

**Madison County Board of Commissioners  
1 North Main Street, London Ohio**

**April 16, 2024**

**Minutes**

President Tony Xenikis called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:40 am.

**Commissioners present:** Mr. Mark Forrest, Dr. Tony Xenikis and Mr. Chris Wallace

**County representatives present:** Rob Slane, County Administrator; David Kell, County Economic Development and Planning Director; Nick Adkins, County Prosecutor; Eric Semler, County Chief Deputy Sheriff; Ronda Maynard, Assistant County Clerk and Amy Rees, County Clerk

The minutes of the April 9, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.

**Madison County Chief Deputy Sheriff, Eric Semler**

- Explained the Flock camera system and the ability to access and monitor other community's FLOCK cameras
- Announced that the Village of Mt. Sterling will be receiving flashing speed limit signs to help curtail speeding in the community

**Madison County Economic Development Director, David Kell**

- Stated that a Brownfield Remediation Grant has been submitted for the new owners of Henry's Restaurant in West Jefferson to assess the if there is soil contamination from old gas tanks and a mechanic garage
- Meeting with an EV battery manufacturer on April 23, 2024
- Proposed the reappointment of Scott Sims and Steve Hermiller to four-year terms on the Port Authority Board, with an effective start date of January 1, 2024
  - Mr. Wallace moved to reappoint Scott Sims and Steve Hermiller to four-year terms on the Port Authority Board, with an effective start date of January 1, 2024. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.
- Explained that a multi-family development is being considered near West Jefferson. If the property is not annexed into the Village, the Village Administration stated that the development would still have access to West Jefferson utilities

**Madison County Administrator, Rob Slane**

- Stated that the updated employee manual will be ready for review at the April 23, 2024 meeting
- Discussed the potential installation of a food waste biodigester on property in the area of Wilson and Sparling Roads
  - Due to concerns of damage to surrounding roads, the trucking route for incoming and outgoing transportation has been requested
  - The Commissioners requested the property owner contact the Township Trustees to discuss the plan
  - The property owner has stated that the plans for the biodigester will not move forward if neighboring residents are resistant

- Dr. Xenikis mentioned the potential odor from the digester and its proximity to the bike path
- Mr. Adkins stated that he will research the zoning code for information about other forms of alternative sources of energy

At 9:30am, Mr. Wallace made a motion to exit the regular meeting and enter a Madison County Park Board District meeting. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 9:50am, Mr. Wallace made a motion to exit the Park Board District and enter into the regular meeting. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(April 16, 2024, Madison County Park District meeting minutes and financial report are attached.)

#### **Scott North, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur, LLP**

- Requested that the Commissioners accept and approve the petition to annex 45.77+/- acres from Jefferson Township to the Village of West Jefferson, Ohio

#### **Julia Cumming, Madison Soil & Water District**

- Discussed the current Agricultural Easement applications and requested that the Commissioners approve two resolutions regarding the Easement Purchase Program
- Invited the Commissioners to the Area IV Envirothon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Gwynne Conservation Area

#### **Open Session/Public Comments**

Myron Mast, Darby Township Trustee, stated that the township is continuing to help the development along the St. Rt. 161 corridor move forward

Cody Williams requested information about the PILOT agreement between the Madison County and Savion regarding the Oak Run solar project

- The Commissioners stated that they are against the project and have not signed a PILOT agreement

**Resolution 249-24** – Presented on behalf of Jennifer Hunter, Madison County Auditor - A Resolution Approving the Payment of Invoices for the Madison County Auditor (attachment)

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the payment of invoices for the Madison County Auditor. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 250-24** – Presented on behalf of Melissa Howard, Madison County Department of Job and Family Services - A Resolution Transferring Funds for the Department of Job and Family Services

Mr. Wallace moved to transferring funds for the Department of Job and Family Services. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 251-24** Presented on behalf of Melissa Howard, Madison County Department of Job and Family Services - A Resolution Approving a Transfer of Funds Within the Madison County Dept. of Job and Family Services

Mr. Wallace moved to transfer funds within the Department of Job and Family and Children. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 252-24** – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk – A Resolution Authorizing The Madison County Airport Authority To Make Application To The Ohio Department Of Transportation, Office Of Aviation, For An Ohio Airport Improvement Program Grant For The SFY 2025

Mr. Wallace moved to authorize the Madison County Airport Authority to make application to The Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, for an Ohio Airport Improvement Program Grant for the SFY 2025. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote

**Resolution 253-24** – Presented on behalf of Sherry Baldwin, Madison County Department of Family and Children - A Resolution Requesting New Revenue Lines be Established for the Madison County Department of Family and Children.

Mr. Wallace moved to establish new revenue lines for the Madison County Department of Family and Children. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 254-24** – Presented on behalf John Swaney, Madison County Sheriff - A Resolution Approving the County-Wide 9-1-1 Plan and Designation of Madison County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Center as Primary PSAP

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the County-Wide 9-1-1 Plan and designate the Madison County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Center as primary PSAP. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 255-24** – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Accepting the Proposal by Snider Recreation for the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities Playground Improvement Project

Mr. Wallace moved to accept the proposal by Snider Recreation for the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities Playground Improvement Project. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 256-24** – Presented on behalf of Bryan Dhume, Madison County Engineer – A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Ownership of Land to ODOT through a Quick Claim Deed

Mr. Wallace moved to approve the transfer of ownership of land to ODOT through a Quick Claim Deed. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 257-24** – Presented on behalf John Swaney, Madison County Sheriff - A Resolution to Start and Fund an Initial FLOCK Camera System and Seed Reduction Program in Madison County and the Village of Mt. Sterling

Mr. Wallace moved to start and fund an initial FLOCK camera system and seed reduction program in Madison County and the Village of Mt. Sterling. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

**Resolution 258-24** – Presented by Julia Cumming, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation – A Resolution of Support and the Participation in the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program

Mr. Wallace moved to support the participation in the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

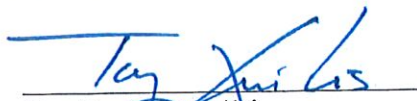
**Resolution 259-24** – Presented by Julia Cumming, Madison County Soil and Water Conservation - A Resolution Authorizing the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Madison County Commissioners for the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program


Mr. Wallace moved to authorize the County Administrator to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Madison County Commissioners for the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.


**Resolution 260-24** – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution to Accept and Approve a Petition to Annex 45.773 +/- Acres from Jefferson Township to the Village of West Jefferson - Case #ANX -2-24

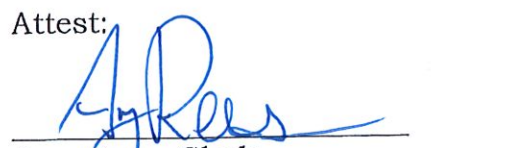
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Mr. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

  
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Dr. Tony Xenikis  
Commission President

  
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Mr. Mark Forrest  
Commissioner

  
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Mr. Chris Wallace  
Commissioner

Attest:  
  
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Amy Rees, Clerk  
Board of Madison County Commissioners