

December 20, 2023

Agenda

Lord's Prayer
Pledge of Allegiance

10:00 a.m. Executive Session – Potential Legal or Imminent Court Action – ORC 121.22 (G)(2)

Approve Minutes

Approve Before/After Expenditures

Approve Supplemental Appropriations (2)

Approve Transfer of Funds (14)

Amend Resolution (1046-2023) IN PART – Non-General Fund X33

Appoint Board Member – Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board – Yacko

Approve Support Resolution – Smartway Grant Application

Approve Advertisement for Bids – Project #1-2023 – TUS-VAR-GR Phase 7 – Engineer

Accept Donation from Friends of Tuscarawas county Parks

Pay Bills

Other Business

Adjourn

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY MET IN REGULAR SESSION WEDNESDAY, THE 20th DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 (1097-2023) APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2023 meeting as written.

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

RESOLUTION (1098-2023) BEFORE/AFTER EXPENDITURES

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

VENDOR	OFFICE	AMOUNT
Sheriff's Office	Dog Pound	\$389.95
IT	EMA	\$288.00

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

RESOLUTION (1099-2023) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

DEPARTMENT	FROM	TO	AMOUNT	REASON
Commissioners	E-0440-A018-A00	E-0010-A001-A01	\$390.00	Needed for Payroll #26
Maintenance	E-0440-A018-A00	E-0210-A004-B10	\$1,987.83	Needed to cover salaries

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

RESOLUTION (1100-2023) 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
Prosecutor	E-0060-A001-E14	E-0060-A01-E12	\$236.00	Needed to cover PERS costs for 2023
Prosecutor	E-0060-A001-E14	E-0060-A001-E01	\$.10	Needed to cover salaries for 2023
Map Office	E-0380-A012-A12	E-0380-A012-A10	\$46.42	Needed to cover PERS costs for 2023
Juvenile Court	E-1700-T022-T02	E-1700-T022-T04	\$5.22	Needed to cover PERS costs for 2023
Probate/Juvenile Court	E-0130-A002-C38	E-0130-A002-C25	\$5,000.00	To cover transcripts & Attorney fees
Public Social Services	E-1140-H000-H12	E-1145-H000-H31	\$7,518.29	Needed to cover PERS costs for the rest of the year
Public Social Services	E-1140-H000-H12	E-1145-H200-H32	\$594.96	Needed to cover Medicare costs for the rest of the year
Public Social Services	E-1140-H000-H14	E-1145-H000-H25	\$66,414.19	Needed to cover payroll for the rest of the year
Public Social Services	E-1140-H000-H13	E-1145-H000-H25	\$12,416.20	Needed to cover payroll for the rest of the year
Public Social Services	E-1140-H000-H01	E-1145-H000-H25	\$23,530.47	Needed to cover payroll for the rest of the year
Public Social Services	E-1145-H000-H32	E-1145-H000-H25	\$6,494.12	Needed to cover payroll for the rest of the year
Public Social Services	E-1140-H000-H12	E-1145-H000-H25	\$56.34	Needed to cover payroll for the rest of the year
Human Resources	E-0012-A020-A06	E-0012-A020-A01	\$200.00	Budget transfer to cover payroll #26 (cell phone reimbursement)
Human Resources	E-0012-A020-A09	E-0012-A020-A01	\$100.00	Budget transfer to cover payroll #26 (cell phone reimbursement)
Recorder's Office	E-0230-A006-B13	E-0230-A006-B01	\$.18	To cover payroll for 2023
OCED	E-1670-T011-T11	E-1670-T011-T10	\$51.00	Needed to cover PERS for 2023
County Court	E-0160-A202-F02	E-0170-A202-G02	\$225.00	To correct an error on Transfer from 12-11-23
Auditor's Office	E-1870-U005-U02	E-1870-U005-U01	\$5,000.00	Needed to cover expenses
Dog Pound	E-1000-B000-B07	E-1000-B000-B03	\$1,500.00	Additional funds needed in supplies to finish out the year
Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B12	E-0210-A004-B10	\$1,000.00	Needed to cover payroll #26
Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B13	E-0210-A004-B10	\$2,500.00	Needed to cover payroll #26

Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B18	E-0210-A004-B10	\$2,500.00	Needed to cover payroll #26
Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B14	E-0210-A004-B10	\$133.51	Needed to cover payroll #26
Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B22	E-0210-A004-B10	\$355.11	Needed to cover payroll #26
Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B24	E-0210-A004-B10	\$2,157.93	Needed to cover payroll #26
Maintenance	E-0210-A004-B20	E-0210-A004-B10	\$14.16	Needed to cover payroll #26

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

RESOLUTION (1101-2023) AMEND RESOLUTION (1046-2023) IN PART – NON-GENERAL BUDGET – SHERIFF GASOLINE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to amend RESOLUTION (1046-2023) IN PART to revise the X33 appropriation from \$6703.59 to the new amount of \$6,703.39, which also revises the final total from \$31,703.59 to \$31,703.39.

<i>The following Non-General Fund Budget Appropriations were approved out of Committee and will be placed on the next Commissioner agenda for resolution & approval</i>			
FUND	DEPARTMENT / DESCRIPTION	APPROVED 2024 AMOUNT	
X33	Sheriff Gasoline Internal Service Fund	6,703.59	\$ 6,703.39 Amended
Y55	Death Benefit Fund	25,000.00	
	TOTAL NON-GENERAL	\$ 31,703.59	\$ 31,703.39

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

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Abbuhl stated he represents the board as he is a member of said board. Since Mr. Abbuhl sits on the Board, he needs to get approval from his Commissioner’s Board. This historically how it has been done.*

RESOLUTION (1102-2023) APPOINT BOARD MEMBER – STARK TUSCARAWAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD – YACKO

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, seconded by Commissioner Zemis to approve the appointment of Patrice Yacko to the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board as the Tuscarawas County Board member.

Ms. JoAnn Breedlove
Executive Director
Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board
822 30th St. N.W.
Canton, Ohio 44709

Re: Ms. Patrice D. Yacko, MPA, MBA

Dear Ms. Breedlove:

Please accept this recommendation letter for Patrice D. Yacko in seeking a board position with The Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board.

Patrice has been a new member of our Tuscora SHRM Chapter upon her joining Dover Chemical as their Director of HR. I have found Patrice to be a genuine HR professional in support of people and workforce development. She exhibits professional knowledge through her extensive experience and education.

Patrice has shared with me her passion for supporting workforce development within the surrounding counties. She also shared her state work experience with you at the Ohio Means Jobs Center from 2008-2015.

I feel Patrice would be a valuable asset to your board and wish your organization continued growth and support of Ohio's workforce.

Sincerely,
Rence West, SHRM SCP
President Tuscora SHRM



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

RESOLUTION (1103-2023) RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – SMARTWAY – GRANT APPLICATION

Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners
125 E High Ave Rm# 205
New Philadelphia, OH 44663

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

****Resolution to Support Smart Way Communications' Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant (ORBEG) Program Round 2 Application****

WHEREAS, the Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners is dedicated to promoting greater investment into Tuscarawas County and the Appalachian region of the State of Ohio into critical infrastructure, economic opportunities, and community development initiatives;

WHEREAS, the Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges the need for high-speed and universal broadband access in Tuscarawas County and throughout the State of Ohio;

WHEREAS, Smart Way Communications' grant application and plans for broadband expansion via the ORBEG Program have been presented as a promising initiative that aligns with the County's goals of expanding and improving access to broadband;

WHEREAS, Broadband Ohio and the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program will play a crucial role in meeting the goal of universalizing broadband access;

WHEREAS, the Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners is eligible to demonstrate support to ORBEG Program applications to increase an application's score;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners that:

The Tuscarawas County Board of County Commissioners is supportive of Smart Way Communications' ORBEG Program Round 2 Application.

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

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Abbuhl stated broadband expansion is important and we put some ARPA fund money towards this, there was a match that came from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and the provider is putting in a million dollars for a total of three million dollars. This is an additional grant for more monies and I am a supporter of the supporters to get this project underway and done. It is a necessity.*

RESOLUTION (1104-2023) ADVERTISE – BIDS – PROJECT #1-2023 – TUS-VAR-GR PHASE 7

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Electronic bids will be opened at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Tuscarawas County Commissioners, 125 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663, at **9:30 am on Wednesday, January 31, 2024** for the following project:

Plans, specifications and contract documents are available at <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/45470/home>.

Work will consist of furnishing all services, labor, materials and equipment necessary to perform work as per plans and specifications set forth by the Tuscarawas County Engineer. Specifically, the projects will consist of the following:

Project #1-2024 -TUS-VAR-GR Phase 7 consists of removal of existing guardrail and installation of new guardrail and appurtenances at various locations on Tuscarawas County Roads 56 (Kinsey Valley Rd) and 58 (Anderson Hill Rd)

Bidders must be currently pre-qualified with and in good standing with ODOT. The bidder must possess work types and perform work equal to at least 30% of the total amount of the submitted bid price.

The Tuscarawas County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids received.

BY ORDER OF THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**CHRIS ABBUHL
 KRISTEN ZEMIS
 GREG RESS**

Attest: Rhonda Jordan, Clerk

Publish: The Times Reporter on **January 9, 2024**
<https://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/engineer-project-materials/>

Detailed Bid Tabs will be posted at the above website when the project is awarded.

NOTE: Tuscarawas County has implemented the Bid Express website, www.bidexpress.com, as the official depository for bid submittal.

In the case of disruption of communications or loss of services by Bid Express within two hours prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the county will delay the deadline for bid submissions to ensure the ability of potential bidders to submit bids. If this occurs, instructions will be communicated to potential bidders.

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

RESOLUTION (1105-2023) FRIENDS OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PARKS – DONATION

It was moved by Commissioner Ress, and seconded by Commissioner Zemis to accept the donation of \$42,800 from the Friends of Tuscarawas County Parks. Of that amount, the Friends received a grant of \$25,000 from the Timken Foundation. This money would be used for the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail Ext. 1 (“Kimble Trail”) project.

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

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Ress asked if the payment to the Architect under the ARPA Fund line is an advance or for services rendered? Commissioner Abbuhl answered it is for services rendered.*

RESOLUTION (1106-2023) PAY BILLS

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

Meeting Date - December 20, 2023

911

Environmental Sys Research Institute	2024 Maint Fee	\$1,250.00	
Strasburg Fire Dept	Training Expense	\$20.00	
			\$1,270.00

American Rescue Plan Act

John Picard Architect Inc	Brandywine/Inv #1	\$23,616.40	
United Way of Tusc Co	Tuff Bags Proj #203/Disb#12	\$13,690.73	
			\$37,307.13

Auditor

Gov't Finance Officers Assoc	Cert of Achievement Fee	\$610.00	
			\$610.00

Commissioners

AEP	Electric Utility	\$4,890.23	
AEP	Electric Utility	\$29.42	
AEP	Electric Utility	\$2,624.49	
AEP	Electric Utility	\$69.32	
Amazon Capital Services	Off Furn-Equip/Coroner	\$76.98	
Buckeye Power Sales	Yrly Maint-2/1/24-1/31/25	\$360.00	
Buckeye Power Sales	Yrly Maint-2/1/24-1/31/25	\$3,280.00	
First Stop Signs & Apparel	Lettering/Coroner	\$200.00	
Frontier	Service	\$598.00	

G & L Supply	Supplies	\$751.69	
Go Shred	Services	\$165.00	
Holland & Muirden	Services	\$315.00	
	Bond/S		
Lehigh-Endsley Ins Agency	Court/Grossenbacher	\$100.00	
Liberty Distributors Inc	Supplies	\$247.25	
Liberty Distributors Inc	Supplies	\$235.75	
	Equipment/Info		
MNJ Technologies	Technology	\$5,752.50	
Morrow Control	Supplies	\$147.93	
	Contract Overages/Nov		
Muskingum Co Juvenile Detention Ctr	2023	\$3,870.00	
Pitney Bowes	Lease 10/28/23-1/27/24	\$2,025.75	
Sherwin Williams	Supplies	\$70.41	
Wood Electric Inc	Phone Lines/Coroner	\$1,607.00	
			\$27,416.72
Common Pleas			
Elizabeth W Stephenson	Travel Reimbursement	\$141.12	
Michael J Ernest	Travel Reimbursement	\$139.20	
			\$280.32
Coroner			
Cuyahoga Co Medical Examiner	Services	\$2,000.00	
Regional EMS Inc	Services	\$952.00	
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$63.65	
			\$3,015.65
Dog & Kennel			
Home Appliance	Repairs	\$293.47	
Humble Creatures	Services	\$360.00	
			\$653.47
Engineer			
Holmes Wayne Electric Coop	Electric Utility	\$26.00	
Northern Safety Company	Supplies	\$387.39	
PA Turnpile Toll By Plate	Travel Expense	\$65.50	
Piedmont Gas	Gas Utility	\$152.67	
			\$631.56
Information Technology			
Horizon	Service	\$445.00	
			\$445.00
JFS			
Access Tusc Transit	Nov 2023 Transportation	\$1,869.00	
Allison Hatfield	Individual Living	\$465.00	
Ashley & Robert Bunton Jr	FP Reimb - Transportation	\$189.00	
Ashley & Robert Bunton Jr	FP Reimb - 4 Children	\$1,546.81	
Benjamin & Emily Lippert	FP Reimb - Transportation	\$17.40	
Benjamin & Emily Lippert	FP Reimb	\$28.11	
Capital One	Supplies	\$92.60	
Capital One	PRC	\$809.77	
Clear Communications	Interpreter	\$586.50	
David & Marybeth Miller	FP Reimb	\$21.35	
Derek & Savannah McCune	FP Reimb	\$121.89	
Enterprise FM Trust	Vehicles	\$3,634.66	
Erik & Tina Kochte	FP Reimb - Transportation	\$39.90	
G & L Supply Co	Supplies	\$904.02	
Guidestone	November 2023	\$4,042.13	
Huntington National Bank	Stm Dt 12/15/23	\$77.20	
	Trans Software-Stm Dt		
Huntington National Bank	12/15	\$395.00	
Interpreters XP LLP	Interpreter	\$305.00	

Joshua & Elizabeth Renner	FP Reimb - Transportation	\$165.60	
Joshua Cottrell	IV-E D/C & Non IV-E	\$1,272.80	
Kalib & Emalee Winters	FP Reimb	\$83.80	
Menards	Supplies	\$26.96	
Monique Bailey	FP Reimb	\$14.86	
Paitin Pahoundis	Individual Living	\$115.00	
Propio Language Services LLC	Interpreter	\$5.39	
Robb Rectanus	Meal for F/C	\$5.10	
Robert & Emma Troyer	FP Reimb	\$87.24	
Sean & Alisha Ketchum	FP Reimb - Water Sample	\$95.00	
Skyler Smolak	Meal for F/C	\$13.76	
Steven H Dunn	PRC - Rent	\$650.00	
Timothy & Jacquelyn McDonnell	FP Reimb	\$165.41	
Treasurer State of Ohio	Fingerprints	\$189.00	
Triad Deaf Services Inc	Interpreter	\$130.00	
Tusc Co Health Dept	Birth Certificates	\$75.00	
			\$18,240.26
Sheriff			
Blooms Printing & Design	Supplies	\$158.00	
Blooms Printing & Design	Supplies	\$325.00	
First Communications	Service	\$68.37	
Hall Public Safety Upfitters	Laser Certification	\$155.00	
Kiesler Police Supply	Supplies	\$7,280.00	
MNJ Technologies	Transcription	\$544.00	
			\$8,530.37
Southern District			
Best Copier	Service	\$41.31	
			\$41.31
		GRAND	
		TOTAL	\$98,441.79

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

OTHER BUSINESS: *Commissioner Zemis stated this is her last meeting of 2023 and she wants to thank everyone for the great support and help getting through the year. Commissioner Abbuhl stated it has been a good year and we have gotten some good thing accomplished and some good projects on the way. Commissioner Zemis thanked the office staff for keeping her in line. Commissioner Ress stated it has been a good year overall. We had to make a couple of tough decisions, but I think it was the correct ones.*

RESOLUTION (1107-2023) RECESS

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress to recess at 9:21 a.m., for the purpose of Executive Session.

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

Commissioner Abbuhl called the meeting out of recess at 10:00 a.m. and back into Regular Session for the purpose of Executive Session.

RESOLUTION (1108-2023) EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress to move into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of potential legal or imminent court action according to ORC 121.22 (G)(2).

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

Those present for the Executive Session were as follows:

Chris Abbuhl, Commissioner
Kristin Zemis, Commissioner
Greg Ress, Commissioner
Kevin Fink, PERC Insurance Agent

Mellissa Clark, Budget Director
Kris Lowdermilk, HR Manager
Larry Lindberg, Auditor


Commissioner Abbuhl called the meeting out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 10:33 a.m.

RESOLUTION (1109-2023) ADJOURN

It was moved by Commissioner Zemis, seconded by Commissioner Ress, to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. to meet in Regular session Wednesday, the 27th day of December, 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