

**Week Beginning August 1, 2022**

**Meeting of August 3, 2022**

The Board of County Commissioners, Trumbull County, Ohio, met for a Regular Meeting on the 3rd day of August 2022 at 10:30 a.m., in the office of said Board, with the following members present:

Mauro Cantalamessa, Commissioner  
Niki Frenchko, Commissioner  
Frank S, Fuda, Commissioner

*Mr. Fuda announced his next work session and asked Ms. Frenchko if she was having hers next week.*

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**RE: MINUTES**

**1. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to dispense with reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated July 27, 2022, and approve them as distributed/printed.

**MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION TO TABLE ITEM NO. 1**

**MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND**

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: Frenchko

*Ms. Frenchko voted no because the minutes were not prepared in a timely manner and did not include the start/end time of the meeting.*

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**RE: APPROVE BILLS**

**2. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to approve the bills, as per the individual departmental purchase orders/invoices forwarded to the Trumbull County Auditor for payment, providing all procedures of State law have been followed.

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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MR. FUDA READ AND PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION TO MS. HIPPLE

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RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION  
HONORING MS. MEGAN HIPPLE AS THE 2022  
OHSAA DIVISION III TRACK AND FIELD STATE  
CHAMPION

3. MOTION: Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to adopt a Resolution honoring MS. MEGAN HIPPLE for being named the 2022 OHSAA DIVISION III TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPION. Megan shines bright on and off the field as she is a senior at McDonald High School carrying 4.0 GPA. She is very active in her community and has spent numerous hours volunteering at Shepherd of the Valley participating in the program, "Walking with Wisdom." She also utilizes her leadership skills by assisting with the "Roosevelt Run Club" which is a youth running program within the Village of McDonald. The Board of Commissioners wishes MEGAN the best in all of her future endeavors.

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda  
Nays: None

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RE: TRANSFER MONIES

4. MOTION: Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.14, to transfer monies as submitted to the Trumbull County Auditor's Office between the dates of July 25, 2022 through July 29, 2022. Complete list of money transfers shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes.

❖ Departments/Offices requesting to transfer monies:

• Comm Devel FY2020	\$ 10,000.00	Fund # 225
• Sanitary Engineers	\$ 202,916.00	Fund # 602
	\$ 125,258.00	Fund # 602
	\$ 28,603.00	Fund # 604
	\$ 25,401.00	Fund # 606
	\$ 47,722.00	Fund # 607
	\$ 2,497.00	Fund # 608
	\$ 16,745.00	Fund # 609
	\$ 10,249.00	Fund # 610
	\$ 37,366.00	Fund # 611
	\$ 4,167.00	Fund # 612

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda  
Nays: None

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*Ms. Frenchko asked the Clerk if the Court of Common Pleas responded to the Clerk's calls/emails asking for an explanation for their additional appropriation. The Clerk said they did not respond.*

*Ms. Frenchko asked if the Board could vote on these items individually instead of a group and the Clerk said she did not know if that would be acceptable. Ms. Frenchko said she didn't feel it was appropriate to approve an appropriation to feed people at a meeting.*

*Mr. Fuda asked Ms. Frenchko if she tried to contact anyone on her own and she said she has staff obtain the explanations from departments requesting money.*

*The discussion continued amongst the three Commissioners as to who should contact departments for clarification of their requests for appropriations.*

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**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

**5. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to approve additional appropriations, as submitted to the Trumbull County Auditor's Office between the dates of July 25, 2022 through July 29, 2022. *Complete list of additional appropriations shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes.*

**❖ Departments/Offices requesting additional appropriations:**

• Commissioners (ARPA)	\$ 997,985.50	Fund # 077
	\$ 1,920.00	Fund # 403
• Common Pleas Court	\$ 2,050.00	Fund # 062
• Recorder	\$ 4,000.00	Fund # 946
• Health Board	\$ 54,619.00	Fund # 954
	\$ 10,850.00	Fund # 970
• Auditor	\$ 312.50	Fund # 301
	\$ 1,576.40	Fund # 905
	\$ 750.00	Fund # 919

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: Frenchko

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Ms. Frenchko asked again if the transfers could be voted upon separately.

There was more discussion amongst the Commissioners regarding departments that don't respond to requests for clarification and not coming to work on a regular basis.

MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION TO THE FLOOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES BE DENIED THEIR APPROPRIATION.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

Mr. John Gargano spoke via telephone and explained the transfer for his department and told Ms. Frenchko that if she didn't agree with it, then she could vote no.

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RE: TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

6. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to transfer appropriations, as submitted to the Trumbull County Auditor's Office between the dates of July 25, 2022 through July 29, 2022. Complete list of appropriation transfers shall be recorded onto the Journal for record purposes.

❖ Departments/Offices requesting to transfer appropriations:

- County Courts (EC) \$ 16,820.38 Fund # 054
- Health Board \$ 500.00 Fund # 972
- Auditor \$ 1,684,641.92 Fund # 924
- JFS \$ 3,000.00 Fund # 218
- Common Pleas Court \$ 10,000.00 Fund # 055
- Sanitary Engineers \$ 300.00 Fund # 600
- \$ 1,600.00 Fund # 001
- \$ 97.51 Fund # 600
- \$ 156,775.99 Fund # 600
- Comm Devel FY2020 \$ 2,104.78 Fund # 225
- Sheriff \$ 663.10 Fund # 063
- \$ 5,750.00 Fund # 001
- Clerk of Courts \$ 250.00 Fund # 036
- \$ 400.00 Fund # 001

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: Frenchko

Ms. Frenchko voted no because the Court of Common Pleas didn't respond for explanation and she doesn't agree with the transfer request from the Dept. of Job & Family Services.

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RE: AMENDED CERTIFICATE NO. 19  
COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION

7. MOTION: Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to receive the Amended Certificate of the County Budget Commission No. 19 - 2022, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022, dated August 3, 2022, increasing estimated resources in the funds listed:

- Health Board FY2023 Fund # 954

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: CLOSE ROADS**

**8. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to grant permission to the County Engineer to Close the Roads listed.

- **CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD (C.H. 12) located in Hubbard Township;** closing location between North Fox North Rd. (T.H. 19) and Stateline Rd (T.H. 26) for a culvert replacement  
**Closing Dates: Monday, August 15, 2022 through Friday, August 19, 2022**  
**RECOMMENDED DETOUR:** North on Hubbard Masury Rd. (C.H. 331); South on Stateline Rd. (T.H. 26)
- **COREY HUNT ROAD (C.H. 233A) located in Bristol Township;** closing between Bristol Champion Townline Rd. (C.H. 198) and Housel Craft Rd. (T.H. 222) for a culvert replacement  
**Closing Dates: Monday, August 8, 2022 through Friday, August 12, 2022**  
**RECOMMENDED DETOUR:** East on Bristol Champion Townline Rd. (C.H. 198); North on State Route 45; West on Hyde Shaffer Rd. (C.H. 242)

*Mr. Fuda said he was receiving calls from a resident at 2296 S. Bristol that the Highway Engineer needed to address. Ms. Frenchko said this didn't have anything to do with this agenda item. Mr. Fuda said because the Highway Department doesn't attend his work session, that this was the only way to get the message to them.*

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: SPECIAL ANNUAL SUPPLIER FLEET PERMITS-COUNTY ENGINEER**

**9. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Annual Supplier Fleet Permits for fleet vehicles to transport aggregate, concrete, construction goods or other like materials (*not to exceed 80,000 lbs. gross vehicle weight*), to sites located upon load posted Trumbull County roadways requested by the companies listed. The necessary permit fee and insurance information have been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on the permit.

- **SHELLY & SANDS, INC.**  
1450 N. Bailey Rd., North Jackson, OH 44451  
**Permit No.: AF-041-2022**  
**Permit Effective: August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2023**
- **JOHNNY'S EXCAVATING, LLC.**  
P.O. Box 26, North Georgetown, OH 44665  
**Permit No.: AF-043-2022**  
**Permit Effective: July 27, 2022 through July 27, 2023**
- **P & T LEASING, INC.**  
P.O. Box 4020, Youngstown, OH 44515  
**Permit No.: AF-045-2022**  
**Permit Effective: August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2023**
- **KENNETH KRALJ, d/b/a TIGER TRUCKING**  
5485 E. Calla Road, New Middletown, OH 44442  
**Permit No.: AF-044-2022**  
**Permit Effective: August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2023**
- **STRYFFELER FARMS LLC**  
29651 Tower Road, Salem, OH 44460  
**Permit No.: AF-042-2022**  
**Permit Effective: August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2023**

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: SPECIAL HAULING PERMITS-STEEL COILS  
-COUNTY ENGINEER**

**10. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Hauling Permits to Haul Steel Coils on Trumbull County roadways, requested by the companies listed. The necessary permit fee has been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on the permit.

- **P. I. & I. MOTOR EXPRESS, INC.**  
P.O. Box 685, Sharon, PA 16146  
**Permit No.: 2022-018, 2022-019**  
**Permit Effective: July 26, 2022 through July 26, 2023**
  
- **P. I. & I. MOTOR EXPRESS, INC.**  
P.O. Box 685, Sharon, PA 16146  
**Permit No.: 2022-020**  
**Permit Effective: July 28, 2022 through July 28, 2023**

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT  
-COUNTY ENGINEER**

**11. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Right-of-Way Permit requested by the company listed. The necessary permit fee has been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on the permit.

- **DOMINION EAST OHIO**, 320 Springside Drive, Akron, OH 44333, to work in the right-of-way of Mines Rd., SE (C.H. 156), in order to install a gas service line. This will be located approximately 100' west of Johnny Cake (T.H. 897) in Howland Township.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: SPECIAL HAULING PERMITS-OVERWEIGHT EQUIPMENT-COUNTY ENGINEER**

**12. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to concur with the Trumbull County Engineer to grant the Special Hauling Permits to Move Overweight Equipment over Trumbull County roadways, requested by the companies listed. The necessary permit fee, bond and insurance have been submitted and approval is subject to the conditions listed on each permit.

- **DIAMOND STEEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**  
P.O. Box 156, North Lima, OH 44452  
**Permit No.: 1160**  
**Permit Effective: July 26, 2022 through July 30, 2022**  
To move overweight equipment over Larchmont Ave. (C.H. 1469A) in Bazetta Township and Larchmont Ave. (C.H. 1469 C & B) and Dietz Rd. (C.H. 145) in Howland Township.
  
- **DIAMOND STEEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**  
P.O. Box 156, North Lima, OH 44452  
**Permit No.: 1159**  
**Permit Effective: July 25, 2022 through July 29, 2022**  
To move overweight equipment over Larchmont Ave. (C.H. 1469A) in Bazetta Township and Larchmont Ave. (C.H. 1469 C & B) and Dietz Rd. (C.H. 145) in Howland Township

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS HIRE OUTSIDE LAW FIRM TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF COMP/PAYROLL ISSUES AT SANITARY ENGINEER'S OFFICE AND OTHER OFFICES DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOARD**

**13. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to advertise a REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS to hire an outside employment law firm, not presently retained by the County, to conduct an independent investigation of comp time accrual and other payroll issues at the Sanitary Engineer's Department and other departments as deemed necessary by the law firm after discussion with the Board of Commissioners.

**NOTE:** The State Auditor's office suggested that the county "correct the violations or decide subsequently to allow them." No formal investigation has been done, and disciplinary action may be required after a formal investigation is conducted. Upon further understanding of the state auditor, the Commissioners were advised to "determine the legal options available before making any decisions on the overpayment of compensatory time"

*Mr. Cantalamessa asked if an Executive session is warranted for this item.*

*Ms. Frenchko said this item isn't eligible for an Executive session because it's about theft with regards to comp. time and that should be discussed publically.*

*Mr. Cantalamessa disagreed and said it constitutes an executive session because it's about the discipline of an employee.*

*Discussion continued about what constitutes the need for Executive Sessions and the need for an independent investigation of county comp. time.*

*Gary Newbrough spoke about his department's comp. time policy and said that it was different than the County's policy but that an audit was done and changes will be coming.*

Yeas: Frenchko

Nays: Cantalamessa, Fuda

*Mr. Cantalamessa and Mr. Fuda voted no because that's what the Executive Session is for.*

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**RE: ESTABLISH A NINE-PERSON PANEL  
REVIEW MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS REGARDING  
MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE TRUMBULL  
COUNTY JAIL**

**14. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Fuda to advertise for and establish a Nine-Person Panel to review multiple complaints about the medical treatment at the Trumbull County Jail, to compare services to other County jails, to evaluate outcome measures and performance associated with the jail medical services provider, and to provide feedback to the Board of Commissioners who voted 2-1 to renew the current medical services contract without a Request for Proposals or Request for Qualifications as recommended by the Trumbull County Prosecutor’s Office. Each Commissioner will appoint three members.

**NOTE:** The Board of Commissioners does not oversee the Sheriff or other elected officials, however the Board is the contracting party for other elected county officials. Commissioner Frenchko states over a dozen complaints came to the Commissioners in the last few weeks, and the recent effort by Sheriff Monroe to mislead the Commissioners relative to a recent complaint investigation, a volunteer group could ensure the complaints are properly addressed and make suggestions that the Commissioners could share with the Sheriff.

*Ms. Frenchko said that the Clerk asserted herself and changed the language of this Journal Action so she read it with her words.*

*A long discussion regarding withholding information from the other commissioners, dishonesty with intent to mislead the Board, twisting facts in the media, assembling panels to do the work the Commissioners were elected to do, the bidding process, enacting a sales tax in order to pay for a much more expensive medical company for the jail and whether or not it was allowable to assemble a panel for the purpose of investigating another elected official.*

Yeas: Frenchko,  
Nays: Fuda, Cantalamessa

*Mr. Fuda voted no because he said he was not provided with any information regarding this agenda item.*

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**RE: EMPLOYEE PROMOTION  
MS. DORTHEA CAIN-ENFORCEMENT  
SPECIALIST 2-CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY**

**15. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko, to approve the personnel action for the PROMOTION of MS. DORTHEA CAIN as an Enforcement Specialist 2 Bargaining position \$16.17/hr within the TRUMBULL COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY effective August 15, 2022. *The State of Ohio Personnel Action Forms shall be recorded on the Journal for record purposes;* this action per the recommendation of the Trumbull County Department of Job and Family Services.

**NOTE:** The posting and bidding process, per AFSCME 3808 Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article 14 has been completed for this vacant position.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda  
Nays: None

Personnel Action Form Recorded on Journal Page(s)\_\_\_\_\_.)



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**RE: PURCHASE DOOR LOCK CONTROL SYSTEM EQUIPMENT FROM MONTGOMERY TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, LLC-TRUMBULL COUNTY FAMILY COURT**

**16. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to authorize the TRUMBULL COUNTY FAMILY COURT to purchase Door Lock Control System Equipment from Montgomery Technology Systems LLC, 23 Old Stage Rd., Greenville, AL 36037 in the total amount of \$5,998.21 to be paid for from Fund #001-011-1000-1010-1-505418; this action per the recommendation of Magistrate Scott Bombeck, Domestic Relations Court Administrator and Rich Owen, Detention Center Director, and subject to the approval of the Prosecutor’s Office.

**NOTE:** The door lock control system equipment used in the Juvenile Detention Center has become vastly outdated, is currently running with no backup system available and needs to be replaced due to the fact that the Detention Center Control Room relies heavily on this mission critical equipment to control all door access to the entire detention facility. Additionally, Montgomery Technology Systems is the vendor used in the past and the only vendor to provide their proprietary control and design software for the current door lock system.

*Ms. Frenchko explained why three quotes were not necessary because the equipment from Montgomery already in place has proprietary control and software.*

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: ADOPT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS NAMING THE NEWTON FALLS STATE ROUTE 534/BROAD STREET BRIDGE THE ‘VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

**17. MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWTON FALLS NAMING THE NEWTON FALLS STATE RT. 534/BROAD STREET BRIDGE THE ‘*VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE*’

**NOTE:** On July 20, 2022, the Council of the Village of Newton Falls adopted Resolution No. 34-2022 to rename the unnamed Newton Falls St. Rt. 534/Broad Street bridge (TRU 534 4.510 7807295) the “Veterans Memorial Bridge.” There are four Veterans groups based in Newton Falls (American Legion Post 236, the Army Navy Club, AMVETS Post 112, and VFW Post 3332) admirably represent and are comprised of Veterans who have bravely served our country and continue to give back to the community in countless ways, and the Board of Commissioners of Trumbull County join with the Village of Newton Falls in requesting that this bridge be named the ‘VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE’

*Ms. Frenchko remarked that this was wonderful and thanked State Representative Mike Loychick for helping to make this happen as he’s a veteran and she is a veteran as well.*

*Mr. Fuda commended Santa Rick and other veterans for all the great things they’ve done in Newton Falls.*

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

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**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**18. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) at approximately 11:20 a.m. to consider the discipline of a public employee of the Trumbull County Dog Kennel. Those in attendance were Mr. Cantalamessa, Ms. Frenchko, Mr. Fuda, Michelle Goss and Atty. Curt Ambrosy via telephone.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda, Frenchko  
Nays: None

*Mr. Fuda reminded Ms. Frenchko to stay on topic during the Executive session.*

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**RE: RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**19. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to Reconvene from Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) at approximately 12:10 p.m. to consider the dismissal or discipline of a public employee within the Trumbull County Dog Kennel.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Fuda  
Nays: Frenchko

*Ms. Frenchko voted no because she wanted a chance to read what was just given to her by the Human Resources Department.*

*Mr. Cantalamessa asked if a short recess was necessary in order to read the new information just handed to them.*

**MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO GO BACK INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda  
Nays: None

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**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) at approximately 12:12 p.m. to consider the discipline of a public employee of the Trumbull County Dog Kennel. Those in attendance were Mr. Cantalamessa, Ms. Frenchko and Mr. Fuda.

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda  
Nays: None

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**RE: RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AS A  
RESULT OF THE MOTION FROM THE FLOOR**

**MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko to Reconvene from Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) at approximately 12:15 p.m. to consider the dismissal or discipline of a public employee within the Trumbull County Dog Kennel.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda

Nays: None

*Ms. Frenchko returned to the regular meeting and said that Executive sessions are for the matters at hand and not to attack and insult her.*

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**RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**20. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Mr. Fuda, to go into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) to consider the discipline of a public employee of the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Department.

**NO VOTE WAS TAKEN AND EXECUTIVE SESSION DID NOT TAKE PLACE**

*Ms. Frenchko discussed what is appropriate for an Executive session and what should be discussed privately vs publically.*

*Discussion continued amongst the three commissioners regarding Executive session subject matter, legal opinions, and outside counsel to investigate comp time in county departments.*

*Attorney Matt Blair was asked about an internal audit he recently conducted regarding comp time at the Sanitary Engineer's Office. Mr. Blair said there were some discrepancies discovered with regards to County policy vs internal policy at the Sanitary Engineer's office.*

*Ms. Frenchko said Mr. Blair's audit is a conflict of interest since he's employed by the Sanitary Engineer's department and can't be objective.*

*Mr. Gary Newbrough commented on the audit and the effort taking place to make the comp. time policy completely uniform.*

*Ms. Frenchko said that Mr. Newbrough was dishonest about the lowest and best bidders policy and that a standard ranking system needs to be adhered to for each project. She further spoke about complaints from residents with regards to contractors and construction projects. Mr. Newbrough spoke about limitations he's subjected to with regards to the E.P.A and addressed her concerns about contractor complaints.*

*Mr. Fuda said he's been to every project that was ever done and has addressed any problem that any resident may have had.*

*Mr. Cantalamessa said there are problems and glitches with every project and it's very common.*

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*Ms. Frenchko spoke about prosecutor’s opinions and administrative decisions with regards to the agenda item concerning the wildlife issue pursuant to vaccinating raccoons. Discussion amongst all three Commissioners continued on this topic.*

**RECONVENE ISN’T RELEVANT DUE TO LACK OF ACTION TAKEN ON #20**

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**RE: RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**21. Reconvene from Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) to consider the dismissal or discipline of a public employee within the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer.**

**MS. FRENCHKO MADE A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR TO APPOINT GREG LEONARD, LINDA SPIES AND SARAH VOLINCHAK AS REPRESENTATIVES FOR ONE OHIO REGION 7 COLLABORATIVE**

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to appoint Mr. Greg Leonard, (Township representative), Linda Spies, (Citizens representative), and Sarah Volinchak, (Private sector representative) as Trumbull County representatives for the One Ohio Region 7 Collaborative.

*A discussion amongst all three Commissioners as to who was already appointed, the need to choose a total of three, if these individuals applied for these appointments, April Caraway’s recommendations and Mahoning County having chosen theirs months ago.*

*Ms. Frenchko said she was acting as the secretary for this as she is the one who reached out for the information due to the importance and urgency of the matter. Mr. Cantalamessa asked if a Commissioner was supposed to be one of the representatives?*

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda  
Nays: None

*Mr. Fuda discussed the Marcs System and that Doug Johnson spoke to him about the need for property to construct a tower to improve communication for various communities. The Commissioners agreed that their conversation is a formal ask for a prosecutor’s opinion so that progress can be made on purchasing property in order to construct a new tower with better coverage.*

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**RE: EXECUTE WORK INITIATIVE DOCUMENT (WS FORM 12A) FOR WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE USDA RACCOON TRAP/VACCINATE/ RELEASE PROGRAM**

**22. MOTION:** Made by Mr. Cantalamessa, seconded by Ms. Frenchko to grant permission to the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services and execute the Work Initiative Document (WS Form 12A) for Wildlife Damage Management and participate in the USDA Raccoon Trap, Vaccinate, and Release Program on Trumbull County Property. **NOTE:** The WID and WID Agreement will expire in WS Management Information System (MIS) expire five (5) years after the Cooperator signature date. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Mr. Jeffrey Raines, Wildlife Biologist for the USDA APHIS Wildlife Services has requested this action as there have been recent raccoons that have tested positive in Trumbull County. Mr. Raines stated these animals will not be harmed as this is a trap, vaccinate and release program.

Yeas: Cantalamessa, Frenchko, Fuda  
Nays: None

*A discussion was held amongst all three Commissioners concerning administrative decisions, public meeting necessity for certain items, prosecutor’s opinions and Sunshine Law violations.*

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*Comments:*

*Mr. Cantalamessa spoke about the need to replace windows at both the Dept. of Job & Family Services Building and at the Highway Department Building in order to improve air quality and that a prosecutor's opinion is necessary due to ARPA funding.*

*Mr. Bill Hart spoke about the conditions of the windows at both buildings and eliminating the chiller at one site.*

*Ms. Frenchko said while she agrees to have the windows replaced, the lack of preventative maintenance measures has been an ongoing problem. She went on to talk about a grading system for County buildings. Mr. Bill Hart said he has spoken with a company who does free building analysis and that they would like to come to a meeting to give a free presentation about their service. Ms. Frenchko said she was excited that was finally going to happen. Mr. Fuda said in the past, the County did not have the funds for major building maintenance.*

*Mr. Fuda spoke about the HR Director position and contacting the panel again for their recommendation for the 72 applicants.*

*A discussion amongst the three Commissioners regarding the panel, the first round of applicants and the urgency to hire an HR director was held.*

*Ms. Hartman spoke about a public records request she made of Ms. Frenchko regarding the complaints Ms. Frenchko said she received regarding the Trumbull County Jail. Ms. Hartman said Ms. Frenchko is in violation of the law for not providing them to her. Ms. Hartman also commended Mr. Cantalamessa for keeping his cool after Ms. Frenchko told him there are 200 people listening to him on her Facebook live.*

*Ms. Frenchko responded to Ms. Hartman and said that it was the Clerk's duty to fulfill public records request and that the Clerk should know that having recently finished the Sunshine Law training course. Ms. Frenchko also spoke about not releasing peoples' names and medical issues because of Hippa Laws and that a prosecutor's opinion would be needed.*

*Mr. Cantalamessa said to redact the private info and give Ms. Hartman what she requested.*

*Ms. Frenchko asked the Board to approve the cost of a Dropbox in order to preserve important information needed for legal issues. She said the County attorney suggested to use a Dropbox for information pertaining to the dishonesty of Ms. Klotz for her lawsuit against the Board. Ms. Frenchko requested that the purchasing director, Ms. Shara Taylor, be allowed to enter the meeting and explain what has already been discussed with regards to purchasing a Dropbox.*

*Mr. Fuda and Mr. Cantalamessa asked if the approval for the cost of a Dropbox was on the agenda and Ms. Frenchko said it wasn't necessary to put it on the agenda. Discussion continued amongst the three Commissioners as to whether or not the cost of a Dropbox should be journalized.*

*Ms. Paula Vivoda-Klotz responded to Ms. Hartman regarding her public records request and also told Ms. Frenchko that she hasn't been dishonest and has a deposition.*

*Mr. Cantalamessa said that Ms. Frenchko bullies and harasses employees constantly and how many employees has she called dishonest just today?*

*Ms. Shara Taylor entered the meeting and discussed what has transpired so far regarding paying for a Dropbox version that holds more information versus the free version, and other ways Ms. Frenchko can save important information. Ms. Frenchko asked if Ms. Taylor was listening to the meeting and on a break and Ms. Taylor said she's able to multi-task.*

*(Comments cont'd)*

Week Beginning August 1, 2022

Meeting of August 3, 2022

*An unknown citizen (name inaudible) spoke about the bidding process and the rules for selecting the lowest and best bidder. He said there was a Resolution passed in 2018 that the County building inspector, Mike Sliwinski, follows and that all departments should follow.*

*Mr. Cantalamessa said that was a different Sanitary engineer then and that Mr. Newbrough is a professional and doing a good job.*

*Mr. Newbrough spoke about EPA limitations with regards to choosing the lowest and best bid.*

*Ms. Frenchko asked Mr. Newbrough if he maintains a file on every contractor that includes any problems or complaints related to the contractor.*

*A discussion amongst the three Commissioners continued about standard operating procedures, time and resources to create/maintain separate files for each contractor, in-person visits to offices by the Commissioners, statute of limitations for complaints, safety measures during projects, creating unnecessary busy work and focusing on the importance of economic development as the primary goal.*

*EMA Director, Mr. John Hickey, informed everyone that there's a new app for Trumbull County residents for emergency weather notifications and gave instructions on how to access the notification system.*

*Mr. Hickey also requested approval to purchase a used vehicle for his agency and a discussion took place as to whether or not it qualifies for ARPA funding.*

*Jason Cook spoke in support of the Trumbull County Dog Warden, Michelle Goss and the necessity for a new pound.*

*Ms. Frenchko said compassion for the animals is different than managerial skills needed to run the kennel under a policies and procedures manual with strict guidelines because currently the kennel isn't operating under the Collective Bargaining Procedure.*

*A resident (unknown) spoke in support of Michelle Goss and told Ms. Frenchko that she's a taxpayer and pays her salary and told Ms. Frenchko to go back to Mentor.*

*Marty Conklin, dog pound volunteer, said she's been there for years and commended Michelle Goss on all the improvements she's accomplished. She said the pound used to be a hell hole with a gas chamber and that she's also a taxpayer and a republican who voted for Ms. Frenchko and that she's ashamed.*

*Mr. Fuda agreed that the pound used to be in terrible condition but it's 10,000 times better now and that you don't need a list of rules to know how and when to feed and water animals. Ms. Frenchko said caring is different than managing.*

*Good Citizen Victor talked about only needing to feed canines every other day because they are wolf species.*

*Victor continued on to talk about conditions at the Trumbull County Jail, an incident in the jail in 1999, the jail food and the handling of complaints.*

*A discussion amongst the three Commissioners and Victor regarding respect for others, withholding information from other Commissioners, profiling, showing up for work to respond to phone calls and conditions at the jail vs. the dog pound was held.*

*Ms. Frenchko remarked that she's not part of the old system and that's why people direct their complaints to her because she will discuss it in public.*

*Mr. Brian Ames asked for clarity regarding a few agenda items and spoke about his past employment positions where he worked with contractors and bids and said his company had a system that assigned risk factors for contractors.*

*More discussion amongst the Commissioners about Ms. Frenchko making complaints but never visiting the offices she's complaining about .*

*(Comments cont'd)*

**Week Beginning August 1, 2022**

**Meeting of August 3, 2022**

*Ms. Diane Frye, Mahoning County Dog Warden commented on what Victor had said about the feeding/watering schedule for dogs and that it's legal to only feed them every 48 hours but that's not what people expect or would agree with. Ms. Frye spoke in support of Michelle Goss and says Trumbull follows State laws just like Mahoning does. Ms. Frye also said that a new facility is needed in Trumbull equipped with cameras.*

*Mr. Tony Libby, Voices of the Trumbull County Pound, spoke in support of Michelle Goss and said they are in constant communication with each other about all the animals at the pound.*

*Mr. Fuda spoke about the recent donation of dog houses from 10<sup>th</sup> graders in Pennsylvania and how nice they were.*

*Ms. Frenchko asked who organized all the people to come to the meeting today in support of Michelle Goss and Mr. Fuda asked Ms. Frenchko who organized the people who came last week to support her?*

*Michelle Goss spoke about listening to the meetings and having to come because Ms. Frenchko is calling her dishonest.*

*Mr. Fuda spoke about how important animals are to people who have them and how passionate they are about animal rights.*

*Mr. Tony Deley, Skilled Trades Representative, spoke about a system they use to rate contractors and that Mr. Newbrough may be incorrect about the EPA information.*

*Ms. Frenchko asked Mr. Deley if he could share the system and Mr. Deley said he will have to check on that.*

*Continued discussion amongst the three Commissioners regarding not acting on information in order to make progress on items, personal attacks, and not coming to the office in order to gain the knowledge to make decisions.*

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**RE: ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Frenchko, seconded by Mr. Cantalamessa, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2022 at approximately 2:35 p.m., and to meet again in Regular Session on August 10, 2022.

Yeas: Frenchko, Cantalamessa, Fuda

Nays: None

**WE CERTIFY THAT EACH AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING TO BE CORRECT.**

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**FRANK S. FUDA, PRESIDENT**

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**MAURO CANTALAMESSA, COMMISSIONER**

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**NIKI FRENCHKO, COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA J. VIVODA-KLOTZ, CLERK**