

Description	Williams County Commissioners' Regular Session	
Date	Monday, January 29, 2018 -	
Location	Commissioners Session Room, One Courthouse Square, 4 th Floor, Bryan, Ohio 43506	
Present	Commissioners: Brian A. Davis, Terry N. Rummel & Lewis D. Hilkert	
Time	Speaker	Note
8:00:37 AM	TEST	All mics working properly.
9:05:07 AM	BD	We are in general session. Madam Clerk do you have anything to come before the Board? AR: We will start with Resolutions.
9:05:18 AM	Resolution 57	Supplemental Appropriations. TR: Motion; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:05:43 AM	Resolution 58	Accepting the resignation of an employee from J&FS. TR: Motion; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:06:13 AM	Resolution 59	Entering into a contract amendment with K & P Medical Transport, LLC on behalf of J&FS. TR: Motion; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:06:52 AM	Resolution 60	Approving a work order from Northwoods Consulting Partners, Inc on behalf of J&FS. TR: Motion; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:07:28 AM	Resolution 61	Entering into a lease agreement with WEDCO for office space at East Annex. TR: Motion; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:08:16 AM	ALSO SIGNED	Approved Special Hauling Permits #004, 005 & 006; Approved Permit for Use of County Property to CAHP on June 13, 2018; PERRP Form from Eng Office; Credit Card Appropriation for Auditor's Office.
9:09:19 AM	MINUTES	TR: Motion to approve the minutes dated January 25, 2018; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:09:32 AM	BILLS	TR: Motion to pay the bills as submitted by the Auditor; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
9:09:43 AM	AR	That is all I have for now Brian.
9:09:46 AM	BD	Anything else to come before the board?
9:09:49 AM	LH/TR	LH: I have nothing. TR: I have nothing.
9:09:51 AM	RECESS	BD: We stand in recess.
10:06:45 AM	BD	We are back in session we have Dawn Baldwin and Pat Hire and Katie with us. We are here to discuss Union Negotiations. So, if I may have a motion to go into Executive Session.
10:07:00 AM	TR	TR: I like to make a Motion to go into Executive Session under ORC 121.22

		(G)(4) preparing for; conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or the other terms and conditions of their employment; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
10:31:05 AM	BD	We are out of Executive Session WITH Action and I would request a motion on behalf of the board of commissioners to ratify the contract between the Williams County Commissioners and Williams County Communications Agency and the International Association of Machinists representing the dispatchers at 911 Communications.
10:31:24 AM	Resolution 62	Accept and Approve a Tentative Agreement of Contract Negotiations. TR: So moved; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
10:31:40 AM	RECESS	BD: We will stand in recess.
10:37:50 AM	BD	Good Morning we are back in session. We have Mr. Bob Snavelly with us from Palmer Energy to discuss the Center Township Renewal. Sir you have the board's attention, proceed.
10:38:05 AM	Bob Snavelly	Thank you Commissioner. As far as renewals go, it is actually the renewal of the aggregation so it is not the renewal of the actual Gov Ag as you probably know. That is not until September of 2019. However, in order to be an aggravator, Electric Aggravator or Gas, I guess, in the State of Ohio we need to update our certification through the PCO. So, that is what I am here to do. As you know our deal is 6 and 4% off and as I mentioned before that is through September of 2019. So, this is just sort of some paperwork to fill out and again it is something that is done every 2 years.
10:38:58 AM	LH	Is Center Township the only municipality that is participating at this time?
10:39:04 AM	BS	No, Springfield Township as well, sir.
10:39:06 AM	LH	Okay and does this cover both Center and Springfield?
10:39:14 AM	BS	Good question, yes sir it does. It covers both, the county is both the aggregator for both and so it is a county document that covers both townships. As far as just kind of a timeline for Governmental Aggregation, as I said it expires in September of 2019. The Electric Market is in a pretty good spot right now. So, judging by what we have done over the past year, we have kind of gone out early, because Electric pricing has been low due to low natural gas pricing, it is sort of a cause and effect there. And because of that we will probably within the next calendar year start to RFP those governmental aggregation programs with the hopes of taking advantage of the low market.
10:40:02 AM	LH	And how soon do you need to have this new agreement signed?
10:40:12 AM	BS	Well this is just and again, today is the hope because we have kind of a deadline of February. But it is not an agreement in the sense that it is just a aggravator renewal. So it is not a new agreement it is just re-upping through the piece.

10:40:32 AM	LH	Do you have a separate agreement then that you sign with Center and Springfield Township?
10:40:37 AM	BS	Yes for, well the county signed it, the Commissioners did and that was years ago. I think the original Gov Ag Deal was 6-7 years ago.
10:40:52 AM	LH	I know at the time and I don't believe you were involved then.
10:40:56 AM	BS	I was not.
10:40:59 AM	LH	There was some issues that were hanging out there for quite a while and the agreement didn't come together like it was planned for and I guess my personal opinion is before I sign a renewal I want to know that both Springfield and Center Township are happy with how things are going with the deduction in this program.
10:41:23 AM	BS	Sure, Yes sir and before we get into renewal of the agreement and going through the RFP process and so forth, what I will do is come in and do a savings analysis and show the savings that both townships have seen over the term of the deal. We can go over that together, I encourage the Townships and any sort of trustees or any folks related with the Townships to partake. I absolutely encourage that and then we will kind of go over the savings, kind of where the market has gone and is going and do all of that before we even get into actually sending out bids or anything like that.
10:42:06 AM	BD	The one thing that we do need to do is and I don't think it is going to happen today is that the document, anything we signed needs to be reviewed by the Prosecutor.
10:42:21 AM	BS	Yes, absolutely, standard procedure for all CCAO agreements.
10:42:22 AM	LH/TR	Isn't there a quarterly township trustee meeting coming up? Is that a February Meeting? TR: I haven't seen any documentation on it.
10:42:34 AM	AR	It is on Feb 15.
10:42:37 AM	LH	Is that something where your organization would be making a presentation there to the, in other words it is an all county Township Trustee Meeting and that is on February 15th.
10:42:57 AM	BD	I may be wrong but this is just a reoccurring aggregate agreement, this doesn't expand
10:43:03 AM	LH	I understand that but other townships can jump on the program if they choose to do so.
10:43:09 AM	BS	Yes sir.
10:43:12 AM	BD	They could do it in 18?
10:43:13 AM	BS	Well it would be a different agreement, so kind of just to give you a little bit of background. When the townships first jumped on board, Government Aggregation was relatively new. And first Energy Solutions at the time, was not the only play in the game but they were the most competitive by a lot. So, since

		that time the market sort of progressed and there are more players out there now. And the deals, most of the ones that we have seen that we have renewed for Gov Ag this year have become fixed rate deals. But the good news is there are more suppliers out there, so there has been more competition. So, this September of 19 Renewal whether that takes place in 2018 which I think it may or 2019 that is something for kind of our analysts and I will talk to them about that on what their thought is on that. It will be a little bit of a different process, just for the simple fact that there is more competition and more suppliers out there who are offering competitive rates. But to answer your question, the meeting in February with the Townships, that is something that we could do, as you know it is a government aggravation, it is voted on and has to be passed. It is a ballot issue. So, as for now in order to get into the May Ballots then everything must be submitted by the first week in February. So, we are not going to be able to make that timeframe. But if communities are interested, or townships, in government aggravation, and there using a major utility, then we can look at, absolutely look at something in the fall. I am not sure that the February Meeting will be better or if it is a quarterly meeting, then
10:45:21 AM	LH	They do have quarterly meetings.
10:45:22 AM	BS/LH	Okay, then maybe something would put us into what June? LH: May. BS: Okay May. Maybe the May meeting would just be more timely.
10:45:36 AM	BD	So each township if they chose to move forward with this they themselves would have to place it on the November Ballot for approval by those living within the township?
10:45:49 AM	BS	Correct, I am sorry go ahead.
10:45:52 AM	BD	If that is the case, then one thing obviously that you need to show is how Springfield and Center Townships, benefitted by this program. Which will give you more time to secure data before, I mean trying to do it in February you probably don't have the time. But by May you could say hey look, here is what the savings was.
10:46:12 AM	BS	Absolutely, when we do this sort of thing, that is what the deal is. In fact, with the CCAO program if we, you know look at and this has a lot to do with the timing in the market. But if for some reason we were to look at and get RFP results, you know the past that goes through we are looking at doing it for another township. And the bids come back and we are not sure or we don't think that there may be savings for that Township then we won't recommend going forward with it. Because there is no point in doing this, if it is not going to save the folks money. That is the idea. But I think you will see, when we get the results and I can work on that. It will take some time, but when we get some saving analysis, I think it will be pretty clear that the townships are saving a substantial amount of money.
10:47:08 AM	BD	Okay, well I suggest then that we get your agreement and we forward it to Katie for her review and ask for a timely turn around. So that maybe on Thursday we can move forward with it, if she has no issues with it whatsoever. Should be just a review of form.

10:47:27 AM	BS	Yeah, it is a PCO document.
10:47:31 AM	TR	I am still in question are we bringing in Center Township and Springfield Township in, to know that they are on board for this. Because we are signing on for their people, for their subdivisions.
10:47:42 AM	BD	If I am not wrong, It doesn't change the agreement the commitment that they have made, it is just the updating of the aggravate.
10:47:49 AM	BS	That is correct. This is procedural stuff. For the PCO, that every two years no matter how long your supply deal is. It is every two years, standard procedure for PCO. But when we come or September of 19 that is when we look at new pricing, RFP Process, and for these townships and you mentioned the opportunity that the other townships have, that is something that from our perspective absolutely, I mean if we can save townships money and use the CCAO program to their advantage, Sure!
10:48:29 AM	BD	Alright.
10:48:32 AM	LH	Appreciate you stopping up.
10:48:33 AM	TR	Thank you!
10:48:34 AM	BD	Any other questions or comments for the board? LH: I don't.
10:48:41 AM	RECESS	BD: We stand in recess.
11:02:53 AM	BD	We are back in general session we are meeting with Constable Rex Lawrence and IT, Jeremy Suffel, I would accept a motion to go into Executive Session.
11:03:07 AM	Executive Session	TR: Motion to go into Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(6) for Courthouse Security; LH: Second; Roll Call: BD: Yes; TR: Yes; LH: Yes; Motion Carried.
11:31:45 AM	BD	We are back in regular session with NO ACTION.
11:31:48 AM	RECESS	BD: We stand in recess.
11:34:44 AM	BD	Good Morning we are back in session with Gentleman from the Ohio Pork Council.
11:34:54 AM	Ryan McClure	I am Ryan McClure, Pork Producer from Paulding County.
11:35:00 AM	Brian	I am Brian Humphrey's with the Ohio Pork Council. Ryan is going to do the talking today.
11:35:06 AM	RM	We wanted to thank you guys for letting us come in and speak today. I am a 7th Generation Farmer from Southeastern Paulding County. About an hour straight South of here. Predominately a Grain Farm over the years. My grandfather had some livestock back in the 70s. We got out, well he got out of the livestock then, just a few cattle, hogs, here and there. Then in the late 90s we put cattle back into our operation and then in 2005 we got into the contract finishing Hog Production and have grown that somewhat substantially over the past 10 years. As of right now we finish about 19,000 hogs a year. We ground farm about 4500 acres. The

		Hog Industry has changed quite dramatically, if you think back to when my grandfather was running hogs back in the 70s. You had your sows you farrowed and then you finished the hogs out. With today's integration, things are quite different. So, I will never see a sow in my entire life. I will never birth baby pigs, I will never do any of that. They come to us as 14 pound 21 day old pig and then we take them to finish. Most of the buildings that you see going up in the communities in our area and yours are predominately run, it is a much easier way of doing it and you don't have to be as specialized in everything. We can take care of the day to day stuff and not have to worry about the babies and the female pigs.
11:37:01 AM	BD	Are you putting a facility in Williams County?
11:37:06 AM	RM	No sir, no sir, I am not. I am not personally. I am here today to I guess answer questions about the Hog Industry. And Hogs in Northwest Ohio. There has been more barns being built so if you think back or if I think back in 05, there was probably only maybe 5 barns in Paulding County. Probably now we are in the upper 20s. The barns that have been built it has been good for our community. I was looking real estate taxes are due here pretty quick, everyone is real excited about that (laughter) but on our farm the Hog Side we will pay about \$12,000 in real estate taxes this year. So, in addition to the revenue that comes into the Producer and we of course give that back in Sales Tax Money. There is pretty substantial amount of real estate taxes that are paid back into the County also.
11:38:10 AM	LH	I think the driver of all these extra barns is the new processing plant in what Coldwater? And one over in Delphi, Indiana?
11:38:18 AM	RM	That is correct, that is correct. So, the one that was build in Coldwater actually just finished last summer.
11:38:25 AM	Brian	Yes. Running at about 75% right now.
11:38:27 AM	RM	So they are harvesting about 8,000 pigs a day right now. They will probably end up around 10,000. It is a lot of pork. You sit there and scratch your head every day and think where is all that going and where's it all coming from also. The logistics of that. Mindboggling.
11:38:44 AM	TR	How do you manage the manure? Because you might roughly have 5,000 head in the barns at all times.
11:38:51 AM	RM	We have about 9,000.
11:38:54 AM	TR	About 9,000 my math was wrong sorry. How do you manage the manure on that. I am a pro-farmer, so I am not saying this but I think for the communities to hear that, you know the number one thing I hear is and I live close to Bridgewater Dairy Farm and I appreciate their management of the manure. I am pretty intimate living in that township and being a former township trustee, but it is sometimes not a popular position and I know that you have those types of things. So, how do you manage the manure and the smell?
11:39:23 AM	RM	It is fascinating that you live up close to Bridgewater. Weavers are great people,

		and they do a wonderful job up there. I have been friends with Chris for a lot of years. You know on the smell side of it, manure is manure. There's not much you can do about it.
11:39:43 AM	TR	It smells like poop. (LAUGHTER)
11:39:44 AM	RM	Exactly! Well we got a running joke in our house, my boys says it smells like money but that is completely different. You know you can do a lot of things to try to minimize it. But at the end of the day it is manure. So, with the question about how do we deal with it. So, most if not all of your new confinement buildings that are being built, have basically a basement built underneath them now. Most of the time they are 8ft deep some of them are 10 feet. With that, the way our operations run as a Ween to Finish Building we have just shy of two years of storage. Of manure storage. I would say the common industry you are just over a year but with us with our Ween to Finish we have small pigs in there for quite a while. Compared to some of them that are Grow Finish, that get the pigs in at 40-50 pounds and they have fat pigs much longer. Bigger pig makes more waste. So, we tend to well we always do, we pump our buildings out in August, late July and August and put it on Wheat Ground. After the wheats come off, after we have bailed the straw. With doing that, we are always guaranteed a good window, late July early August there is always a spot that is two to three weeks long very dry. Good Weather. That is how we prefer to do it, some people do it in the Spring, some do it in the Fall. But that is when we always apply our manure. We have tankers, very similar to what Bridgewater has. So, we will pump it from our pit into our Semi Tankers, drive the semi tankers to the field. We offload from our tankers into a field tank, where we apply the manure then. I would say 75% of it is direct injected. So, you never see it, never smell it. 25% of our manure we do broadcast over the top and incorporate it within 24 hours as due to our EDA Permit. We are a permitted facility, inspected.
11:41:53 AM	TR	And who permits you?
11:41:54 AM	RM	Ohio Dept of Agriculture.
11:41:57 AM	BD	ODA, so the amount that you capture over the years period of time you have enough acreage dispersed and utilized yourself. You are not looking for a third parties?
11:42:06 AM	RM	No. So, per our ODA permit right now, there is about 1500 acres in our permit and the way it is written in the next 20 years we will add 1 pound, 1 part per million, or 1 pound of phosphorus over those 1500 acres. So, in Laymen's Terms if we spread absolutely no other fertilizers on those fields and just rotationally take our manure, we basically stay at a flat rate. And that is only on a third of our cropping acres. So, when I say we have 9,000 pigs and all this manure that we generating or making, at the end of the day it is still, it is a very low amount of what we actually need to produce crops on our farm.

11:42:52 AM	TR	And do I understand phosphorus is bad for the lakes? But it is also bad on being limited on that by when we are reducing it, what else is it effecting negatively by reducing the phosphorus? I heard something and I cannot remember what it was, is why I ask this questions.
11:43:05 AM	RM	If you reduce it too much, we will lose crop production, our production will go down. So, there is a Happy medium. There is some places in the State that we do have too much phosphorus. But phosphorus does move. This is something that we have learned over the last few years DRP dissolve reactive phosphorus it does move.
11:43:32 AM	Brian	As for what it is bad for there is a few things but number one is Crop Production from advantage point. But one of the things if we limit back if you look at, please take this in context and understand that we understand that there is phosphorus issue in Lake Erie and we are not discounting that at all. But you also have phosphorus in the lake in order to grow good algae. So, you need good nitrogen, you need phosphorus, you need pot ash in the lake to grow good algae especially in the abling areas where the hatches take place. And so the record Walleye that we are seeing now and everything else in the lake, part of that is because there was good fish hatches. There was nutrients in there, they have allowed that to grow. So, we have to cut back on some phosphorus but we by no means and that is (inaudible) recognition on where to cut back too, so that we still have fish in the lake and we don't create what is called a Dead Lake at that point. Because you can get a Dead Lake from too many nutrients and not enough nutrients. So, if there something else that is impacting it....
11:44:29 AM	TR	It was something else but I can't remember what it was. It was something about how the ground absorbs nitrogen or something like that not enough phosphorus creates a problem with the nitrogen or something like that.
11:44:40 AM	Brian	That I don't know, there has been some discussion and I am not saying this is the answer but there has been some discussion about how with the Clean Air Act, and the reduction of acid rain has changed the soil types. On a massive scale so it may not hold phosphorus and nitrogen like it used too. Now we don't have any idea, there has not been enough studies.
11:45:02 AM	TR	Must something along those lines
11:45:06 AM	Brian/TR	Something along those lines. I am not a scientist. TR: Sure
11:45:10 AM	BD	Any other questions gentleman?
11:45:13 AM	TR	So you basically answer too somebody regulating the manure when you spread it, when you don't spread it.
11:45:20 AM	RM	Correct, corrent. So, we get audited twice a year by the Dept of Ag. They will come out, run through our books, and I guess give overview to make sure we are doing things properly and doing what we say we are doing. That is correct.

11:45:35 AM	BD	In your application and the permitting process is weather related? I mean you are not allowed to put it down when it is raining or when there is going to be a rain event or snow event, those types of things.
11:45:44 AM	RM	Correct, that is correct, that is correct. So, per our ODA permit we are not allowed to apply manure within 24 hours of a projected 50% or above of a half inch of rain. So, and that is per their permit, that has always been like that. Now in the past few years, there has been some rules written in the Western Lake Erie Basin, that has added that to everybody with the fertilizer.
11:46:16 AM	BD	Okay any other questions?
11:46:19 AM	LH	No, appreciate you coming in.
11:46:20 AM	Brian	We appreciate you taking the time. Our only goal here is if you have questions about the Pork Industry to feel free to ask. Our contact information is on the little pop up you got there.
11:46:29 AM	BD	I like mine Barbequed. (LAUGHTER)
11:46:33 AM	Brian	We have been to a lot of these and the number one question, I get is did you bring bacon. There is some growth going on the Western Lake Erie Basin in the Pork Industry and I recognize that I represent the Pork Industry and the Ohio Pork Council, but having grown up on a hog farm, I also see the value of it and the growth that is happening. We are hoping to keep generations on the mark by building barns that cash flow, and capital back in the local communities and we are also creating a lot of jobs through Coldwater Michigan and truck drivers and other things that are high paying jobs and they are helping rebuild rural America and this is how we can do it. It is through Livestock Agriculture and we want to make sure as it grows that we are little bit down the road for a pork producer or you can always call our office and we are happy to answer any questions. There should be no secrets, we want to make sure we are doing this right and in the proper fashion and we are available for questions as they come up.
11:47:29 AM	BD	We appreciate it! Thank you for coming up making the drive.
11:47:30 AM	BD	Bryan Times do you have any questions for the Board?
11:47:34 AM	MEDIA ?s	No, do you guys have any thing you need to get out there?
11:47:57 AM	BD	No, just the day to day. Do you have anything else before the board?
11:47:59 AM	AR	No Sir.
11:48:01 AM	ADJOURN	BD: This board stands adjourned.
WILLIAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
APPROVED:		
<p>_____</p> <p>Brian A. Davis, President Terry N. Rummel, Vice-President Lewis D. Hilker, Member</p>		

ATTEST:

Anne M. Retcher, Clerk

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