

The Board of Adams County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2012, with the following members present: Brian Baldrige, Justin Cooper, and Roger Rhonemus. Clerk Diane Ward and Assistant Clerk Linda Mendenhall were also present.

It was moved by Brian Baldrige 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

**BILLS APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-308**

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the bills.

Adams County Probation Dept.	Overpayment/Pay in #999	001-115-5900	\$ 16.16
Adams County Public Library	Donation/public libraries	193-316-5900	\$ 2,000.00
Adams Co. Regional Medical Ctr.	DFSP random testing/17 employees	001-100-5900	\$ 561.00
Adams Rural Electric	Electric/airport	001-124-5450	\$ 140.72
Adams Rural Electric	Electric/sewer	260-199-5450	\$ 64.08
Assn. Muni/County Judges	Registration/Summer Conference	001-120-5500	\$ 250.00
Bilyeu, Cindy	Painting/mural - Jury room	193-316-5900	\$ 1,500.00
Blake Pharmacy	Watch/GED graduate	193-316-5900	\$ 35.96
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	Drug supplies/squads	010-170-5300	\$ 489.30
Cherry Valley Lodge	Lodging/A. Foster-conference	001-120-5500	\$ 378.42
Cooper Key & Lock	New lock & keys	001-123-5400	\$ 83.25
Delta Airport Consultants	Airfield Lighting Rehab/prof. services	238-387-5420	\$ 2,849.55
Dinsmore Farm & Fleet	2 snap bolts & wire rope clips	001-125-540	\$ 8.90
Flow-Thru Drain & Sewer Cleaning	Faucet & toilet repair/jail	001-123-5400	\$ 215.00
Frontier	Phone/Auditor	001-104-5450	\$ 164.25
Lawrence County Juvenile Court	Placement/May 2012	055-322-5435	\$ 2,465.00
Local Government Services, LLC	Consulting services agreement	190-160-5420	\$ 4,500.00
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	3 Ohio Criminal Law Handbooks	001-125-5300	\$ 170.80
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	Legal Research/Law Library	070-407-5305	\$ 1,131.32
MBI Solutions	Contract services/EMS billing	010-170-5420	\$ 1,306.30
Modern Leasing	Copier lease/Prosecutor	001-108-5420	\$ 268.37
Morrison Printing	Envelopes/County Court	001-120-5300	\$ 495.50
Perram Electric, Inc.	Airfield Lighting Rehab/contract serv.	238-287-5420	\$ 163,489.87
Physio-Control Corp.	Monitor maintenance contract	010-170-5420	\$ 7,506.00
Quill	Office supplies	001-108-5300	\$ 387.94
Rader, Jerry	Community Service supervisor	185-168-5420	\$ 288.00
Redwood Toxicology	Drug testing fees	185-168-5900	\$ 150.00
Richmond Insurance Agency	Liability insurance/airport	001-142-5940	\$ 2,737.00
Roy Tailor Uniform	Uniform-Daniels, radio carrier, etc.	001-125-5350	\$ 299.11
Scenic View Mulch	Mulch/courthouse	001-123-5300	\$ 269.10
Scott's & Combs Towing	Towed John Deere tractor/ACSO	001-125-5400	\$ 75.00
Spencer, Brett M.	Reim/travel expenses	001-113-5500	\$ 200.55
Time Warner Cable	Cable/jail	001-125-5420	\$ 73.40
Treasurer of State	BCMh program	001-134-5830	\$ 47.10
Tri County Reporting	Transcript #20090079/12-CA-942	001-113-5640	\$ 1,509.60
West Payment Center	Legal Research/Law Library	070-407-5305	\$ 404.46
West Payment Center	Online research/Law Library	070-407-5305	\$ 1,138.83
West Union Electric & Plumbing	Jail faucet part, janitor faucet part	001-123-5400	\$ 175.50
	Engineer		
A & A Safety	School speed limit signs, etc.	165-162-5340	\$ 1,494.00
B & C Communications	Hand-held radios (12)	165-162-5350	\$ 4,860.00
Baxla Tractor Sales	Handle and nut #60	165-162-5340	\$ 193.36
Community Fuels	Diesel & gasoline	165-162-5340	\$ 1,918.20
Cintas	Clean uniform, rug & towel service	165-162-5420	\$ 387.92
Chapparal Sand & Gravel	50# grass seed/Vaughns Ridge	165-162-5300	\$ 49.99
Frontier	Phone service/544-2533	165-162-5450	\$ 66.11
John Dsuban Spring	Repair frame #16	165-162-5400	\$ 10,610.00
Grooms, Joyce M.	Cleaning office 6/8/12	165-161-5420	\$ 75.00
Hanson Aggregates	406.67 tons stone/Tater Knob	165-162-5340	\$ 2,971.77
		Total	\$ 197,845.34

Hanson Aggregates	36.94 tons Conway, 37.13 ton Tater	165-162-5340	\$	562.93
Hanson Aggregates	94.49 tons shot rock/hailed	165-162-5340	\$	1,488.22
Hanson Aggregates	5 yds grout/Churn Creek	165-163-5340	\$	295.65
James B. Harsha Co.	Band saw blades & tie wire	165-162-5340	\$	28.05
Imperial Supplies, LLC	Electrical connectors, shrink wrap	165-162-5340	\$	627.30
Miami Valley International	2 hose and fuel transfer pump	165-162-5340	\$	600.55
Morton Salt, Inc.	312.26 tons road salt	165162-5340	\$	19,250.83
Morton Salt, Inc.	285.38 tons road salt	165-162-5340	\$	17,593.68
Morton Salt, Inc.	260.36 tons road salt	165-162-5340	\$	16,051.19
Murphin Ridge Building Supplies	2x4's & 1x4's/Big Run	165-163-5340	\$	47.34
Shupert Tire Service	Tire for truck #23	165-162-5340	\$	596.28
Time Warner Cable	Internet access/office	165-162-5420	\$	84.95
Time Warner Cable	Internet access/garage	165-1625420	\$	85.55
Walmart	Binders, folders, batteries, etc.	165-161-5300	\$	65.18
		Total	\$	80,004.05

Job & Family Services

Adams County Senior Citizens	Contract services/NET transportation	180-156-5420	\$	11,526.84
Calvert, Brenda	Meals CFIS WEB training	180-156-5500	\$	6.38
Cummins Bridgeway, LLC***	Annual full service	180-156-5420	\$	268.36
Cummins Bridgeway, LLC	Service call/labor mileage	180-156-5420	\$	1,723.60
Dell Marketing LP	LTO Ultrium 4 data cartridge	180-156-5300	\$	258.99
Frontier	Phone service 544-3781	180-156-5450	\$	44.76
Fulton, Sue	Travel 3/16-05/25/12	180-156-5500	\$	146.72
Mason County E. Corp. Seaman	NET/PRS gas vouchers/April-May	180-156-5420	\$	230.00
Mason County E. Corp. Seaman	PRC gas vouchers	180-156-5530	\$	25.00
Mason County E. Corp. Peebles	NET/PRS gas vouchers 4/20-519	180-156-5420	\$	380.00
McClanahan, Danyel	Meals CFIS WEB training	180-156-5500	\$	9.04
OJFSDA	2012 annual training conference	180-156-5900	\$	800.00
OJFSDA	2012 annual training conference. 5/24/12	180-157-5900	\$	500.00
Peebles Food Mart #218	PRC gas vouchers	180-156-5530	\$	75.00
Quill	Misc. office supplies	180-156-5300	\$	319.36
Refuge Ministries & Outreach	Contract services/OWF/PRC Work	180-156-5420	\$	4,050.00
Shawnee Mental Health Center	Mental functions/Basic med	180-156-5485	\$	539.00
Time Warner Cable	Phone service 06/7-07/06/12	180-156-5450	\$	505.73
Vandyke	Copier maintenance & repairs	180-156-5400	\$	295.53
Verizon Wireless	937-892-0634 Fraud #	180-156-5450	\$	528.13
Verizon Wireless	Cell phone #937-892-8383	180-157-5900	\$	32.89
		Total	\$	48,050.81

***Indicates purchase orders certified "Then & Now" in excess of \$100.00.

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, ADVANCES, ADVANCE RETURN, & REDUCTION
APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-309**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to approve the following additional appropriations, advances, advance return, and reduction:

Additional Appropriations
\$34,195.00 to 244-436-5285, Project Expense, FEMA Small Projects 2011
\$3,000.00 to 001-122-5765, Leases, County General
\$823.95 to 005-356-5350, Equipment, Adult Community Corrections
\$274.22 to 005-356-5300, Supplies, Adult Community Corrections
\$12.00 to 005-167-5300, Supplies, Adult Community Corrections
\$775.00 to 005-356-5500, Travel, Adult Community Corrections
Reduction
\$1,200.00 from 001-143-5902, Transfers, County General
Advances>Returns
\$84,180.66 from 238-387-5901, Advances, Airport Grant, to 001-109-4901, Advances/Ret, County General
\$154,607.08 from 001-145-5901, Advances, County General, to 238-387-4901, Advances, Airport Grant

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

FINAL VIEWING/FAITH ROAD

The board conducted the Final Viewing of Faith Road for the proposed establishment at 9:00 a.m. Those present were as follows: Engineer David Hook, Don Becker, Cheryl Becker, and Daniel G. Fannin.

FINAL HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF FAITH ROAD

The Final Hearing for the proposed establishment of Faith Road was conducted at 10:00 a.m. Those present were as follows: Engineer David Hook, Daniel G. Fannin, Lisa Newman, Brian Jodrey, Robert Lewis, Judy Shupert, Richard DeMint, Gladden Shupert, Cheryl Becker, Don Becker, Lisa Newman, Donna Hibbeler, and Stephen Hibbeler.

Engineer David Hook presented his report on the proposed establishment of Faith Road, Liberty Township, Adams County. As a result of the road survey, the existing road is found to encroach outside the inside right-of-way line and onto the property of Jeffery and Lisa Newman. This encroachment will need to be resolved prior to any acceptance of the road. The matter may be resolved by moving the roadway to within the existing right-of-way limits or by obtaining an easement from Jeffrey and Lisa Newman. The encroachment issue on the curve legally has to be rectified prior to the board taking action for establishment.

The Commissioners currently do not plan to proceed with establishment of the remainder of the roadway that is in Sprigg Township due to the Sprigg Township Trustees voting unanimously to not accept the proposed establishment of the portion of Faith Road.

Approval of this roadway in Liberty Township does not mean that the roadway will be chipped and sealed. It just means that the roadway will be designated as a township roadway.

Residents living in Sprigg Township and voting in Liberty Township was discussed.

The following residents were in favor of the proposed establishment:

Brian Jodrey – (lives in Sprigg Township) if that is as far as we can go(Liberty Township to the Sprigg Township line), I am certainly for the establishment.

Daniel Fannin— 1st is public safety / the road gets slick when there is snow on and is a true safety reason if you need an ambulance or the fire department, 2nd is children. We have a lot of kids that walk in the winter because the two buses come to the end of the road, 3rd The Oliver School bus was coming down the road and causing the association a problem with keeping the road maintained. The safety of the residents is a great benefit.

Steve Hibbeler – agrees with the first two gentlemen – it would be a whole lot nicer if it was maintained by the township with culverts to avoid standing water and potholes.

Richard DeMint – I am in favor and we do not know when we have to legally change the address.

Don Becker – in favor and I appreciate the board and county engineer and I agree with the other gentlemen.

Cheryl Becker – I agree

Judy Shupert – I am for it also and we have lived there for 15 years, is there anything that you can do about dust; you can't enjoy your front porch or mow your lawn without dust. Ms. Shupert was informed that it is at the discretion of the township for dust control and improvements. The commissioners have no jurisdiction or authority for that improvement.

Donna Hibbeler – I am for it also, and it has taken a long time and I appreciate that something is going to be done about it, I agree with the safety concerns, and I have health issues and there are also older people living there that will also benefit.

The following Liberty Township resident was against the proposed establishment:

Robert Lewis – Lives on Lonesome Road/ they have a better road now than when they will have if the township takes it over.

Brian Jodrey addressed the board and expressed his appreciation to the board and requested a time frame for the proposed establishment because the roadway still needs to be maintained. The residents also requested the board to send a letter to Liberty Township if the roadway is established.

The residents also questioned placement of mail boxes. Residents were informed that the postal service has the authority on where the mail boxes will be placed if the roadway is established.



Assistant Prosecutor Nikki Whalen met with the board to discuss legal issues.



**JFS PAYROLL APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-310**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to approve the JFS payroll of \$42,619.20 for pay period June 3, 2012 through June 16, 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: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

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**WEST UNION VILLAGE/OHIO COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-311**

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the West Union Village Ohio Commercial Lease Agreement for housing the Adams County Title Department for a period of 5 years commencing July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2017 at a rate of \$500.00 per month/\$6,000.00 per year.

See Contract Journal 59, Page 44

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

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**DOG KENNEL EMPLOYEE/E. BURKE RESIGNATION ACCEPTED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-312**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to accept the resignation of Dog Kennel employee Erica Burke, effective June 29, 2012 upon receiving Ms. Burke's documented request on Friday, June 15, 2012.

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

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BAIRD, Inc. representative David Conley and Emily Cannon was present to discuss a proposal for the Energy Efficiency Improvements financial perspective and the proper way to proceed. Facilities Director Sally Hayslip was also present.

Interest rates and summary of general obligations security were discussed. A general obligation is the most secure and is subject to debt limits. BAIRD, Inc. will do a review of the credit and will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of our rating which will be compared with 25 different factors from size to tax rate base, etc. It will also help us out with the rating by keeping the interest rate as low as possible. Rates are some of the lowest they have been; pretty attractive rates over all. This is a good time for interest rates - 3.5% to 4%.

Debt capacity – is driven by assessed evaluation. \$603 million total assessed value this year for Adams County. Last year it was \$608 million. Utilities assessed \$108 million last year and \$220 million this year. The ability to borrow has increased and the county has gained debt capacity. The county can borrow \$6 million for capital improvements. Jails are exempt from debt limit. An issue would have to be placed on the ballot for any jail improvement.

\$85,000.00 yearly debt payment is a rough estimate on a \$1 million capacity over a 15 year amortization with 3% interest. There are three ways to borrow –

1. Borrow from yourself – bond issue and buy own bonds. The county needs \$1 million in the treasury to do this; it is the least expensive. If it is done in-house, there will be no charge from BAIRD.
2. Sell bond outright - sell it in the market
3. Placement - selling bond directly to one of four banks. This option is BAIRD's recommendation.

BAIRD is a consultant service and will contact Peck Shafer and work through Abbott Thayer. Any fees for BAIRD will be built in to the loan.

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WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The board attended the War of 1812 Bicentennial Celebration conducted on the front lawn of the courthouse at 11:30 a.m.

**OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-313**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to participate in the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program and submit the \$170.00 administrative fee.

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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Adams Brown Recycling representatives Dan Wickerham and Sam Perrin, and Adams Clermont Solid Waste District Director Paul Braasch were present to discuss recyclable material brought into Adams Brown Recycling over 30 years of operation. The combined total amount paid to customers to date through the buy-back operation is \$15,280,000.00. During this same time frame, 58,350 tons of recyclable materials were diverted from landfills.

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Commissioner Justin Cooper attended a Board of Revision meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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Adams Clermont Solid Waste Director Paul Braasch met with the board to discuss the next meeting scheduled in Clermont County for June 25, 2012.

BARNES SEWER PHASE II RESIDENTS & CONCERNED CITIZENS ADDRESS BOARD

Barnes Sewer Phase II residents and concerned citizens addressed the board at a 2:00 p.m. meeting pertaining to the history of the project, construction, estimates, fees, and debt. The meeting was conducted at the Annex conference room to accommodate those in attendance. Those present were as follows: Lora Abernathy of the *Peoples Defender* SW Group Online Edition, Carleta Weyrich of the *Peoples Defender*, URS representative Brian Benedict, E.C.D. Director Holly Johnson, West Union Mayer Ted Grooms, Jerry Kirker of West Union Village, Jason Work of the Adams County Health Department, Assistant Prosecutor Dana Whalen, Roger Whaley, Kaye Whaley, Randy Mack, Sharon Chenoweth, John Mullenix, Chase Prather, Brande Applegate, Raymond Applegate, Sande Staggs, Gary Miller, Ronald Salisbury, Dawn Dryden, Emilee McNeilan, Silas Mills, Ann Becker, Jim Cooper, Dana Holbrook, Cecil Shelton, Martha Clinger, Frank Hiatt, Gordon Mayo, Tina Fenton, Wendell Swearingen, Kathleen Salisbury, Edward Harmon, and Ken Hilterbrand.

Commissioner Roger Rhonemus gave a brief synopsis of the history surrounding the project involving the Ohio E.P.A. violations with orders and findings against the county.

E.C.D. Director Holly Johnson provided handouts answering the questions that residents had asked at the Village of West Union meeting held on June 12, 2012 pertaining to the project.

Commissioner Brian Baldrige asked those present how many of them were present at the first initial public meeting held at the Career & Technical Center. Most of those present raised their hand verifying attendance. Mr. Baldrige informed those present that the county had a copy of the sign-in sheet for said meeting.

URS representative Brian Benedict then addressed the tap fee of \$900.00 and the estimates that were made pertaining to the project. Mr. Benedict also explained how a contingency was included in the estimate to cover amendments to the project. Mr. Benedict also explained how a total amount cannot be derived until the project is complete because of unforeseen construction changes. One change was due to the utility company marking the wrong location of its service and as a result a change order had to be processed in order for the project to continue. Mr. Benedict apologized to everyone for saying there was no tap fee. He also explained that this project was negotiated through various village and county officials. There was no intent to mislead anyone. The project has been conducted as economically as possible to keep the debt portion at a minimum for the users.

John Mullenix addressed the board and wanted to know why the septic tanks in the Watt's Addition were not dealt with the same way as the Barnes Sewer project. Mr. Mullenix was informed that those present did not have the answer but would find out for him.

Sharon Chenoweth then submitted a document to each board member which expressed her concerns and opinions pertaining to the Ohio E.P.A. mandates, user fees, tap fee, debt retirement, and how she claimed the residents were misled by the Village of West Union. Ms. Chenoweth also wanted to know if they were misled and misinformed or did someone not do their job properly. Ms. Chenoweth also wanted to know answers to questions which pertained to the village wanting the Barnes Sewer residents to make up for lost revenues due to the school and hospital moving out of the village, which the

commissioners were unable to answer. Ms. Chenoweth then requested the board to speak to village officials on behalf of the residents to ask them to waive or reduce the tap fee and debt retirement. Ms. Chenoweth asked that the board work with the residents and help them.

Jerry Kirker then discussed the village sewer rates that were raised in 2009.

Silas Mills addressed the board and agreed that they understand that their area was mandated by the E.P.A. It is a good thing for the future. It's the fees on top of everything. We feel the commissioners should have fought the E.P.A. because now we have a twenty-year loan because of the debt retirement. We think this is an expansion of the sewer and that this cost should be covered across the board; we as 120 households should not absorb this debt.

Commissioner Brian Baldrige then explained how he and E.C.D. Director Holly Johnson spent a day fighting for debt relief for residents at the E.P.A. in Columbus, Ohio. The county did get a grant relief and had that debt forgiven through the E.P.A.

Edward Harmon questioned the board pertaining to the 0% interest that was discussed at the July 2011 meeting. Mr. Harmon was informed by Brian Benedict that the one loan had a 0% interest (forgiveness loan), but the other loans had a 1-2% interest.

Martha Klinger questioned whether or not you had to hook up to the line if you lived near it. Ms. Klinger was informed that if the residence is within 200 feet of the line, they are required by law to hook into the system.

James Cooper questioned if that was "iron-clad" and if the prosecutor was investigating that ruling. No one could answer the portion pertaining to the prosecutor as Prosecutor Kelley was not present.

Edward Harmon questioned the change in rates and if the change was due to the additional interest.

Silas Mills questioned the justification with that big of a difference in cost.

Brian Benedict then explained how the total cost of the project will not be known until the completion of the project. Auditors will come in after the project to show a paper trail of the actual construction costs which will show how the money was spent. Change orders have an effect on the cost. Brian also stated that estimates pertained to how far away the line was from a house.

Edward Harmon then apologized to the board pertaining to the Letter to the Editor which he stated this never happened before because he found out that it had happened at Peebles. Mr. Harmon then proclaimed that they are not a part of West Union and do not wish to be part of the village as a subdivision. Barnes is a development. Mr. Harmon then suggested that a Sewer District be formed for the whole county and that the county place a 1 mill levy on the ballot to help pay for the sewer. The county just passed a library levy, and Mr. Harmon does not use the library, but he has to pay the taxes. A school levy was passed and Mr. Harmon feels it is now a very modern school. Mr. Harmon claimed that they only have had estimates and maybes; they operate on facts.

Chase Prather informed the board that he has two hookups and has already paid West Union for the taps. The first set of plans did not go where the line was supposed to be. Mr. Prather has lived there for 36 years and never had any trouble with the leach line. Mr. Prather's home is farther back and he may not want to hook up now – but would like to get his money back.

Silas Mills – there were plans presented at the July meeting, but if you pull them out now, they are different.

Brian Benedict then referred to the utility company marking the wrong place and the minor changes that had to be made and the costs due to the conflict with the utility.

Chase Prather questioned whether or not the roadways would be fixed where the manhole is located. Mr. Benedict informed Mr. Prather that the project covers the roads that were disturbed and that they will be repaired.

Chase Prather also discussed the construction causing a storm water drainage problem. Mr. Prather claimed that they underestimated the amount of water and they used a pipe that is too small.

Brian Benedict stated that tiles were removed because some of the systems were actually draining into the tiles. The storm drainage issues will be addressed and replaced as prior to the construction.

James Cooper then informed Mr. Benedict that a culvert was removed and replaced with an 8" pipe which is not large enough because the storm runoff runs over the road.

Chase Prather then informed the board that two different attorneys said that the residents do not have to do what the village of West Union wants and they don't have the authority over the residents because we are not incorporated. Mr. Prather was informed that the county owns the sewer system and that Village of West Union maintains it.

Commissioner Brian Baldrige then explained the reasoning behind why the county chose to do pump stations versus building new plants. It was more economical to construct a pump station and have the Village of West Union maintain the system and use their available capacity for flow.

Edward Harmon then questioned why some other business did not take on the project. Commissioner Roger Rhonemus then informed Mr. Harmon that Adams County Regional Water Company was asked and refused to take on the project.

Edward Harmon discussed how the Adams County Health Department inspected his system a few years ago and his system was fine and he was charged a fee of \$20.00. Mr. Harmon requested that the debt be placed on their taxes. Mr. Harmon was informed that it would not work if people did not pay their taxes.

John Mullenix then requested that #7 of the question and answer sheet be explained pertaining to

the properties. Mr. Mullenix was informed that it pertained to all properties. Roger Whaley asked if the funding and loans for Phase I could be explained.

Brian Benedict explained that Ohio Public Works funds were split between a bridge for the engineer and the sewer project. A loan was obtained through WPCLF and the school used Capital Improvement funding for its share. The school is also paying a higher rate than residents.

Silas Mills then addressed the board about future projects and how the county should have budgeted over the last twenty years and set aside funding for the project. The residents have had to take off work to attend meetings and have lost additional money above the \$14,000.00 they have to pay. The county needs a Sewer District.

Commissioner Brian Baldrige then explained how he was in the same situation in Cherry Fork. Running a tax levy for each project is not the answer. Cost effectiveness would be for the Cherry Fork sewage going to the Village of Winchester if the capacity is available.

Dee Fenton questioned if it would have been more logical to go from house to house testing systems and giving them thirty days to comply versus doing a system.

Jason Work then explained it all depends on how the E.P.A. actually writes the citation.

One resident complained that they have to hook up and do not have the money to pay for it; they do not qualify for CHIP funding. Ms. Johnson suggested they try for U.S.D.A. funding.

Edward Harmon then discussed the contract between the county and the Village of West Union. The contract gives the village the right to inspect the property. Mr. Benedict explained the inspection intent was to see how the usage was coming out.

Silas Mills stated there are too many grey areas.

Randy Mack addressed the board and claimed they have been discriminated against and they have had questions danced around. The only way we can get anywhere is to get attorneys and go after whomever.

Edward Harmon claimed that they were outright suckered into signing a user agreement to pay \$900.00. My septic tank was destroyed and I have already signed on. Jason Work informed Mr. Harmon that Ohio Administrative Code requires that the tanks have to be destroyed.

Silas Mills claimed that Distel Construction was informing residents that the tap fee was waived.

Dee Fenton requested that they would appreciate some help and it would help if we would quit getting the "run around"; this is going to hurt us and we don't think anyone cares.

Commissioner Brian Baldrige then stated that he would fight for the residents with the E.P.A. and reiterate to the E.P.A. that they are hurting the people.

Village of West Union Mayor Ted Grooms reminded the residents that the village offered them an option of paying \$25.00 per month for the tap fee until it is paid.

A resident then stated that the county had missed a deadline and missed a grant. Mr. Baldrige informed them that the former E.C.D. director had missed a deadline, but the grant was obtained the next go around.

Silas Mills stated that this is not helping the county, it is destroying it. You don't say it's going to be one estimate then there's extra costs placed on you.

Brian Benedict then explained how the change of alignment caused a change of cost and that Phase II had unforeseen conditions that will be covered with contingencies. The Adams County Commissioners have tried to keep the project as economical as possible.

Gordon Mayo stated that the E.P.A. is no threat and that he was receptive to the sewer system. It was realistic. The cost control is not realistic now. If there is that much mismanagement in this project, it needs to be brought back in line. Everyone assumes that this is a done deal. We would comply, but the cost needs to be realistic. We went through this a few years ago where I used to live, and the town stopped it at \$6,000.00.

Commissioner Brian Baldrige then informed those present that a friend of his, that lived in another area, had a projected cost of \$25,000.00 to be hooked onto sewer.

Jerry Kirker stated that they will be charged the same rate as the people in West Union. The county owns the system. West Union operates it and collects the debt for the county. Mayor Ted Grooms again mentioned the \$25.00 per month fee for the tap fee which will be gone once the \$900.00 fee is met. The sewer fee is \$23.00 per month with the debt fee of \$57.00 which is collected for the county. The village will treat the residents the same way as the people of West Union.

Commissioner Baldrige stated that the county will look into extending the loan from 20 years to 30 years.

Silas Mills suggested that everyone be charged across the board for the improvements including the West Union residents.

Edward Harmon then discussed the possibility of future construction and how new construction would be pro-rated along with a rate reduction for those already on the system.

Dawn Dryden stated that they cannot afford this and they are not getting any help. They want the system, but cannot afford this extra financial burden.

Silas Mills stated that if the county is not willing to help us, the county is railroading us with a lien against our houses. There are several here that have already contacted an attorney.

Commissioner Baldrige stated that the goal of the county was not to put anyone in a financial problem. The county did this to comply with the E.P.A.

Sande Staggs addressed the board and stated that this all came about because people were not compliant. Ms. Staggs lives in Liberty Township and suggested that they be proactive so that her

neighbors do not have to go through this. Ms. Staggs thinks that Liberty Township could be proactive by having systems tested and brought up to compliance. Basic system assessment is necessary to avoid this situation.

Gary Miller stated that the tap fee should be incorporated into the loan debt.

West Union Village Mayor Ted Grooms informed those present that their office is always open to the residents and encouraged them to see them for any issues or concerns.

Silas Mills asked if the commissioners were going to look into anything to reduce the loan. Mr. Mills was informed that the county can go back to the E.P.A. for additional grant money, but getting money after the project is completed is harder.

It was agreed that the board will try to have information for the residents by July 10th. If that deadline cannot be met, the board will notify the residents and set up another date.

JFS Director Sue Fulton and Transportation Director Sally Hayslip met with the board to discuss personnel and transportation. The Mobility Manager grant was discussed for future transportation purposes. A sub-contract with the vendors would be required so they would all have the same training, safety program, etc. to improve the quality and safety of the transportation of clients. JFS asked for transportation proposals this year instead of bids - 7 proposals were received. Ms. Hayslip will meet with Melody Elliott of FRS on June 19th to discuss the new transportation plan.

**JFS/SUPPLEMENTAL WAGE INCREASE APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-314**

It was moved by Justin Cooper and seconded by Roger Rhonemus to approve the supplemental wage increase of \$.50 to the base pay rate for each pay scale for management and JFS confidential employees effective July 1, 2012 and a one-time wage increase of 3%, based on the final salary as of June 30, 2012, to be disbursed over seven pay periods, no later than September 28, 2012. This wage increase will not continue or remain part of the management or confidential employee's base salary after disbursement. And further, to approve the same for the unclassified position of director.

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

**JFS/CONTRACT REOPENER ARTICLE 34 & ARTICLE 35 APPROVED:
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-315**

It was moved by Roger Rhonemus and seconded by Justin Cooper to approve the contract reopener for Article 34 - Hospitalization and Article 35 - Wages upon the request of JFS Director Sue Fulton.

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

Facilities Director Sally Hayslip discussed personnel and vehicle purchases.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Brian Baldridge and seconded by Justin Cooper to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

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

VOTE: Baldridge, yea Cooper, yea Rhonemus, yea

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Diane Ward, Clerk