamber of Commerce Tusc Co Chamber of Commerce	Registration 2024 Membership Dues	\$40.00	
	•	\$600.00 \$170.00	
Vincent Lighting Systems Co	Reprogram Lighting	\$170.00	
Common Pleas			\$36,005.52
Matthew Bender & Co	Materials	\$336.61	
Staples	Supplies	\$71.76	
Staples	Supplies	Ş71.70	\$408.37
Community & Economic			Ş + 00.57
Development			
City of Dover	Demo Reimbursement	\$81,200.00	
Tusc Co OCED	Demo Grant Admin Reimb	\$6,768.98	
			\$87 <i>,</i> 968.98
Coroner			
Affordable Funeral Supply	Supplies	\$477.60	
Axis Forensic Toxicology	Services	\$75.00	
Axis Forensic Toxicology	Services	\$967.00	
Cuyahoga Co Medical Examiner	Services	\$2,000.00	
			\$3,519.60
Dog & Kennel			
Humble Creatures Vet Clinic	Services	\$285.00	
Humble Creatures Vet Clinic	Services	\$365.80	

NP Water Dept	Services	\$75.39	
Parkway Auto Group	Service	\$228.62	
		<i>\$220.02</i>	\$954.81
Engineer			
AEP	Electric Utility	\$142.76	
Buckeye Power Sales Inc	Inspection Fee	\$1,545.00	
Columbia Gas	Gas Utility	\$286.25	
Columbia Gas	Gas Utility	\$1.21	
FYDA-Freightliner Western Star/Zanes	Equipment	\$148,150.00	
John W Cookson Co	Parts	\$4,093.15	
Kimble Recycling & Disposal	Service	\$518.60	
MNJ Technologies Direct	Equipment	\$402.00	
NP Water Dept	Services	\$317.65	
Occupational Medicine Center	Services	\$185.00	
QT Equip Co	Parts	\$804.33	
RJ Wright & Sons	Supplies	\$15,878.81	
Starlight Enterprises Inc	Services	\$424.00	
Steve Brooks	Travel Reimbursement	\$34.80	
Stony Point Supply	Supplies	\$9.00	
Twin City Automotive	Parts	\$611.09	
Twin city Automotive		J011.0 <i>5</i>	\$173,403.65
Human Resources			Ş173,403.03
Kris Lowdermilk	Travel Reimbursement	\$108.40	
		7	\$108.40
JFS			
Access Tusc Transit	Dec 2023 Transportation	\$492.60	
			\$492.60
Juvenile/Probate			
Information Technology	Supplies	\$86.00	
Information Technology	Supplies	\$108.79	
OH Assoc Juvenile Court Judges	Registration Fee	\$125.00	
Staples	Supplies	\$490.33	
Staples	Supplies	\$9.99	
Staples	Supplies	\$325.20	
Staples	Supplies	\$184.79	
Verizon	Service	\$195.56	
			\$1,525.66
Public Defender			
Dominion Energy Ohio	Gas Utility	\$212.63	
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing Inc	Copier Contract	\$45.00	
			\$257.63
Recorder	C and the	<i>.</i>	
Crystal Springs	Supplies	\$44.00	
Crystal Springs	Supplies	\$19.00	\$62.00
Sheriff			\$63.00
Arney Automotive LLC	Repairs	\$528.42	
CMI Inc	Equipment	\$1,908.00	
Culligan	Supplies	\$5.99	
FedEx	Shipping Fee	\$48.16	
New Phila Water Dept	Services - Jan 2024	\$2,186.45	
Staples	Supplies	\$200.47	
VEIT	Copier Contracts	\$174.78	
VEIT	Copier Charges	\$532.89	
		+002.00	\$5,585.16
			+0,000.10

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Treasurer			
County Treasurer's Assoc	2024 Membership Dues	\$2,587.24	
			\$2,587.24
Veterans			
ComDoc Inc	Copier Overages	\$18.30	
Eagle Auto Truck Plaza	Fuel 12/5-12/31/23	\$443.87	
Senior Center Tusc Co	Dec 2023 Transportation	\$80.00	
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$88.93	
Xerox Financial Services	Pymnt/Equip Protection	\$188.75	
			\$819.85
Water & Sewer			
Core & Main LP	Materials	\$183.06	
Fitzpatrick Zimmerman Rose	Legal Fees	\$42.50	
Iron Mountain	Services	\$379.12	
Iron Mountain	Services	\$63.57	
Ream & Haager Lab	Services	\$3,213.58	
Ream & Haager Lab	Services	\$947.92	
Ream & Haager Lab	Services	\$1,313.00	
Stanley Miller Construction Co	Services	\$197,222.51	
Stanley Miller Construction Co	Services	\$262,959.52	
Tusc Co Treasurer	Services	\$262,959.52	
			\$729,284.30
		GRAND	
		TOTAL	\$1,066,382.26

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

DISCUSSION: HARCATUS: Robert Baker, President was present to give update on HARCATUS. Mr. Baker stated there has not been too much to report. This time of year is usually pretty slow. Long time Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Sandy Edwards, passed away in September, 2023. Maggie Clark is the new CFO.

RESOLUTION (52-2024) RECESS

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to recess at 9:15 a.m., for the purpose of the Public Hearing concerning Fairfield Township prohibiting the construction of large solar and/or wind farms.

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

Commissioner Zemis called the meeting out of recess at 9:30 a.m. and back into Regular Session for the purpose of the Public Hearing concerning Fairfield Township prohibiting the construction of large solar and/or wind farms.

PUBLIC HEARING - FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP - PROHIBITING SOLAR & WIND FARMS IN TOWNSHIP

Commissioner Zemis opened the Fairfield Township Solar & Wind Farms Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m.

The following individuals were present for the 9:30 a.m. Fairfield Township Solar & Wind Farms Public Hearing:

Kristin Zemis – Commissioner Greg Ress – Commissioner Rhonda Jordan – Clerk Kris Lowdermilk – HR Manager Todd Brown – Fairfield Twp Trustee Deborah Brown – Fairfield Twp Resident

Benjamin Lowe – Fairfield Twp Resident Louella Dunn – Fairfield Twp Resident Mitchell Dunn – Fairfield Twp Trustee William Beans – Fairfield Twp Trustee Rhonda Hoffmeyer – Regional Planning

Commissioner Zemis put on record that the Fairfield Township Trustees passed a resolution on August 16, 2023 prohibiting the construction of large solar and/or wind farms in unincorporated areas of Fairfield Township. Notice of this public hearing was advertised in the Times Reporter on November 19, 2023 and the notice and map was posted in every library in Tuscarawas County.

Fairfield Township was present to present their case for not wanting the solar/wind farms in their township. **Todd Brown, Fairfield Township Trustee** stated that it was brought to our attention through other township trustees that land has been taken away from farming by solar/ wind farm companies. As we know, they are not making land anymore! After talking to other farmers and residents in the township, we thought it would be a good idea to try and get ahead of this possibility. In Columbiana County, they have already started this project and the residents are putting up quite a fight against it, but it is really hard to fight against something like this once the construction has started. Senate Bill 52 (SB52) was passed in the General Assembly allowing townships and residents of the township a way to take action before any companies started construction. This is how we came to pass a resolution in Fairfield Township to bring before the Commissioners to ask for this hearing and your approval.

Mitchell Dunn and William Beans, Fairfield Township Trustees, both stated this issue has been discussed with the residents and the trustees passed their resolution to prohibit the construction of these farms and we are here now hoping the Commissioners will pass a resolution prohibiting the farms as well.

Commissioner Ress asked if anyone was against this project. There was no one against it.

Benjamin Lowe, Fairfield Township Resident, read a statement for both him and his brother. The statement said they are both small farmers who are trying to grow their farms of crops and beef. If the solar/wind farms move into the community, the farmers would not be able to use adjoining land or grow their operations because the construction of these farms would take away very valuable land.

Deborah Brown, Fairfield Township Resident, who is a dairy farmer in Fairfield Township. My farm was land granted in 1827 and when these big companies come in, they take, and we can not compete in growing our properties. They leave a mess that we have to deal with. If we get this taken care of now, then generations down the road decide they want these solar/wind farms, they can come before the next generation of Commissioners and change it. We are just trying to keep properties in their families.

Todd Brown, Fairfield Township Resident and Trustee, stated my family farm compared to some in the township is little, but it started in 1830, and I am a 6^{th} generation farmer. It is very hard to compete against big business. I have 130 acres and provide corn and soy beans for about 14 - 17 different families every year. I do make a small impact for people to be able to obtain a local food source.

The Clerk read the resolution onto the record.

RESOLUTION (53-2024) TUSCARAWAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROHIBITION OF LARGE SOLAR AND/OR WIND FARMS – FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP - PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution

Whereas, the Fairfield Township passed a resolution on August 16, 2023 to prohibit the construction of large solar facilities and/or large wind farms in the unincorporated areas of Fairfield township, and;

Be It Resolved, that January 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., shall be fixed as the date and time for the final hearing in the William E. Winters Board Room at 125 least High Ave, New Philadelphia, OH 44663.

Be It Further Resolved, that notice of this hearing was advertised in the Times Reporter. November 19, 2023 and ; ice and map was posted in every library in Tuscarawas County. Zemis Commissioner, seconded the Resolution and the roll call being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted

> Chris Abhuhl Absent Kristin Zemis yes Greg Ress yes

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Approved as to form Kristine Beard Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Tuscarawas County, Ohio

Commissioner Zemis closed the Fairfield Township Solar & Wind Farms Public Hearing at 9:42 a.m.

DISCUSSION: NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH PROCLAMATION: BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS

Beverly Pearch, Big Brothers, Big Sisters stated this proclamation is very important because every child needs a mentor in their corner. Big Brothers, Big Sisters was just shy of serving 500 children in our community in 2023. We are the 3rd largest agency in Ohio. Right now we still have about 50 kids that need a mentor/big that are on the waiting list.

We need additional community members to step up and serve as Bigs for our Littles. This proclamation helps put awareness of this out there in the communities.

Commissioner Zemis stated she has a friend who was Big to a little for twelve years, and now that Little is a Big to his own Little.

Christina Lyon, Big Brothers, Big Sisters stated that when a Little is assigned to a Big, the families almost merge. The Little gets an extended family and that just keeps growing over time. Our staff is always there to provide resources to the Big family and the Little to help both of them on this journey.

The Clerk read the proclamation onto the record.

RESOLUTION (54-2024) PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH – BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the following resolution proclaiming January as National Mentoring Month.

1/10/24



NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is an annual designation observed in January. This month, we focus on how we can all work together and increase the number of mentors to make sure young people in our communities have dependable people to look up to and follow in their footsteps; and

WHEREAS, we want to raise awareness of mentoring in its various forms, recruit individuals to mentor, especially in programs that have waiting lists of young people and promote the rapid growth of mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring; and

WHEREAS, mentoring includes a wealth of benefits for both the mentor and the mentee by improving confidence, developing communication skills, exposing participants to new experiences, improving listening skills and developing organizational skills; and

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio was established in 1973 and continues to serve children in Tuscarawas, Harrison and Carroll Counties. Through our community and school based and big futures programs, we have served more children than ever in 2023 at just shy of 500 youth; and

WHEREAS, our mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth; and

WHEREAS, we honor and celebrate those mentors whose wisdom, guidance, and positive examples help prepare our children to succeed;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim January 2024 as National Mentoring Month.

Greg Res



TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMISSIONERS

VOTE:

Kristin Zemis, yes; Greg Ress, yes; Chris Abbuhl, absent;

RESOLUTION (55-2024) ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. to meet in Regular session Wednesday, the 17th day of January, 2024.

VOTE:

Chris Abbuhl, absent; 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.

<u>Meg</u> Poss Greg Ress

Attest: Rhonda Jordan.