

SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Old Courthouse 25 West Jefferson St., 2nd Floor Jefferson, OH 44047

February 14, 2020

The Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners met in session; the Board President called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members Present: President, J. P. Ducro IV, Vice-President, Casey R. Kozlowski and Commissioner Kathryn L. Whittington **Absent:** None **Board Staff Present:** County Administrator Janet Discher and Clerk of the Board Lisa Hawkins.

Motion To Approve Today’s Agenda:

MOTION: moved the adoption, seconded. **DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: **Yeas:** Whittington, Ducro, Kozlowski **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** None

Whereupon the agenda was declared approved unanimously.

THE BOARD PRESIDENT INTRODUCED AND ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION: RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-78 HOLDING EXECUTIVE SESSION–PENDING LITIGATION: 121.22(G)(3)

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners shall meet in executive session to discuss Pending Litigation; and

WHEREAS, The subject of the Executive Session is an update to potential litigation in which the Board has an interest; and

WHEREAS, Said Executive Session was convened at _____ a.m. ;now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, that the above executive session was held. Said session adjourning at _____ a.m.

MOTION: moved the adoption, seconded. **DISCUSSION:** None

VOTE: **Yeas:** Kozlowski, Whittington, Ducro **Nays:** None **Abstained:** None **Absent:** None

Whereupon the resolution was declared passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The President and Clerk of the Board hereby certify that this is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the February 14, 2020 session. All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners were conducted in an open public meeting.

CERTIFIED:

ATTESTED:

PRESIDENT

CLERK

COMMISSIONERS

OF

ASHTABULA COUNTY

Work Session:

1:10p.m.

The proposed carryover looking at \$400,000.

Commissioners includes 1% wage increases, Comr. salary increase. County Obligations: Airport- General Fund of \$80,000, \$20,000 ACDES, \$165,000 out of Economic Development Fund,- total obligation to Airport would be \$265,000. Transfers out, may need to be increased for Court Security. Planning Commission- raise for new Director, payout for Director retirement, hiring new Planner in the Spring, 5 employees for a short period of time, 1% wage increase. Janet will confirm retirement date for current Director. Building Dept. – 1% raise, new Inspector, decrease contract services line item from \$153,600 to \$50,000. Increase equipment line for new vehicle, revenue will offset cost. Maintenance- increase utilities. Risk Management- flat budget. Ashtabula Municipal, Conneaut Municipal, Apiary, Humane Agent flat. Dog Warden needs a new truck, paid out of Dog and Kennel. Would like to have extended cab truck, with a long bed. Auditor’s office includes 1% wage increase. Treasurer- revised budget 1% wage increases from the General Fund. Prosecutor- modified the budget request to 1% wage increase, from 3%. Replacement Secretary position requested and attorney to replace Cecilia included in the budget. 3 employees paid out of DRETAC, should be General Fund. \$13.34 per hour, \$35,079.00 wages and benefits. Recorder- reduced wages to 1%, budget went down, no health insurance for new employee. Coroner- requested Secretary get 30 hours a week, kept her at 20 hours a week, getting reimbursement of her salary by a grant, raised from \$11.26 to \$12.26, not eligible for health insurance. Increased Investigator by \$1, 1% wage increase. Sheriff- did not factor in 2 new Deputies, wages are actuals based on current staff. Tweaked his line items. Asked for \$150,000 for overtime, start at \$115,000. Incentive payments asked for \$47,000, lowered to actuals. Other expense- revenue that offsets, \$13,xxx refund from Copiers. Jail- increased staff, promoted a person \$6 an hour. \$35,000 new expense for jail security cameras. Monitor inmate Medical, supplies and equipment. Proposed budget is significantly increased. Trying to use TCAP funds by June 30. Dispatch- lot of turnover in 2019, based upon current actual staff in Dispatch. 10 positions in General Fund, 5 positions in 911 budget. Discussed dispatching and the future. The 911 fee will be looked at. Common Pleas- resubmitted current staffing with a 1% raise. No new positions. Janet adjusted the line items to reflect more of actuals for 2018. Jury Commission- flat budget. Probation is down a little, funded by a grant. Total 1,779,293, was asking for \$1,949,087. Clerk of Courts- 1.5% raises per contract. Juvenile Court- no new positions, 1% wage increase, cleaned up the line items, to reflect closer to 2018 actuals. Resource Center- \$1,049,218 is lower than 2018. Workers Comp expense is not reflected in any budgets. Probate Court reduced to 1% wage increase from 3% requested. Eastern County Court- full cost of the 4th Clerk, 1% wage increase. Western County Court- health insurance decreased by \$20,000. Data Board increased \$20,000 upgrade to email system, need another \$20,000 for that project. Phone system is Data Board responsibility, funded by the Commissioners, given \$5,000. This office will pay those bills. Public Defender- emailed Marie explained wanted to see 1% salary increase, one new attorney, tour her space, no other positions or new office space. Rough estimate of \$625,000. Board of Elections- removed Workers Comp, felt budget was ok for a Presidential election year. Veteran Services Commission receive amount by statute, typically return about \$300,000.

Court Security- paid \$50,000 2019, Court Security \$321,000 with 4 employees. Wages are \$140,000, it's a non-general fund. Decision: 1% wage increase and \$60,000.

Airport- decision: would be \$50,000 more than 2019.

Prosecutor-Secretary. Decision: set up work session with Cecilia regarding modifications to the 2020 budget.

Sheriff's Budget- \$6,000,927, up \$500,000 from 2019. Decision: set up work session with the Sheriff regarding 2020 budget.

Juvenile- Magistrate position. Funding a part-time Magistrate was discussed.

Economic Development- \$441,659 current balance- already paid Growth Partnership \$45,000, 503 Corp. \$20,000, Naco \$2,030, more costs would be: Next Site \$17,500, Land Use Plan \$100,000, Airport \$165,000, would leave \$121,xxx. The \$2 transfer fee would be moved in 2020.

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Health Department and Tuberculosis contract- the Health Dept. Commissioners stated their intent to enter into a contract for one year at the current rate