

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session on December 31, 2012, with the following members present: Brian Baldrige, Justin Cooper, and Roger Rhonemus. Clerk Diane Ward and Commissioners-elect Stephen Caraway and Paul Worley were also present.

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

JFS PAYROLL APPROVED RESOLUTION 2012-622

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Brian Baldrige to approve the JFS payroll of \$44,485.60 for pay period December 16, 2012 through December 29, 2012 upon the recommendation of JFS Director Sue Fulton.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

JFS Director Sue Fulton met with the board to discuss personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION APPROVED RESOLUTION 2012-623

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Brian Baldrige to enter into Executive Session at 8:49 a.m. to discuss personnel with Sue Fulton.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

RECONVENE APPROVED RESOLUTION 2012-624

It was moved by Brian Baldrige and seconded by Justin Cooper to reconvene at 8:51 a.m.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

JFS PERSONNEL ACTION J. GRAY RESIGNATION APPROVED RESOLUTION 2012-625

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to accept JFS employee Judy Gray's resignation effective 12/21/12 upon the recommendation of JFS Director Sue Fulton.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

**LIFE SQUAD VOLUNTEER RUN REIMBURSEMENT APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2012- 628**

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the Life Squad Run Reimbursements for December in the amount of \$1,575.00.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: **Baldrige, abstain** **Cooper, yea** **Rhonemus, yea**

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**COMMISSIONER ROGER RHONEMUS RESIGNATION APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2012-629**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Brian Baldrige to approve the resignation as submitted by Commissioner Roger A. Rhonemus effective December 31, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: **Baldrige, yea** **Cooper, yea** **Rhonemus, abstain**

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**FOP SHERIFF/SERGEANT’S CONTRACTS APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2012- 630**

It was moved by Brian Baldrige and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the Agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and the Adams County Sheriff’s Department and the Sergeant’s Agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and the Adams County Sheriff’s Department.

See Contract Journal 61, Page 46

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: **Baldrige, yea** **Cooper, yea** **Rhonemus, yea**

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SANDY SPRINGS ROADSIDE REST PROPOSED CLOSURE DISCUSSED

Barb Lund, Myrna Hixson, Cecilia Osborne, William Tipton of Scenic Scioto Heritage Trail, Marcia J. Tipton, and Arc of Appalachia Preserve System Director Nancy Stranahan met with the board to discuss the Sandy Springs proposed roadside rest closure by the Ohio Department of Transportation. Those present expressed their concerns to the board on the proposed closure and how they felt the roadside rest should remain open to the public. A possible joint collaboration between local governments and volunteers was discussed for the future maintenance of the park.

Ms. Lund submitted a written statement to the board on saving the Sandy Springs Roadside Rest and expressed her views as to why the park should remain open.

Ms. Stranahan discussed the Arc of Appalachia Preserve property that is adjacent to the rest area. Ms. Stranahan has plans of a nature trail starting at Sandy Springs for the Rock Run Preserve through collaboration with the State Forestry; a parking area would be needed at the trail head. The Arc of Appalachia could be part of the solution by maintaining the site and the picnic shelter for the public, but could not provide restroom facilities.

Ms. Osborne informed the board that the township could not afford to maintain the park. The restroom facilities are needed because there aren’t any facilities to stop at between Portsmouth and Manchester. The Highway Patrol parks there to slow traffic, and if the park is closed, it will endanger lives due to speeding motorists. A dumpster is located at the park and if it is removed, the trash will be thrown along the highway.

Mr. Tipton discussed the possibilities of obtaining a grant to maintain the facility and to get the State of Ohio to assist through the 27 scenic highways that operate under O.D.O.T.

Ms. Hixson discussed the historical area and the Historical Society’s application for the entire Sandy Springs area to be placed on the list of Historical Landmarks in 1974. Sandy Springs is in the master plan for a National Historical Landmark. The natural historians are very concerned that the area be preserved.

The board agreed to meet with those present later on in January to further discuss the possibilities and O.D.O.T.’s decision.

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Engineer David Hook and Mike Hughes met with the board to discuss 2013 budget, and approval of the Engineer's 2013 travel, and 2013 force account.

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**2013 ENGINEER FORCE ACCOUNT APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2012-631**

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the following resolution for the Adams County Engineer to proceed by "Force Account" in 2013.

A Resolution Authorizing the Adams County Engineer to Proceed by Force Account During 2013.

WHEREAS, the Board of Adams County Commissioners has decided that the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Adams County can best and most efficiently be served by the "Force Account" in matters pertaining to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of Adams County roads, bridges, and culverts; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Adams County, does hereby authorize the Adams County Engineer in the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and culverts in Adams County to use the existing county employee forces and proceed by "Force Account" as the County Engineer may determine during the year 2013.

Passed: December 31, 2012

/s/ Brian Baldrige

/s/ Justin Cooper

/s/ Roger A. Rhonemus

Attest: /s/ Diane Ward

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea

Cooper, yea

Rhonemus, yea

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**2013 ENGINEER TRAVEL APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2012-632**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Brian Baldrige to approve the following resolution authorizing travel by departments of the Adams County Engineer during 2013.

A Resolution Authorizing Travel by Departments of the Adams County Engineer During 2013.

WHEREAS, Departments of the Adams County Engineer are required to obtain authorization from the Board of Adams County Commissioners to travel,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Adams County Commissioners:

The Adams County Engineer is hereby authorized to authorize all travel for employees of the Engineer's Office, Highway Department and Tax Map Department in accordance with Section 6.01C and 6.01D of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual of the Adams County Engineer.

Passed: December 31, 2012

/s/ Brian Baldrige

/s/ Justin Cooper

/s/ Roger A. Rhonemus

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Baldrige, yea

Cooper, yea

Rhonemus, yea

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9-1-1 Director Donnie Swayne met with the board to discuss the resignation of employee Chelsea Williams. Mr. Swayne would like to replace Ms. Williams with three part-time personnel to cover the department. Some applications are on file and additional applications will be taken until the 15th of January; advertisement in the paper may be necessary.

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2013 REGULAR MEETING DATES & WORK SESSIONS ESTABLISHMENT APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2012-638

It was moved by Brian Baldrige and seconded by Justin Cooper to establish the following 2013 Regular Session and Work Session meeting dates for the Adams County Board of Commissioners:

Regular Sessions

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| January 7, 14, 22, 28 | February 4, 11, 19, 25 | March 4, 12*, 18, 25 |
| April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | May 6, 13, 20, 29 | June 4*, 10, 17, 24 |
| July 1, 8, 15, 22, 30* | August 5, 12, 19, 26 | September 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 |
| October 7, 15, 21, 29* | November 4, 13, 18, 25 | December 2, 5, 16, 23, 31 |

Work Sessions – 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. or until work is completed

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| January 9, 17, 30 | February 8, 14, 22 | March 7, 15, 22, 28 |
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The regular and work session meetings will be held in the Commissioners’ office and will commence at 9:00 a.m. until business is completed with the exception of the following meetings:

Evening Sessions – 6:30 p.m. until work is completed

- *March 12th meeting – Jefferson Township Fire House Building in Blue Creek
- *June 4th meeting – Bratton Township Building in Louden
- *July 30th meeting – Liberty Township Building
- *October 29th meeting – Monroe Township Community Building

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

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| VOTE: Baldrige, yea | Cooper, yea | Rhonemus, yea |
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Commissioner Brian Baldrige addressed Mr. Rhonemus and Mr. Cooper and thanked them for their service to the county. Mr. Baldrige stated that it has been an honor and privilege to serve with Mr. Rhonemus and Mr. Cooper and they have served the county well.



MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to adjourn at 3:05 p.m.

There was no further discussion and upon the call of the roll the vote resulted as follows:

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| VOTE: Baldrige, yea | Cooper, yea | Rhonemus, yea |
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Board of Commissioners

Of

Adams County, Ohio

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Roger Rhonemus, Vice Chairman

Diane Ward, Clerk

Brian Baldrige, Member

Stephen Caraway

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