

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

April 2, 2024

Minutes

President Tony Xenikis called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 8:43 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; John Swaney, County Sheriff; Bryan Dhume, County Engineer; Ronda Maynard, Assistant County Clerk and Amy Rees, County Clerk

The minutes of the March 26, 2024, regular meeting were approved as written.

Madison County Economic Development, David Kell

- Stated that an application was submitted to the Ohio Department of Development to demolish three structures, one in Plain City and two in South Solon
- Explained that Toagosei in West Jefferson is planning an expansion, contingent a proposed annexation
- Announced that this is the last week to receive resumes for the Zoning administrator position
- Stated that the Madison County Comprehensive Plan will be updated in 2025 and then every three years
- Stated that the townships are becoming more engaged with the county

Madison County Engineer, Bryan Dhume

- Stated that he is in favor of the use of a card procurement card to process payments
- Requested to enter into an executive session to discuss the discipline of an employee

At 9:00am, Mr. Wallace moved to exit the regular meeting and enter an executive session to discuss the discipline of an employee. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

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Madison County Administrator, Rob Slane

- Requested that the resolution stating that the Madison County Board of County Commissioners designated all unincorporated area of Madison County as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of an economically significant wind farm, large wind farm or large solar facility be placed on the county website
- Stated that the county has signed a letter of engagement with county townships to work with environmental attorney, Jack Van Kley to appeal the Ohio Power Siting Board's decision to develop of the Oak Run Solar Project. Once submitted, the Ohio Power Siting Board has thirty days to review the appeal
- Requested that the Commissioner reappoint Bard Lutz to the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District Board of Directors

Madison County Commissioner, Mark Forrest

- In response to recent social media posts, Mr. Forrest stated that he wished to clarify his stance on solar developments within Madison County. He is still in favor of the Oak Run Solar Project due to the positive economic impact it could have for the County. He voted to appeal the Ohio Power and Siting Board's decision to develop the Oak Run Solar Project so that the decision can be thoroughly reviewed and proceed through the legislative process.

Robin Bruno, Madison County Director of the Department of Jobs and Family Services (DJFS)

- Introduced Julie Harris, Protective Services Administrator, to present departmental statistics
 - Since 2021, the department has exceeded the 95% quarterly compliance measures for completing investigations and scheduling face-to-face visits. Due to this, the department has earned incentives that generated an addition \$225,000 to the agency
 - A portion of the revenue was used to purchase three vehicles for caseworkers to use for home visits, saving over \$20,000 in mileage reimbursements in 2022 and 2023
- The Commissioners presented a proclamation to the DJFS staff, declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Open Session/Public Comments

Mr. Tony Murry thanked the Commissioners for approving a recent ditch petition. He also spoke of the development along St. Rt. 42.

- Stated his opinion that the letter from the Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District (SWD) to landowners requesting easements was terse
- Stated that he has requested that the Mid-Ohio SWD to allow public input on the develop of sewer and water in the area
- Expressed his disagreement with the 2022 County Comprehensive Plan about future growth along St. Rt. 42
 - The Commissioners explained the long-term goals of the Comprehensive Plan and the addition of water and sewer to that area

Jennifer Hunter, Madison County Auditor

- Stated that tax settlements are complete
- Explained that federal government ruled that sales tax on healthcare providers is not permissible and instead gave money to counties to make up for the loss of revenue. \$738,814.78 was placed into the Medicaid Local Sales Tax Transition Fund. She requested that the money be transferred to the General Fund
- Stated the Auditor's Office will be sharing monthly financial reports with the Commissioners
- Updated the Commissioners about the use of a county credit and procurement card
 - Decided that the Auditor's Office will be the administrator of the cards
 - Requested that Mr. Slane compose a list of card users from each department and decide on purchase limits
 - Stated that she wished to see how the reinstatement of the use of credit cards works before committing to using a procurement card for paying bills
 - Dr. Xenikis asked if a procurement card would increase the efficiencies of the Auditor's Office. Mrs. Hunter stated that it would not and that it would just be a different process for bill payment
 - Stated that Mahoning County uses a procurement card and will be contacting them for more information

Resolution 231-24 – 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 232-24 – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Reappointing Brad Lutz to the Mid-Ohio Sewer and Water District Board of Directors

Mr. Wallace moved to reappoint Brad Lutz to the Mid-Ohio Sewer and Water District Board of Directors. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 233-24 – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Increasing Appropriations to the Commissioners Professional Services Budget Line in the Amount of \$100,000

Mr. Wallace moved to increase appropriations to the Commissioners Professional Services budget line in the amount of \$100,000. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 234-24 – Presented John Swaney, Madison County Sheriff – A Resolution Appointing Tony Xenikis to the Madison County 9-1-1 Final Plan Committee

Mr. Wallace moved to appoint Tony Xenikis to the Madison County 9-1-1 Final Plan Committee. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Resolution 235-24 – Presented on the Honorable Chris Brown, Madison Juvenile Court – A Resolution Accepting the 2023 Annual Report of the Juvenile Division of the Madison County Court of Common Pleas

Mr. Wallace moved to accepting the 2023 Annual Report of the Juvenile Division of the Madison County Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

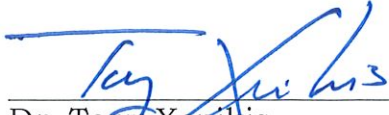
Resolution 236-24 – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Adjusting the Madison County Airport Authority Budget

Mr. Wallace moved to adjust the Madison County Airport Authority budget. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

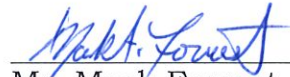
Resolution 237-24 – Presented by Amy Rees, Commission Clerk - A Resolution Amending Resolution 229-24, Appointing Steve Lelonek to the Mid-Ohio Sewer and Water District Board of Directors

Mr. Wallace moved to amend Resolution 229-24, appointing Steve Lelonek to the Mid-Ohio Sewer and Water District Board of Directors. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.


Mr. Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:44am. Mr. Forrest seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with a roll call vote.



Dr. Tony Xenikis
Commission President

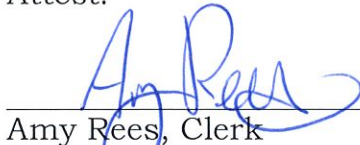


Mr. Mark Forrest
Commissioner



Mr. Chris Wallace
Commissioner

Attest:



Amy Rees, Clerk
Board of Madison County Commissioners